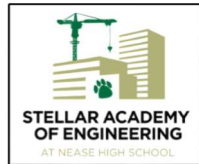


## March Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER AN ACADEMY GRAD CORD

April 3rd

### CORONAVIRUS TIPS

At the time of this newsletter's publication, schools in Florida are closed through April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some tips to stay healthy during the Coronavirus pandemic:

1. Wash your hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds
2. Keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others when in public
3. Avoid public gatherings
4. Cover your nose/mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then dispose of the tissue
5. Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces often
6. If you are sick, stay home!

Academy Students and Parents,

The Coronavirus is presenting educators and students with a number of challenges, but also a range of new opportunities to utilize technology in innovative ways. This is a great fit for our Academy programs! Our teachers are doing an incredible job preparing online lessons for students and we look forward to offering learning opportunities to our Academy students via virtual platforms.

Read on to learn about the opportunities that Academy students have enjoyed in late February and March.

Jaime Combs  
Career Academy Coordinator

### SENIORS CAN PRE-ORDER ACADEMY GRADUATION CORDS UNTIL APRIL 3RD

Academy graduation cord orders are available online, now through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, via SignUpGenius. Students can sign up to get your cord here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4ca8ad2fa3fc1-academy>

Please sign up with your name under the Academy you have been enrolled in for at least 3 years so that an Academy cord can be ordered for you. Cords cost 8 dollars, and payment is due when you pick up your cord in May. If you do not order your cord by signing up before April 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will not be able to get an Academy cord for graduation. Please make sure you only sign up for the Academy you have been enrolled in for at least 3 years. If you sign up under the wrong Academy, the wrong color cord will be ordered for you. Communications Academy students get blue cords, Engineering

### NEASE ACADEMIES WEBSITE

Important Academy news, dates and information updated weekly:

<http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>

Academy students get red cords, and Hospitality Academy students get aqua cords.

## ENGINEERING ACADEMY STUDENTS TAKE PART IN CONSTRUCTION AND CAREER DAYS

Stellar Academy of Engineering Juniors and Seniors recently attended Construction and Career Days of Northeast Florida. The event was open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in careers in Construction and/or Engineering, and took place at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. It included more than 80 businesses offering hands-on exhibits, trade show booths, and opportunities for students to interact with professionals in the fields of Construction and Engineering. In addition to the great, hands-on learning opportunities that the students enjoyed, any junior or senior who attended will be eligible to apply for the Construction and Careers Days college or vocational scholarship during their graduating year.

## STUDENTS LEARN THE MANY FACETS OF RUNNING A MAJOR RESORT



Recently, students from Nease's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism enjoyed a unique field trip experience at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort. The students first enjoyed a free breakfast, then took a golf cart ride to visit "Bee Hill," a micro-farm created by Sawgrass Marriott chef Matthew

Sanchez. The farm, which includes a vegetable garden, bee hives, a quail enclosure (with a bonus turkey!) and a chicken coop was quite the site to see, hidden in some woods on the Marriott's property. The students learned about sustainable micro-farming, and got to get up close and personal with the bees, chickens and quail. Following their trip to Bee Hill, the students got a "back of house" tour of the resort, which showed them the inter-workings of the hotel. After a property tour, the students were



treated to lunch while learning about the history and mission of the Marriott hotels. The students had the chance to meet the General Manager, Todd Hickey, and learn about his professional background. They also got to hear from the Hilton Voyagers program



participants, three college students who earned coveted year-long internships with the property. Following lunch, students were able to participate in a quiz game that tested their knowledge of the Marriott's history and mission, as well as the trivia questions about the Sawgrass Marriott, itself. This was an awesome field



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## ACADEMY PROBATION POLICY

A reminder that Academy students agree to a contract at the beginning of each year stating that they will maintain certain academic and behavioral standards in order to remain in an Academy program. Academy students must maintain a total GPA of at least a 2.0, and must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA (75%) in an Academy class. A student in an Academy must also maintain a good discipline record.

In accordance with district policy, if a student does not meet these requirements, he/she will be placed on probation for a semester. If, at the end of that probation period, he/she does not have a GPA which meets the requirements, or fails to have an improved discipline record, the student will be removed from the Academy. If an Out of Zone student is removed from an Academy, he/she will be transferred back to his/her zoned school.

Letters were sent home following the release of first semester report card grades, to make students and parents aware of probationary status for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

trip, and we thank our Advisory Board members, Aziza Fisher and Logan Ebert both of the Marriott's HR department, for coordinating the event.

## COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FLAGLER MAJORS THAT FIT THEIR INTERESTS



Digital Design and TV Production students got a glimpse into college life when they toured Flagler College in March. The students enjoyed a tour of the campus, learned some of its history, and had the chance to learn about their design and communications facilities. Then they heard from a panel of Flagler Communications students to learn about the school's majors and the opportunities that a private liberal arts college can provide to its students. Thank you to Advisory Board member and Flagler Professor Nicholas Serenati for arranging for this college visit!

## TV PRODUCTION STUDENTS SEE PGA TOUR ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS IN ACTION

On February 27th, Communications Academy TV Production students traveled to PGA Tour Entertainment Studios, located in World Golf Village. The trip was organized by Communications Academy Advisory Board member Chris Sinclair, of PGA Tour Entertainment. Students toured the production and post-production facilities, which included the studio, control room, editing suites, audio suite, and met professionals in the industry.

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