

## May Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SENIOR EXAMS

May 18-21<sup>st</sup>

#### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

June 1<sup>st</sup>

#### GRADUATION

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### UNDERCLASSMEN EXAMS

June 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Academy Students and Parents,

What a year it has been! But, we've almost made it through and I know everyone is ready to enjoy summer break! Congratulations to the amazing class of 2021 as you all move beyond your high school careers and step towards your future success!

Have a great summer, everyone!

Jaime Combs  
Career Academy Coordinator

### VIRTUAL GUEST SPEAKERS OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE TO ACADEMY STUDENTS

While COVID restrictions have put a hold on in-person guest speaker events for the 2020-21 school year, Academy students still had the opportunity to meet with professionals in the classroom via virtual platforms. This year, Nease's Academies have offered a multitude of virtual guest speaker events to our students.



Communications Academy guests have included News Anchor John Bachman with Action News Jax; David Begley, UNF's Chair of Art and Design Programs; Jamie Johnson, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Digital Relations Officer; and Teryn Gregson, show host with PGA Tour Entertainment.

### DROPPING YOUR ACADEMY & GOING TO TOCOI NEXT YEAR?

If you are currently enrolled in an Academy/Program of Choice at Nease, and you are planning on attending your zoned school, Toco Creek HS, you **MUST** make us aware of that decision.

If you have not yet submitted a Program of Choice drop form to be released from your Academy, you are not yet enrolled at Toco Creek, even if you are zoned for that school.

Reach out to Mrs. Combs at [Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us) to request an Academy Drop Form so that we can send your records to Toco Creek High School for 2021-22.

The Stellar Academy of Engineering has welcomed Matt Clancy, Engineering and Business Development Manager; Brittany Wright, Aerospace Engineer with the United States Navy; and Kim Holland, Civil & Transportation Engineer and Vice President with RS & H. Nease's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism has featured virtual guest speaker visits from David Rivera, Director of the Hospitality & Tourism Management Department with Flagler College; and Mianne Williams, Senior Manager of Private Events for the Jacksonville Jaguars.



While we look forward to bringing guests back in person next school year, these virtual events have allowed our students to learn more about the engineering, communications, and hospitality opportunities beyond their high school experience. We thank all these business partners for taking time out of their busy schedules to share their expertise and advice with our Academy students!

## ENGINEERING ACADEMY STUDENTS EARN ACCOLADES IN TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR

Each year, Stellar Academy of Engineering students become members of the Technology Student Association, a Career and Technical Student Organization which has students test their skills in multiple competitions. Here is a rundown of the awards won by Nease engineering students this year:

### FL TSA Youth Fair Winners (Mr. Beale's Students):

Abby Faith Labial: 1<sup>st</sup> place Modern Seaside Villa

Leah Oberkehr: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Residence for a family of 4



### FL TSA State Competition Virtual Winners (Mr. Arias' Students):

Lynn Lawry: 1<sup>st</sup> place Architectural Design (Model Building)

1<sup>st</sup> place Architectural Design (Lumion Rendering)

Sofia Contreras: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Architectural Design (Model Building)

Stephanie Manherz: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Computer Aided Design (CAD), Architecture

Spencer Forsling: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Computer Aided Design (CAD), Engineering

Canaan Kimball: 1<sup>st</sup> place Biotechnology Design, Engineering



Congratulations, competition winners!