

October Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

We are so excited that field trips are back this year! We have begun the process of scheduling field trips for late October and into November. Field trip information will be shared via the Academy Section of the Panther Press as well as via Academy teachers. Students will be able to get field trip forms from their Academy instructors. Field trips are first come, first serve, and are generally capped at 30 students per trip. So, if there is a trip your student is excited about, make sure they get their field trip form filled out and turned in ASAP. We are thrilled to get our students back out into the real world to see the industry they're studying in action!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thank you!
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NEW ACADEMY STUDENTS SHARE THEIR FIRST IMPRESSIONS



When students apply to join a Career Academy, they are taking a leap. A leap into a curriculum which opens up a world of possibilities, four years of project-based learning, the path to a possible future career, and so much more! Now that we're almost 9 weeks into the school year, what do our newest Academy students think of the programs so far? Let's ask them!

We started with Anna Kat Long, Shelby Alessandria, and Brandon Strout, Freshmen in the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism. When asked what drew them to the Academy, all three noted that while their direct career goals don't align with Hospitality, they felt that the skills they would learn in the



UPCOMING EVENTS

END OF 1ST QUARTER

October 15th

TEACHER PLANNING DAY

October 18th

REPORT CARDS RELEASED

October 26th

THE 1ST QUARTER ENDS OCTOBER 15TH, ARE YOU STRUGGLING IN ANY CLASSES?

Now that we are almost done with the first quarter, is there a subject that has been particularly challenging? Remember, in accordance with St. Johns County district standards, Academy students must keep their Academy course semester grade at a 70 or higher, and they must hold at least a 2.0 overall GPA. If you need any academic help, students can get FREE tutoring in any subject from the National Honor Society. Tutoring sessions take place from 4-5 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays, or during Excel Time in the Media Center. If a student can't make it to tutoring after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays or during Excel, NHS also offers tutoring before school or during lunch, but an appointment needs to be made in advance. See Mrs. Milian in the Media Center for more information.



Academy, including customer service skills, would serve them well in their future. Shelby wants to pursue medicine and Brandon is focused on entering the business world, both industries which rely on positive interactions with people. Anna Kat, who noted that she isn't sure what she wants to major in just yet, said that "it's great to learn how to treat people with kindness, because it can be applied to any job." When asked what they've found most interesting in the Academy so far, the students noted that seeing how the employees in a hotel are all interconnected, and learning how many different departments must coordinate to run a hotel has been the most enlightening, along with the engaging projects the students have gotten to

work on.

In the Communications Academy, TV Production students Tiffany Snow and Likith Tipimenei both said that learning the professional editing software, Premiere Pro, has been the most interesting part of the Digital Video Technology curriculum so far. Tiffany, a sophomore who joined the Academy after her first year at Nease, said that she applied to the program because she found the promise of learning the editing software and getting an industry certification intriguing, and thought it would be a



good knowledge base for a possible future career in television.

Likith noted that after taking part in his 8th grade school news crew, he wanted to learn more, and work on the news in high school. He said he's been really interested in the editing software they've learned, and, as an IB student in addition to his



Communications Academy status, his TV Production class has been a fun course to mitigate the stress of his other IB courses.

The Communications Academy also offers a Digital Design strand, which freshman Jaydin Dang said he was drawn to because he's interested in design and working with computers. He explained that he really enjoyed learning about different potential careers in the world of Digital Design, because he has a better picture of what a future career in the industry could look like, and he's excited to learn Photoshop this year.



Over in the Stellar Academy of Engineering, freshmen TJ Tickell and Skyler Kaplan were busy working on their egg drop project when they were interviewed. When asked why they joined the Academy, Skyler said that he has always liked engineering, designing and building things, and TJ said he wants to go into Aerospace



Engineering when he enters the workforce. Both students noted that the egg drop project has really grabbed their attention, as have the clubs that are associated with the Engineering Academy. With more projects on the way, Skyler noted that he is looking forward to the bridge design challenge next semester, and TJ is interested in getting more experience with AutoCAD, the design software they're learning this year as they prepare for the industry certification in the spring.

We are looking forward to watching these new Academy students continue to learn and grow into leaders in their programs, as they are all excellent representatives of Nease's Academy population!

FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY SEEKS OUT STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS



Known for our outstanding engineering students, an admissions counselor from Florida Polytechnic University reached out to Nease to see if she could speak with the Stellar Academy of Engineering senior classes and share some of the opportunities that Florida Poly has to offer. Walking the students through the majors, campus, residence halls, and costs, the counselor shared many reasons why engineering students seeking a STEM-focused college experience might want to consider Florida Polytechnic University.

The school has been named the Number 1 Public College in the South for 2022 by US News and World Report. The counselor shared that while the school has a private school feel, due to the small class sizes and individualized attention, it has a lower-than-public-university cost, at just over \$5,000 a year for tuition. The school, located in Lakeland, offers students a variety of STEM-related majors to select from including Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. The campus offers a 100% digital library, 7 innovation labs open for student use, and a makerbot space. If you're interested in learning more about Florida Polytechnic University, visit their website at: <https://floridapoly.edu/>

CAREER ACADEMY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ENRICH THE ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) provide a way for Academy students to tie an extracurricular activity into their Academy curriculum. Nease offers several CTOS: National Technical Honor Society, Technology Student Organization, DECA and Student Television Network.

The National Technical Honor Society is open to all Communications, Hospitality and Engineering Academy Juniors and Seniors. Students who are accepted into the Honor Society must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted overall GPA, a 3.5 minimum GPA in their Academy classes, and show good character.



Students enrolled in the Stellar Academy of Engineering are invited to join The Technology Student Association (TSA). This is the only Nease student organization devoted exclusively to students interested in Engineering. Members learn through exciting Co-Curricular Competitive Events. Nease's TSA Chapter offers students a method to develop their STEM skills and demonstrate their potential National Competitions. TSA also incorporates a VEX Robotics program.

The DECA program is connected to our Academy of Hospitality and Tourism and aims to prepare the next generation of leaders for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and tourism, and management in high schools and colleges around the world. Students participating in DECA take part in competitions that pit their skills against others in our region first, commencing in a district-level awards ceremony in Jacksonville. Then, winners move on to the state competition, allowing them to test their skills against the best in Florida. Nease's chapter, established in 2018, is still young, but we have talent, in preparation for the annual TSA State Competition and brought home both district and state awards in a number of hospitality and tourism-related competitions.





The Communications Academy takes part in the Student Television Network affiliation, which is comprised of high school TV Production programs from across the country. Upper-level Digital Video Technology students involved in our daily newscast, Wired, compete each year in the Excellence Competition. In addition, the students travel to the annual STN Convention, which brings thousands of talented TV Production students together to compete in a multitude of contests, while also providing opportunities to learn from TV and Film professionals offering informational sessions. While this year's STN competition will be virtual, due to COVID protocols, students have gotten to travel to Los Angeles, San Diego, Nashville, Atlanta, and Orlando in the past to take part in the annual Convention.

PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY, APPLICATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 15TH



CITI'S ONE-WEEK WOMEN IN IT HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

WHO?

Female-identifying high school students in the Jacksonville, FL area that are 16 years or older (as of June 1, 2022) interested in learning more about careers in technology.

WHAT?

During this hands-on technology internship, interns will be in a team environment that consists of workshops and instruction in software development, specifically HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Throughout the week, interns will have a chance to hone their technology skills, meet technology professionals, and learn more about pursuing a career in technology.

WHEN?

July 25 – 29, 2022

WHERE?

We are planning to have this internship in person at the Citi Jacksonville Campus (14000, Citicards Way, Jacksonville, 32258) and interns will be expected to follow all Covid precautions put in place at the time of the internship. This is subject to change, Citi has the right to change to virtual at any point in time. Decision will be made spring of 2022.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Oct 15 through Dec 1, 2021

TO APPLY

Please visit Womeninit.org

OTHER DETAILS

- Interns will be paid \$12/hour
- Applicants must be female-identifying and be 16 years of age by June 1, 2022 to apply and be able to provide proof of work authorization in the U.S.*
- Applicant must be able to attend the internship the entire 5 days between the hours of 9AM ET and 5:30PMET each day and provide their own transportation to and from the Citi campus (JTA does stop at Citi campus). If the internship ends up virtual due to Covid interns must be able to provide their own high-speed reliable internet, a computer with Chrome (must be laptop or desktop, no tablets), and video/audio capabilities (if you do not have access to these items, please contact us)
- Those that are selected for the 2022 one-week internship will have future opportunities to apply to Citi's 6-week high school internship and 10-week college internships!



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For more information, contact Michelle.Carrico@citi.com

*Please note, all internships require work authorization in the U.S. (Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. permanent resident or possess other unrestricted U.S. work authorization and will not require sponsorship for U.S. work authorization now or anytime in the future.)