

December Newsletter

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KEEP THOSE GRADES UP!

Remember, in accordance with St. Johns County School district standards, Academy students must keep their Academy course semester grade at a 70 or higher. If a student's semester grade is not at least a 70%, a letter will be sent home letting the student and their parent know that they are on Academy Academic Probation for the semester following the one in which they earned less than a 70%. Students must earn at least a 70% or higher for the following semester in order to remain in the Career Academy. If the student earns a grade lower than a 70% for two semesters in a row, that student is released from the Career Academy for the following semester, and cannot re-enroll at any time.

If a student needs any academic help, they can get FREE tutoring in any subject from the National Honor Society. Tutoring sessions take place from 4-5 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and during Excel Time in the Media Center.

Teachers are also available to assist students during Excel periods on Wednesdays. Students can get help in their Academy classes during Excel A.

If students or parents have any questions about this St. Johns County School District policy, email Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Academy Students and Parents,

We have almost made it to winter break! Students, keep up the good work as we finish the first semester of the year. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season as we say goodbye to 2022!

Many thanks,

Jaime Combs
Academy Coordinator

INTENT TO RETURN PROCESS TAKES PLACE THIS MONTH



This month, all Academy students will be asked to indicate if they want to remain in their Academy for the 2023-24 school year by signing an Intent to Return roster in their Academy class. If the student checks "Yes," that student will be automatically re-enrolled in the Academy for 2023-24. The student

will also receive a recommendation to move on to the next-level Academy course, as long as he/she is meeting Academy requirements.

If an Academy student checks "No" on the roster to indicate that he/she does not want to continue in the Academy next year, a Program of Choice Drop Form will be sent home for the student and a parent to sign after winter break, confirming that the student would like to be removed from the Academy for the 2023-24 school year.

If you have any questions about the Intent to Return process, please reach out to Academy Coordinator Jaime Combs at Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS TAKE PART IN ACE'S CELEBRATING DIVERSITY EVENT AT UNF



Stellar Academy of Engineering Juniors and Seniors were invited to take part in the "ACE: Celebrating Diversity in the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Industry" event, held at the University of North Florida. This initiative brought together students from several area schools and included a look around the UNF College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, some one-on-one time with UNF professors, a catered lunch, and a panel discussion. Our students had the opportunity to hear from professors in the Construction

Management major at UNF, and learned its ties to civil engineering. Students were surprised to learn that engineers who enter the workforce in construction management can make a higher starting salary than those who enter as civil



engineers. After some question and answer time, students got to tour several labs offered in the Engineering and Construction building, and then headed over to the student union ballroom for lunch and the panel discussion. The panel included professionals from diverse backgrounds who represented different sectors of the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. It was a wonderful chance for our students to learn about the many paths to success, and opportunities to overcome obstacles, that await them in their professional future.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOSPITALITY & TOURISM SERVSAFE MANAGEMENT-CERTIFIED STUDENTS!



Our Hospitality and Tourism Marketing students had the opportunity to take the Servsafe Manager industry certification exam recently, and we'd like to congratulate the six students who passed this very rigorous exam: Grady Banton, Liz Butler, Olivia Drayton, Ava Grzymkowski, Caroline Hamby, and Lucy Harry.

NEASE WELCOMES BACK COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY GRADUATE TO TAKE OVER WIRED PROGRAM

Welcome, Mrs. Noura Moussawel! She's the newest member of the Nease Academy instructional team, taking over the Digital Video Technology *Wired* strand. No stranger to *Wired*, Noura graduated from the Communications Academy program at Nease in 2014, where she worked on the daily newscast and competed nationally at the Student Television Network convention. Following her graduation from Nease, she went on to study Communications at the University of North Florida, where she got her bachelor's degree in Communication, with a focus in Multi-Media Journalism and Production. When asked how she feels about taking over the *Wired* program, Noura shared, "I'm so happy to be back where it all started for me and where I found my passion for television production and journalism!"



COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY DIGITAL DESIGN STUDENTS BEAT TEAMS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT TO WIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS PROGRAM OF CHOICE COVER DESIGN CONTEST



STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING GRADUATES RETURN TO NEASE TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH EMBRY RIDDLE UNIVERSITY'S CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM



Nease loves to see our Academy students shine! So, when recent Stellar Academy of Engineering graduate Leah Oberkehr reached out to ask if she could come back to Nease as an Embry Riddle University Civil Engineering student...and bring along her professor...we were thrilled! Leah, along with Stellar graduate Chase Hemingway, and Professor Dr. Scott Parr, spent Excel time at Nease recently. They shared information on Embry Riddle's many engineering majors, along with student successes, course curriculum, and scholarship opportunities. They even brought in "swag bags" to pass out and pizza for students who wanted to stay to talk more about the many opportunities Embry Riddle has for its students.

