

## November Newsletter

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### KEEP THOSE GRADES UP!

Remember, in accordance with St. Johns County district standards, Academy students must keep their Academy course semester grade at a 75 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.

Teachers are also available to assist students during Excel periods on Wednesdays. Students can get help in their Academy, Math, English, Computer or World Language classes during Excel A. They can get help in their Science, Social Studies, Arts, ESE, and PE classes during Excel B.

Academy Students and Parents,

We wish our Academy students and their families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Thank you!  
Jaime Combs  
Academy Coordinator

### GUEST SPEAKERS BRING THEIR EXPERTISE INTO THE CLASSROOM



When we can't take the students out to experience the industry, we bring the industry to them! Guest speakers are a wonderful way for students to learn more about the opportunities in the fields they're studying. In the Communications Academy Digital Design 3 and 4 class, we were thrilled to welcome Emily Jordan,

Communication Marketing Coordinator with Leonard's. Emily started working exclusively on the company's social media efforts, but then branched out to take on additional roles in their marketing department. The students were fascinated to hear how she turned her social media prowess into a professional career. Following earning her AA degree at a state college, Emily was accepted into Flagler College, and majored in Strategic Communications. This "umbrella" major, as she called it, allowed her to get background in marketing, public relations, social media

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management, creative writing, and advertising. She noted that if you're not positive about exactly which professional route you'd like to pursue, a wider-reaching major is a great choice. During college she was hired to run Flagler College's Snapchat account, and interned with Artsy Abode, where she had been working part-time in retail, but then also acted as their social media manager. When it came time to look for a job post-college, Emily noted that networking is so important, as it's a great way to land your first gig. It's how she ended up working at Leonard's.



Emily shared the social media platforms she runs for the company, the software she uses daily (many programs that are utilized in the Communications Academy already), and she noted that whether students love group projects or not...it turns out the professional world is one big group project. Learning how to work well with others is a vital skill. We are so thankful to Emily for spending some time with our upper-level students!



Meanwhile, in our Stellar Academy of Engineering lab, civil engineering students had the chance to hear from Jessica Beach, a civil engineer with the City of St. Augustine Public Works Department. Jessica usually takes students on a walking tour of historic St. Augustine to show them a number of civil engineering projects...but since field trips are off the table for now, she brought the trip to us! Via a presentation, Jessica walked students through several past, current, and future projects. Many centered around minimizing the "nuisance flooding" and storm flooding that plagues the Nation's Oldest City. She also shared that many

of the projects that take place on historic streets, like the Charlotte Street rehabilitation project, end up having to pause when potential artifacts or remains are discovered. Her department works closely with the city archeologist, which is fairly unusual when compared to other cities. She also provided an inside look at the wastewater treatment plant flood protection projects, and why it's so vital to keep that plant running during a storm. Many thanks for all the photos, plans, and information Jessica shared with us about what goes into being a civil engineer with the City of St. Augustine!

## ACADEMY STUDENTS TAKE PART IN "TRACK OR TREAT" COMMUNITY EVENT



Nease's Career Academies offer more than just specialized classes, they also bring Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) onto campus. These clubs offer a chance for students to use what they're learning in class and apply it to other aspects of their lives through extracurricular activities. In the case of Nease's "Track or Treat" event, Academy students involved in CTOS like DECA, along with more than two dozen other clubs and organizations, including the National Technical Honor Society and the Nease Transportation Technology club, showed their school spirit by getting

into the Halloween spirit. The event, hosted by Nease students, invited families from the community to bring their children to a fun Halloween event where kids got to play games and collect candy. All students, both young and old, had a great time while bringing the community together for a fun evening! A huge thank you to Academy teachers and club sponsors Mrs. Amato, Mrs. Soto, and Mr. Beale for getting their groups involved!



## INTENT TO RETURN PROCESS IS COMING UP IN DECEMBER



In December, 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. If the student checks "Yes," then 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. Academy requirements include maintaining at least a 75% grade in his/her Academy course as well as a maintaining a minimum 2.0 overall unweighted GPA. Students must also sustain a good behavioral record.

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](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



## CITI'S WOMEN IN IT SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION WINDOW OPEN NOW



### 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, 2023) 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 17 – 21, 2023

#### WHERE?

Citi Jacksonville Campus  
14000 Citi Cards Way, Jacksonville, FL  
32258

#### APPLICATION PERIOD (Closes at midnight on Dec 31)

#### TO APPLY

Please visit [womeninit.org](http://womeninit.org)

#### OTHER DETAILS

- Interns will be paid \$12/hour
- To apply, applicants must be female-identifying, 16 years of age by June 1, 2023 and be able to provide proof of work authorization in the U.S.\*
- On 10/28/21 Citi announced they are requiring all US employees to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment, please go to [www.womeninit.org](http://www.womeninit.org) for details and to learn about exemptions.
- Applicant must be able to attend the internship the entire 5 days between the hours of 8:30AM and 5:00PM each day and provide their own transportation to and from the Citi campus
- Those that are selected for the 2023 one-week internship will have future opportunities to apply to Citi's Women in IT 6-week high school and 10-week college internships!

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\*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.)