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Teaching, Learning, Gaining the Advantage

Teaching Accounting I, Accounting II, and Computing for College & Careers is a full day for Braden River High School (BRHS) teacher Christy Goehring.

Christy, co-lead for the Business and International Studies Academy, endeavors to keep her students actively engaged, focused on their future, and learning something new each day. Curriculum is varied in order to meet the needs of a diverse range of students as well as challenge those who are above average or gifted.

In her quest to give students every possible advantage to succeed, Christy joined fellow teacher Mr. Bill Gaynor as an advisor for the BRHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter. "FBLA gives students an opportunity outside of school to learn business and life skills that will help them be successful no matter what their future occupation may be. The students become part of a team and develop their networking skills on campus as well as when they travel to FBLA competitions." Christy adds, "In today's competitive world, students need every possible advantage."



Regional Careers: Here are examples of related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupation Title	Entry Level	Experienced
Minimum wage	\$7.21	-
Accountants and Auditors	\$17.69	\$33.23
Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks	\$11.56	\$18.53
Credit Analysts	\$19.67	\$40.36
Database Administrators	\$21.23	\$36.43
Market Research Analysts	\$18.13	\$48.68
Operations Research Analysts	\$20.40	\$30.32

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>
 FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in any of these areas can find related educational programs at these schools*:

- Braden River High School,
- Manatee Technical Institute,
- Manatee Community College,
- University of oth Florida

*Other Manatee schools may offer similar programs. Listed schools are related to today's issue.

WEB Wise

Check out the following websites:

- www.fodors.com
- www.goodtyping.com
- www.fbla-pbl.org
- www.floridafbla-pbl.com

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Hitting the Ground Running

Erika Donahue starts her day running and never stops. "I'm always juggling," she says. Erika, a self-motivated and diligent Braden River High School (BRHS) sophomore, has a strong work ethic and likes to keep a busy schedule. Her Biology, English, and Algebra I classes are all honor classes. After school she is a member of Sarasota Sheriffs Cadets and the BRHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter. She recently competed in the FBLA District Leadership Conference and placed third in Word Processing. Next week she will be competing in the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Orlando and hopes to continue on to national competition. Erika also has her sights set on joining either the Black Pearls Dance Team or the swim team next year.

In addition to all of her activities and responsibilities, Erika works two part-time jobs. She says, "The best part of my day is at night when I have finished my homework and I'm home from my job and all my activities. That's when I am able to relax and know that I have accomplished everything I could."

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Braden River High School Business

Research: A Key to Computing for College and Careers

"Remember that your research papers are due on Thursday," your teacher reminds the class as they file out. You gulp. It's Tuesday, and you haven't even started. You've already broken the first rule of research papers (and of all other school assignments, for that matter): *don't procrastinate!* It's difficult to write a solid, well thought-out paper when you're rushed, especially if a number of different sources are required.

Another basic rule concerning research is that bad sources can't make good papers. If you use the internet for research, it's not always certain that information found on every site is a reliable fact; people can publish whatever they want and call it truth. Make sure the website you use has the source of the information listed, whether it's an author's original content or from another source. Look for publication dates, and check to see if the site is updated regularly.

Books relating to your topic will always be the best sources, but some trusted sites that colleges use for online research are Project Muse (<http://muse.jhu.edu>), JSTOR (www.jstor.org), and EBSCO (www.ebscohost.com). These sites offer access to scholarly journals, articles, periodicals, and excerpts from books. Generally one needs a subscription in order to access the information, but schools or universities will often subscribe to them and offer site access to students for free.

It's important to cite any sources you use in order to give proper credit to the author and to avoid plagiarism, even if you don't quote someone directly and simply use their ideas. There are specific formats for source citations such as those defined by the Modern Language Association (MLA) or the Chicago Manual of Style (known as "Chicago Style") which can be found in any writer's handbook or from an online search engine.

Knowing how to research is beneficial in school, at work, and for personal knowledge. It's a part of life—because we never stop learning.

Three Tips for Better Research Papers

1. Don't procrastinate
2. Use reliable sources
3. Cite sources properly

Explore IT

Research...Then Go See the World

Use your research, accounting, and computer skills to plan a trip and create a travel brochure. Try to use reliable sources!

1. Using the internet or the library, research a city in a state or country other than your own, one that you would like to visit.
2. Find out its history. How old is this place? Who founded it? What was its major source of income or support? What is this place known for?
3. Discover and choose activities you'd like to do or things you want to see once you're there. Any places of historical importance? Natural wonders? Famous foods?
4. Next, use your accounting skills to create a travel budget. Try to foresee and calculate every expense: transportation to and from, lodging, food, costs of activities such as entrance fees to museums, tour fees, bus/taxi fare once you're there, etc.
5. After your research, create a mock travel brochure. If you have access, use a computer desktop publishing program. Or, use heavy paper and cut out pictures from magazines. Highlight places and attractions that visitors will want to see.
6. Optional: start saving your money so you can see the world!



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