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Spotlight on Success

The Spotlight is on...



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

It's that time of year...spring break is past and summer is just around the corner. Each year at this time we like to present our **Academy Roundup** issue of the *Spotlight on Success* where every smaller learning community in the District is mentioned in one place. This issue serves as a reference guide to students, teachers, District staff members, and the community.

While there are no new academies to announce this year, there are new programs and career centers. There are also a number of new academies in the planning stages, so watch next year's Spotlight for announcements of these new academies. Note that all of the planning and creating of smaller learning communities takes time—teachers' time—and we're grateful for the SLC grant funds that pay for this extra time. We're also grateful for the teachers who are willing to put in the extra hours behind the scenes to create centers of excellence all across the District.

Angie Grasberger, SLC Project Manager

Upcoming Events

From Structure to Instruction

Sharing Best Practices and Lesson Learned in SLCs & Small Schools
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
June 23 – 25, 2008

6th Annual Career Clusters Institute
Atlanta, Georgia
June 16 – 18, 2008

Model Schools Conference 2008
Orlando, Florida
June 22-25

National Career Academy Coalition—12th Annual Conference
Jacksonville, Florida
November 8 – 11, 2008

Will our students be ready for a global economy?

News Flash...a company from India recently bought what was once the cream of British manufacturing—Jaguar and Land Rover. A Chinese company snapped up MG Rover and Maytag, while China's biggest computer maker bought IBM's PC business. The International Monetary Fund is warning that the U.S. now faces the largest financial shock since the Great Depression. Toss in the recent Georgia Tech research and its "high tech indicators" study which ranks 33 nations relative to one another in technical standing. Statistics show China with a technological standing of 82.8 compared to 76.1 for the U.S., 66.8 for Germany, and 66 for Japan. Just 11 years ago China's score was one 22.5 and the U.S. peaked in 1999 with a score of 95.4. China and India combined graduate almost one million engineers annually compared to only 70,000 here in the U.S.

Bottom line: our students need a competitive edge to be successful in today's highly skilled, global marketplace. Talk to your classes about the need to hone in on a career that will help to turn the tide and restore our great nation as an economic and technology leader. *Doug Wagner, Director—Adult, Career and Technical Education*

BAYSHORE HIGH SCHOOL

BAYSHORE BUSINESS ACADEMY – THE BIZ

The BIZ is centered on Business Education with an entrepreneurial focus. The BIZ provides students with a personalized, sequential, rich array of academic and career experiences, equipping students for success in their future educational, career, and social endeavors.

Lead teachers – Lil Maddox and Bonnie Condor

FAME ACADEMY – FINE ARTS FOR A MEANINGFUL EDUCATION

The FAME Academy is a center of excellence educating students through the fine and performing arts, with academics and technology that enrich and empower lifelong learning.

Lead Teacher – Kathy Cocciolone

TEAM ACADEMY – TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, MANUFACTURING

This pre-engineering academy offers the Project Lead the Way curriculum designed to teach students logical, succinct, and detail-oriented processes necessary to pursue postsecondary careers in the fields of technology, engineering, architecture, and manufacturing. The philosophy of TEAM is to provide theoretical and practical hands-on training to assist the students in mastering technological concepts and principles.

Lead teachers – Charles Heister and Tim Estep

PRE-COLLEGE AND COLLEGE CENTER

The BHS Pre-College and College Center collaborates with Manatee Community College (MCC) to provide an educational bridge from high school to college. This program offers qualified students the opportunity to earn at least 30 college credits and the possibility of an Associate Degree from MCC along with their high school diploma.

BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL . . .

ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

The Arts and Communications Academy continues to prepare students for careers and provide them with the tools they need to be successful in whatever they endeavor. The Academy leadership demonstrates to students that in order to succeed in the professional world while connecting artistic expression and everyday life, one needs to be able to write effectively, use

mathematics efficiently, and present oneself as a person of integrity and character. The Academy encourages artistic expression through performing, writing, reporting, and various forms of media.

Lead teachers – Jennifer Dobbs and Bill Ferrell

ACADEMY OF BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Business and International Studies Academy focuses on making a connection between the way students conduct their lives and the events of the global community, with an emphasis on business. Critical thinking, ethics, employability skills, and continuous learning are the cornerstones of the Academy. Tools that help teach these skills include career shadowing, ePortfolio, internships, and on-the-job training opportunities.

Lead teachers – Marlene McCormick and Bill Gaynor

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH ACADEMY

The Science Technology and Health Academy focuses on equipping students for careers in science, technology, health, medical research and care, and natural resources. Students learn skills that are applicable right out of high school and that help prepare them for postsecondary education. A strong emphasis is placed on developing responsible, ethical leaders who will use effective communication skills and scientific inquiry to make a positive difference in our community.

Lead teachers – Deb Barry and Steve Eller

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Engineering Technology and Leadership Academy is designed to prepare students to be informed, capable and conscientious consumers and employees in the world of engineering, drafting, and leadership. The core academic subjects are blended with electives to create a strong emphasis on measuring skills and ethics. Students have real-world experiences that emphasize the role of engineers, scientists and leaders.

Lead teachers – Jeff Hilt and Gil Burlew

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

SUCCESS ACADEMY

Success Academy students benefit from smaller class sizes, career preparation, academic remediation, and hands-on learning. The newly established Freshmen Center embraces students enrolling directly from middle

school with academic and social challenges such as truancy, over age, and pregnancy. Students benefit from an interconnected student body and build stronger relationships with other students and teachers because of the low student-teacher ratio. The Sophomore Center is in development with plans to incorporate extensive career exploration, computer skill building, and Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) program shadowing opportunities. The Upperclassman Center allows students to continue with academics while pursuing a certification in one of the nineteen possible career pathways offered to high school students at MTI. The many possibilities include programs such as medical assisting, web design, cosmetology and barbering, welding, culinary arts, and more. The goal is for all students to gain a high school diploma, a skill certification, and a sense of career preparedness.

Lead teachers – Yvette Benton, Deb Daigle, and Susan Busby

LAKWOOD RANCH HIGH SCHOOL...

THE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

The Academy of the Arts cultivates creative and imaginative leaders. The academy offers award-winning programs in drama, choir, music, visual arts, and print media.

Lead teachers – Roxanne Caravan and Janet Kunka

THE ACADEMY OF BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

This academy provides students with communication skills and a multicultural understanding of business, finance, and marketing. Academy students in FBLA and DECA earned state and national recognition.

Lead teachers – Jason Richardson and John Robert Moates

PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY

The Public Service Academy has teamed up with Manatee Technical Institute to offer students opportunities to explore the career paths of fire fighting, EMT, and criminal justice in addition to leadership training offered through the ROTC program.

Lead teachers – Carol Lidey and Carol Jensen

CENTER FOR LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

This new center was created to train students to write effectively and think analytically. Areas of study are

broad and offer many concentration paths related to courses in college and technical schools.

Lead teachers – Lillian Martinez and Bobbi Colson

CENTER FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

This new center emphasizes hands-on learning and critical thinking skills in the areas of math, science, and technology. The center's television production students placed second this year at the SkillsUSA regional competition in the category of News Broadcasting.

Lead teachers – Alicia Moody and Maria Whalen

MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMY OF MEDICAL ARTS & SCIENCES

This academy prepares students for healthcare and veterinary careers through rigorous, relevant health and academic programs.

Lead teacher – Laura Sollenberger

AP+ HONORS PROGRAM

The MHS Advanced Placement+ (AP+) Honors Program continues to offer selected students rigorous and relevant classes that will enhance their preparation for college and the career world. The AP+ Dual Enrollment program means that students may concurrently earn high school and postsecondary credits for Manatee Community College or Manatee Technical Institute.

Lead teacher – Pat Zalo

CENTER FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

This center focuses on career areas in design and construction such as interior design, architectural design, construction technology, and materials and processing.

Lead teacher – Joan Stencik

CENTER FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

This center focuses on business careers and entrepreneurship, marketing, sales, business management, and administration.

Lead teacher – Vicki Cunningham

At Manatee High School, discussions are underway to create new academies from these centers. Ideas for change include creating a center for health and human services which would include multiple career pathways.

PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL

AGRISCIENCE ACADEMY

The Agriscience Academy creates a nurturing academic environment where students can learn, grow, and achieve success in agricultural-related careers.

Lead teacher – Carolyn Gilbert

ACADEMY FOR CONSTRUCTION DESIGN

The Academy for Construction Design trains students in all aspects of building and designing while preparing them to create and maintain a construction related business.

Lead teachers – Bob Lounds and James Kapper

THE EDUCATION ACADEMY

The Education Academy prepares future educators with an emphasis on technology.

Lead teacher – Hope Goodwin

LIBERAL ARTS AND LEADERSHIP CENTER

The new Liberal Arts and Leadership Center helps students understand and acquire skills needed to attend and compete at the postsecondary level, with an emphasis on cooperative leadership as well as developing lasting intellectual curiosity.

Lead teacher – Kari McMillan

SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ACADEMY (HALO)

The HALO Academy offers two career pathways, each with two tracks. The Healthy Alternatives career pathway includes Culinary & Nutrition and Athletic Trainer. The Leadership Opportunities career pathway includes Sports Marketing and Sports Public Relations. Third year athletic training students can complete on-campus and off-campus internships with the SEHS athletic teams and community-based physical therapy employers. Sports marketing students planned, promoted, and managed the 20th annual SEHS sports booster golf tournament, which raises funds for athletics and extracurricular sports.

Lead teacher – Dr. Mary Thompson

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY (VPA)

In an environment of cross-academy and community-based activities, VPA students choose to major in art, music, drama, dance, computer graphics, or fine arts. Students can select from over 70 VPA elective courses, and next year will add AP Music Theory and AP Studio. This year culinary classes collaborated with the VPA students to prepare and serve meals for the Starvin' Artists lunch and dinner. On-the-job training students from marketing classes prepared promotional posters and press releases for the Drama spring production about minimum wage employment, *Nickel and Dimed*.

Lead teachers – Barbara Kenney and Kathy Campbell



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Manatee Stars, Tech Prep, Take Stock Times, Inquizikidz, Education Today/Career Tomorrow, Transition Times, ACT Update, Spotlight on Success, and Technical Education Today.