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Northwest Classen



Northwest Classen Academy of Culinary Arts students are wrapping up a successful and busy semester! They had the opportunity to cater food and serve at an event for the Northwest Classen alumni on November 5th. The academy students served over 300 people for the event and helped raise funds for the school. Culinary students prepared side dishes for the entre, which was provided by Interurban. The students also prepared desserts, appetizers and drinks throughout the week and on the night of the event were cooking, plating, and serving the NWC alumni guests. Some students even received job offers at the end of the event!



The academy students have been celebrating the holidays by preparing a Christmas meal for

students and staff members, making royal icing decorated sugar cookies and this week culinary students are competing in a gingerbread house making competition!



Capitol Hill



Academy of Arts Oklahoma City Public Schools

The Academy of Arts at Capitol Hill High School is beginning to wrap up a very eventful first semester. We have participated in wide array of events, performances, and work based learning experiences. In August the Academy of Arts Juniors and Seniors planned and executed an AOA photoshoot with photographer, Manuela Soldi.

Moving into September Academy of Arts majors from multiple discipline areas performed in the opening and closing ceremonies at the Oklahoma State Fair. Fiestas de las Americas was our focal point for October. November brought into Oklahoma High School Dance Festival, CODA, All City Honor Band auditions, and our annual Drama production at Capitol Hill High School.

Our band students got to visit the University of Central Oklahoma for UCO's band day, while some of our dance majors were a part of RACE Dance Collectives Hip-Hop Nutcracker, and many of our Academy artist participated in the 45th annual Lee Christmas Party.

Our annual CHHS Band, Choir, Flag, Guitar and Piano concerts have also taken place this month, so December sure did send us out for Christmas break in a holly jolly bang!



We are so excited to come back in



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Academy of Education and Human Services
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November 4th and 5th students from the Academy of Education and Human Services participated in the 8th Grade Career Expo. The academy students were there to talk to and answer questions about their academy at Northwest Classen and encourage 8th graders to become a member. As an academy of education, the students also handed out Marvel Super Hero books to all of the 8th graders who attended, encouraging students to keep reading. The Marvel books were donated to the career fair by Feed the Children.



Four years ago the Education and Human Services academy began working with the "My First Library Project" in partnership with the Department of Libraries. The academy students develop an activity based off of each month's book, then divide and bag up the books for each Pre-K class in the district. In OKCPS that is 1960 students! The Department of Libraries provides these books from a grant that they receive.



In March 2022, all of the academies at Northwest Classen are planning a Career Fair. Academy students from Culinary, Health Sciences, Education and Human Services and any other interested students will have the opportunity to explore college opportunities and career fields, including hands-on activities.



John Marshall


Academy of Finance
 Oklahoma City Public Schools

John Marshall Academy of Finance students will begin training in January to provide free income tax assistance to the public. The students will be trained by UCO accounting students in a program called

VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. The finance students will be able to provide free income tax preparation and e-filing. The VITA program is sponsored by the IRS to provide free tax help to taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Beginning February 7, 2022 through April 12, 2022 individuals will be able to have tax assistance at John Marshall High School Library at 12201 North Portland. Read through the pictured flyer for exact dates and times.

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 John Marshall Academy of Finance
 Finance VITA Tax

FEB 2022					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 nd	8:00 to 7:00	8 th	8:00 to 7:00	8 th	8:00 to 7:00
14 th	8:00 to 7:00	21 st	8:00 to 7:00	28 th	8:00 to 7:00
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March 2022					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 th	8:00 to 7:00	14 th	8:00 to 7:00	21 st	8:00 to 7:00
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April 2022					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 th	8:00 to 7:00	11 th	8:00 to 7:00	18 th	8:00 to 7:00
11 th	8:00 to 7:00	18 th	8:00 to 7:00	25 th	8:00 to 7:00
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Classed by Spring Break 17 March 14th and March 19th



Finance academy students participated in a simulation this month that helps students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions. Junior Achievement Finance Park has students select a career, define a future lifestyle and set financial goals. The simulation allows students to see the long-term impact of their education, savings and credit decisions.



The Pat Bates Leadership Award has been given

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out since 2012 at Capitol Hill HS. Ms. Bates is a very sweet lady who read about the OKCPS Academies in the newspaper and decided to help. Each semester since 2012 she has given a special student in the academy money and then gives them an anniversary gift if they are still on track a year from then. There is a plaque that is displayed in the front office with all the recipients names and dates. Due to COVID she has been unable to do this for 2 years now but, the event will take place again in December. The plaque will now have a space engraved with COVID on it. Next semester will be 10 years.


Academy of Engineering
 Oklahoma City Public Schools

Capitol Hill once again has students (female students) thriving at the University of Oklahoma in Engineering. Shurby Johnson, the academy coordinator, received an email from one of her former students and a former AOE graduate that is now a Junior at OU. The email stated,:

"Hello, my name is Trinidad Alarcon, I am an engineering student at the University of Oklahoma and serve as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Junior Chapter Chair this year. I am reaching out to you personally because this organization is STEM based, and there is already a previous history of SHPE Jr chapters within this school. I am hoping to get these chapters and general interest in STEM up and running once again. With a SHPE Jr chapter established there are many benefits and resources that come with it from graduation stoles to networking with current STEM college students. I would love to be able to spark interest in SHPE Jr once again and hope to hear back from you about interest in reinstating SHPE Jr at Capitol Hill. "

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Douglass Academy of Law and Public Safety

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January 2022 will start off running at Douglass High School Academy of Law & Public Safety. Academy Coordinator, D'Andre Foster, has plans to begin his team preparation for mock trials. In mock trials, high school students in grades 9 through 12, model the roles of attorneys, plaintiffs and defendants. They actively prepare and present their cases under the direct supervision of teacher coaches and attorney advisors. Attorney advisor for the academy team is Representative



Jason Lowe. Although these are mock trials, they are heard by real judges in a courtroom setting. Student performance is evaluated by a panel of lawyers.

By interpreting, analyzing and portraying the major issues of a case, students obtain a unique insider's perspective of the American legal process. Participants develop self-esteem, poise and confidence through both individual and team efforts. The program helps students develop public speaking skills, encourages deductive and inductive reasoning, sharpens reading comprehension, stimulates interest in governmental studies and increases appreciation for our judicial system as a means of enforcing society's laws.

Want to know more about the Academy of Law and Public Safety or become involved in the advisory board, contact academy coordinator, D'Andre Foster at dhfoster@okcps.org.

Star Spencer

Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

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Star Spencer, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Chris Yeldell recruiting 8th grade students for the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism at the Career Expo.

SEHS students participated in the two-day 8th grade career fair sponsored by OKCPS. The Spartans had four booths showing some of the various CareerTech options to prospective students, and Mr. Johnson's 3D printer demo was



a popular attraction. Current freshmen were happy to see some of their middle school teachers and younger peers.

Over 100 students from Southeast spent the day at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds as part of the "Build My Future" construction career day in October. Students returned to campus energized by the experience - some drilled into concrete, hammered shingles on a roof, and even textured a wall.



With a close eye on COVID-19 protocols, the SEHS AFJROTC livestreamed this year's Veterans Day assembly to every classroom simultaneously. Students were able to participate without the risk of close contact for an extended period of time, and many former Spartans were honored for their military service. We embrace the concepts of being "agile and flexible" at SEHS, as principal Hall likes to remind us, and this was a great way to leverage the technology investment of last year to provide a meaningful experience for our campus and beyond - we even had some viewers on the YouTube stream from out of state

Southeast Academy of Information Technology

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Classen SAS @ NE

Academy of Health Sciences

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academy students held their first scheduled OBI blood drive in Sept. 16, 2021. Another blood drive is scheduled for March of 2022.

Academy coordinator, Kristine Sigman, took three students to the 8th Grade Expo. They did a wonderful job at recruitment, 19 8th graders expressed interest in the health academy and coming to CSAS.

To date, there are 24 members in their HOSA organization and plan on competing at State competition in April.

Classen SAS Health



most of these students

Northwest Classen



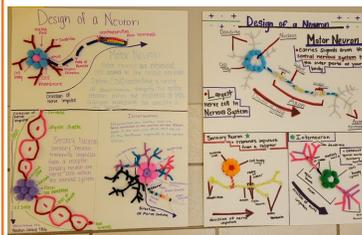
Academy of Health Sciences

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The Academy of Health Sciences has been working hard to get students up on their feet and learning lab skills. Our Juniors have been testing their own cheek cells for the PTC tasting gene. Experience with PCR and electrophoresis give them unique steps into the biomedical field. Seniors have been conducting Human Autopsy procedures on fetal pigs to learn about the proper treatment of victims and

specimens in the real world.

Students have also enjoyed preparing for the holiday season. Being in the Academy of Health Sciences together year



after year makes holiday celebrations so meaningful to our students.



U. S. Grant

Academy of Health Sciences

Oklahoma City Public Schools



Health academy students at Grant HS are dissecting sheep hearts so they can explore how blood is pumped through the heart.



One of the courses that the Health academy students take is Human Body Systems, where they work on Anatomy in Clay placing nerves and blood vessels.

Students in the Health academy at Grant HS

are playing the role of genetic counselors and advising expectant parents that their baby has a genetic disease.

