

Career and Technical Education Highlights for October 2021

Career Experiences:

The 2021 Back2Fairfax Operations Recruiting event will be a virtual event scheduled for February 22, 5:00-7:00 pm. More news will come regarding registration.

Edison Academy:

Career Speakers and Demonstrations

During the month of September Edison Academy students had visits from Steven Laycock from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charles Bradley of the US Marshalls, and Detective Haley from the Fairfax County Police in Criminal Justice classes. Electrical Construction and Engineering students had a visit from Travis Bonds from Thea Enterprises whoop demonstrations of specialized electrical construction and electrical controls tools and supplies. And the students in the Electrical Construction & Engineering, HVAC & Refrigeration, and Construction Technology programs also took part in Career training with their teachers and guest instructors who conducted demonstrations and presented content as part of the OSHA (Occupation and Safety Health Administration) 10-hour safety training.

Fairfax Academy:

On November 5, Fairfax Academy will host a Career Experience Expo. This all-day in-person event for current Fairfax Academy students will begin with keynote speaker Mr. Charles “CB” Murray, a producer, artist, composer, writer, choreographer, and performer who currently resides in New York City. Murray’s presentation will be followed by four 45-minute workshop sessions led by a wide-variety of over 20+ industry professionals. During this conference style event, students will select workshops (*of their personal preference*) for each of the sessions.

The following list is a glimpse of the industry professionals presenting at this year's Expo: David Zobel and Matt Strote of Signature Theatre; City of Fairfax Cultural Arts manager Megan Dubois; movie director, Hyung Tae Kim; Fairfax Academy business partners, XRJ Foundation and iContact Coaching; Sardari Group President and professional photographer, Kaveh Sardari; Fairfax Academy alumni and professional photographer, Zoe Varacalli; Impresario and music non-profit consultant, Ron Goad; professional dancer and studio owner/manager, Jane Franklin; audio engineer and social media marketer, Cole Eubanks; and various other industry professionals and Academy alumni.

Falls Church Academy:

Falls Church Academy Kicks Off HOSA for the 2021-2022 School Year!

On Friday, September 10, Falls Church Academy started the year of HOSA in grand fashion with a high energy session open to all potential FC Academy HOSA members at a kick-off event reminiscent of the HOSA Leadership Conferences held later in the year.

As Academy students filled the auditorium seats, they were greeted at the entrance with glow-in-the-dark items and upbeat music! Student officers and local chapter advisors worked together to provide a glimpse into what VA HOSA offers students interested in educational and leadership opportunities while preparing for healthcare careers! Students learned the mission of HOSA, what type of opportunities are offered to its members, and what exciting events were planned for the upcoming year!

After the event, Falls Church Academy health and medical science students stood for a group photo to showcase their excitement of their future HOSA involvement. When students went back to their classrooms, their excitement spilled over into their interest in running for class leadership offices. HOSA students have the potential of competing in a district conference, VA State HOSA Leadership Conference and the HOSA International Leadership Conference.

Marshall Academy:

Academy IT Instructor, Wolfgang Oertner and his students created the Marshall Certification Club (also known as the Cyber Griffins), that meets twice a week after school, to prepare students for various Microsoft Certifications. In less than a month, five students have earned the Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals Certification (AI900). More certifications to come.

West Potomac Academy:

Criminal Justice Guest Speaker Series:

Mr. Ken Lanning, retired FBI agent, who spent 20 years with the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit visited the Criminal Justice 2 class on September 29th. Mr. Lanning is an expert in the field of child molestation and has presented around the globe. He is the author of the book; Love, Bombs, and Molesters: An FBI Agent's Journey.

On September 2, annual guest speaker from the FCPD SWAT team visited their Criminal Justice level 2 class. He discussed his career choice and the duties and responsibilities of a SWAT team member.

Criminal Justice/EMT/911 Dispatch:

September 8th and September 13th - Department of Public Safety Communications visited the 911 Dispatch, EMT, and CJ classes for a presentation about DPSC. They also shared careers and opportunities within DPSC.

EMT and 911 Dispatch:

September 1st – Captain Price spoke to EMT and 911 students about Fairfax County EMT, infection control and career opportunities.

Dental Guest Speaker Series:

September 30th – Guest Speaker from Neighborhood Health visited Dental Level 2 to discuss career pathways, Neighborhood Health, internships, and employment opportunities.

WPA Career Kick-Off Event:

September 28th and 29th – The Career Experience Specialist held a Career Kick-Off Event for the entire academy student body to support the WPA Work Based Learning Program: Career Exploration, Career Experience, Career Prep, and Pathways to Employment and/or Further Education. Students were challenged to set career goals as well as life goals and encouraged to take professional opportunities to build their professional portfolios throughout the course of this year in the academy. Business Partners, Giant Pharmacy and Ronald McDonald House attended sharing the importance of Internships and Service Learning.

Health and Medical Science:

Health and Medical Sciences students at Chantilly, Falls Church and West Potomac Academies kicked off CTSO affiliation with HOSA induction ceremonies this month.

Health and Medical Sciences students at West Potomac Academy participated in a Career Connections day, heard from healthcare partners, and learned about opportunities outside of the classroom with Capital Caring, Ronald McDonald House, Inova and Giant Pharmacy (to name a few)!

Health and Medical Sciences students are earning certification in Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider via the American Heart Association.

FCPS and the George Washington University School of Medicine and health Biomedical Informatics Center have a fully executed Memorandum of Agreement for an ongoing partnership to collaborate on a Medi-Corps Immersive Learning Center (includes Arlington and Alexandria Public Schools).

Seeking long term care facilities to partner with and host clinicals for LPN and CNA students!

Marketing:

The Fairfax County DECA District Leadership Conference will be held virtually on December 1, 2021. Students will compete in one role-play and take a 50 question DECA exam. Judges are needed to view and evaluate the student videos December 3 - 6, 2021. If you are interested in judging, please contact [Amy Granahan](mailto:amygranahan@fcps.edu) at algranahan@fcps.edu.

The Washington Football team is hosting a DECA Day on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Several of the Fairfax County Public School marketing programs will be participating in the event, which consists of a panel of business executives from the Washington Football team that will discuss their jobs as well as answer questions. After the event, the students will watch the The Washington Football team take on the Kansas City Chiefs.

DECA officers at Robinson High School planned and prepared a fundraiser for an annual event at Robinson HS called, Taste of Robo.

Fairfax High School DECA and the Crush Cancer Club students participated in Community Service. The students sponsored a "Gold Out" at one of the high school volleyball games.

The Lake Braddock DECA chapter brought back their student enterprise "The Burger Pit" at the Lake Braddock football game on Friday, October 1.

Trade and Industrial Education:

Joseph Wolfe, Electricity Teacher from Edison Academy was awarded the 2021 FCPS Individual Excellence Award! Department of HR commends his personal efforts and achievements to produce exceptional results while supporting the school system's mission and vision. Each recipient of an Excellence Award will receive \$1,000 added to their end of October pay. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

JROTC:

Chantilly Academy AFJROTC – Homecoming Parade

Under the leadership of Chief Master Sergeant Al Clemmons and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Lambert, Air Force JROTC Chantilly Academy students are leading the 2021 Chantilly HS Homecoming Parade on a beautiful Friday, September 24, 2021 afternoon. This is the first year for some students marching in their uniforms returning to school in-person. Parents, Staff and Community members gathered in the Greenbriar Town Shopping Center to showcase their school pride and unity.

Lake Braddock Teacher Receives Email from Former Student

Sergeant First Class Wayne Wiles from Lake Braddock HS received a very touching email from a former student praising him for his mentorship and guidance. The former student is learning real estate business property management industry and using his Economics and Finance and JROTC Leadership knowledge and skills. Without the support and beliefs of SFC Wiles he feels he would not have been as successful.

South Lakes Counselor Presentation by South Lake HS Army JROTC Cadets Instructors: Major Joseph Schuler and Sergeant First Class Anthony Handy

Students were able to present to the school administrators, JROTC Program Manager, and school counselors, the curriculum used in JROTC, the officer's SMART goals to increase enrollment in all JROTC course levels and their responsibilities as officers for their annual inspection for the growth and success of the JROTC Program at South Lakes HS.