

Career and Technical Education Highlights for September 2021

Summer Enrichment Programs

Our summer enrichment programs were a huge success!

- Tech Adventure Camp gave 2nd – 6th graders the opportunity to rotate through 5 classes (STEAM, Culinary, Computer Science, Health and Trades) and learn more about Career and Technical Education
- CTE Summer Academy gave 7th – 11th graders the opportunity to choose 4 classes in any of the CTE program areas (TEE, T+I, HMS, BIT, FACS, and Marketing)
- In total we had over 1,000 registrations and provided enrichment for over 600 students
- Parents and students gave a lot of positive feedback and overall had a very enjoyable experience
- Camps were featured on an NBC News Story: <https://www.nbcwashington.com/local/fcps-hopes-to-increase-student-engagement-with-steam/2774438/>
- FCPS was able to provide funding to cover registration costs for Free and Reduced Meal students (30% of total registrations)

Work Based Learning:

WBL Internship Course piloted in the Online Campus summer program. One student in the Thompson Hospitality internship program completed the course that was tied to a Marketing course taken during the 2020-2021 school year.

Naviance Career Exploration and Preparation Guide

Naviance Career Exploration and Preparation guide was developed through a summer curriculum development project. The guide will be rolled out as a student-directed resource to help high school students successfully navigate the college and career readiness tool. The following sections of the guide include:

- Self-Discovery Assessments – reflections can be used to refine career interests that align knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Careers – new WBL student opportunities feature is promoted in this section.
- Colleges – highlight how the CCS and the school counselor work together to support students with everything college-related, including promotion of College Success Partnership programs in FCPS.

- Employability – focuses on resume writing, cover letters, interviewing, and other employability skills used to secure WBL experiences and future career opportunities.
- The Planner – provides structured support with the e portfolio process to be completed in Naviance Student.

Family and Consumer Science:

Summer Curriculum Development was held to revise the Teacher for Tomorrow curriculum and the Hospitality curriculum.

Two additional schools will be offering the Teacher for Tomorrow (TfT) program this school year which bring the total to 14 schools that are offering the TfT program in FCPS.

FCS In-service- was held on August 18th following a hybrid model. Curriculum developed over the summer was presented, teachers also received training asynchronously and in person, curriculum updates from VDOE were shared.

National Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Winners

- A student from Fairfax High School FCCLA earned a silver medal in Chapter Service Project Display, Level 2.
- Two students from South County Middle School FCCLA earned gold medals in Event Management, Level 1 and ranked first in the country.
- Two students from South County Middle School FCCLA earned gold medals in Sports Nutrition, Level 1 and ranked third in the country.
- Four FCPS students were recognized for completing the Power of One national program.
- FCCLA Adviser at Poe Middle School was recognized for completing course one of FCCLA's National Adviser Academy.
- FCCLA Adviser at South County Middle School, received the Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCLA) 2020-2021 Adviser Mentor Award.

Real Food for Kids

The Real Food for Kids Organization conducted the Culinary Challenge 2021. The Culinary Theme for the 2021 Culinary Challenge was Grab and GO, a theme reflective of COVID-19 school meal and restaurant restrictions and the critical need for healthy foods and physical activity during the pandemic. The *Grab and GO* theme also sought to blur the lines between school food and restaurant food – similar production industries facing similar service challenges.

Recipes were required to be plant-forward, a style of cuisine that emphasizes plant foods but is not strictly limited to them. A student from Chantilly Academy received second place with their Chicken and Black Bean Taco Bowl.

Health and Medical Science

The Health and Medical Sciences, in compliance with Virginia Department of Health regulatory boards and national accreditation processes, will be developing and implementing an advisory committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Alpers, JLAlpers@fcps.edu.

Marketing

The Fairfax County Public Schools marketing teachers attend a training session in early August at The St James, an indoor athletic and recreational center located in Springfield. The teachers were given a tour of the facility and were able to participate in a question and answer with the staff.

Last year's District President from the Falls Church High School entrepreneurship class qualified for the NFTE National Competition in New York. She will be competing against other National qualifiers with her business plan, iKicks, LLC.

The Marshall High School marketing program is going to do DECA FRIDAYS every Friday this year. During this time various activities will be implemented suggested by Virginia and National DECA with all students regardless of membership status.

Technology Education and Engineering:

Robinson SS Engineering Department recognized as the High School VTEEA Program of the Year

VTEEA's Program of the Year Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering Education programs and is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and students. The Program of the Year Award provides public recognition at the local, regional, and state levels.

Recognized for leadership, excellence of instruction management of classroom resources, professionalism, and commitment to ensuring that children develop knowledge pertaining to the study of design, engineering, and technology.