

# Academy News

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Pedro Menendez High School

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## BUILDING SCIENCES-CONSTRUCTION



KB Home's hosted a field trip for students to see new home construction sites at various stages, in St. Augustine Shores-Sable Estates. Students learned about surveys, concrete slab set up, framing, plumbing, inspection processes, and much more. Students enjoyed pizza during their on-site quiz. Congratulations to Mr. Armstrong's group for taking the top place on the quiz.



Thank you to the KB Home team members for spending the day instructing our students on-site at Sable Estates neighborhood close to Menendez. We look forward to revisiting in the Spring to learn about the next stages of new home construction. [Click Here for more information about the amazing new community Sable Estates](#)



In the shop students worked on their carpentry skills as they made holiday tree candles.

## ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING

Our drafting students took part in ACE technology bootcamp as guest instructors. Teaching local high school students how to use Auto CAD and Revit drafting software, hosted at UNF in December. Thank you, Nicole Eubanks, NE Florida director of ACE Mentor Program and Kathie Carswell of UNF for making this event possible.



## ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING STUDENT SHOUT OUT!



Congratulations to **Trent Stasky**, a senior in our Architectural and Building Sciences Academy, for his acceptance to attend the Young Leaders Conference of 2024 at the University of Florida. We are honored to have Trent represent our school and district.



## HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE NIGHT



High School Academy Showcase was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the World Golf Village Renaissance Hotel. Future high school students were able to learn about each high school's programs of interest. Thank you to our academy students for representing Menendez. Go Falcons!



Representing our on-campus VyStar credit union as students and parents learned about the amazing opportunities in our business academy.

*Thank you to our digital design student Richard Chau for these amazing photos!*

## Business Student Academy Shout Outs!



We had thirty-three members competing in Future Business Leaders of America district testing, with thirteen members advancing to state conference. Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for state conference in Orlando March 15-17: Collin Beese, Jeff Li, Casey Chhour, Adam Boykin, Jason Poland, Ben Johnson, Landon Browning, Camryn Smith, Prem Patel, Liam Taylor, Caleb VanBenschoten, Elizabeth Curtin, and Hunter Wells!

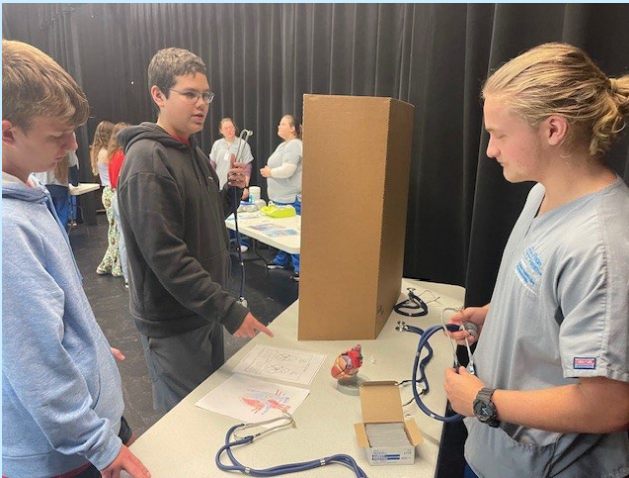
Thank you to everyone who helped FBLA collect 600 pairs of shoes to go to people in need. Monies from this fundraiser will help support state conference costs for our students.

January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm will be the next FBLA meeting in room 960.



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## Health Academy Students Visit GRMS!



Health academy students were guest teachers at Gamble Rogers Middle School in December. Middle school students rotated through stations learning about our health academy firsthand from our upper classmen.



A special thank you to Jennifer Wills the Network Partnership and Expansion Lead of Care Connect, UF Health St. Johns for coming in and speaking with our students on the importance of mental health and community relations in healthcare.



We have 30 HOSA club members preparing for the Regional Competition taking place on January 12 and 20, 2024. These students are participating in events related to health care. Our students are working hard to prepare as the top 3 from each region will qualify for the state competition in April of this year in Orlando!

# Students Soaring High

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE EARNED INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

9/6/23	Adam Lawson	AutoCAD-drafting	9/29/23	Charley Benton	Revit-drafting
9/29/23	Casey Chhour	Revit-drafting	9/29/23	Justin Harvey	Revit-drafting
9/29/23	Corbin Bareswilt	Revit-drafting	9/29/23	Kaleb DeGuzman	Revit-drafting
9/29/23	Kosta Andriotis	Revit-drafting	9/29/23	Ty Morin	Revit-drafting
9/29/23	Ezekiel Hale	Revit-drafting	10/10/23	Aden Brubaker	Revit-drafting
10/10/23	Joseph Holliman	Revit-drafting	10/10/23	Duane Holbrook	Revit-drafting
10/10/23	Vincent Giammanco	Revit-drafting	10/10/23	Steven Girad	Revit-drafting
10/10/23	Zachary Grasso	Revit-drafting	10/10/23	Torin Bjorkman	Revit-drafting
10/20/23	Brendan Szabados	Revit-drafting	10/20/23	Ryan Smit	AutoCAD-drafting
10/20/23	Alyana Dial	Revit-drafting	10/20/23	Logan Scott	Revit-drafting
10/20/23	Evan Eisenmann	Revit-drafting	10/20/23	Ramaya Patel	Revit-drafting
11/16/23	Oliver Rogrigues	Revit-drafting	11/16/23	Levi Minter	Revit-drafting
11/16/23	Luis Coello	Revit-drafting	11/16/23	Lilly Fogarty	Revit-drafting
11/16/23	Ashton Jones	AutoCAD-drafting	11/16/23	Henry Tam	AutoCAD-drafting
11/16/23	Logan Cline	Inventor-drafting	12/1/23	Jean Paul Legal	AutoCAD-drafting
12/1/23	Dalton Reed	AutoCAD-drafting	12/1/23	Cody Campbell	AutoCAD-drafting
12/1/23	Clayvarus Proctor	AutoCAD-drafting	12/1/23	Tiege O'Rouke	Revit-drafting
12/1/23	Logan Ringott	Revit-drafting	12/1/23	Argenis Rios	Revit-drafting
12/1/23	Nathan Whitley	Revit-drafting	12/1/23	Issac Wilson	Revit-drafting
12/1/23	Mason Jones	Inventor-drafting	12/7/23	Regan Dutremble	AutoCAD-drafting
12/7/23	Melanie Patterson	AutoCAD-drafting	12/7/23	Valentina Felix	AutoCAD-drafting
12/7/23	Isabella Felix	AutoCAD-drafting	12/7/23	Quan Mai	AutoCAD-drafting
12/7/23	Chet Walls	AutoCAD-drafting	12/7/23	Brendan Szabados	Revit-drafting
12/7/23	Elias Welty	Revit-drafting	12/7/23	Steven Greenwood	Inventor-drafting
12/15/23	Sadi Barnes	AutoCAD-drafting	12/15/23	Jayden Andrede	Revit-drafting
12/15/23	Lilianna Forst	AutoCAD-drafting	12/15/23	Olyvi Metych	Revit-drafting
12/15/23	Robert Hill	AutoCAD-drafting	12/15/23	Reed Carroll	Revit-drafting
12/15/23	Wyatt Buck	AutoCAD-drafting	12/15/23	Spencer Wenner	Revit-drafting
12/15/23	Taylor Smith	AutoCAD-drafting	12/15/23	Madeleine Arnold	Inventor-drafting

Industry certification exams not only help our students be career ready they may count as college credits! Make sure your future college or university knows about the certifications you have earned. Click here to learn more: [Earning College Credits](#)

# Pedro Partners

Thank you for your partnerships with our students. These businesses provide industry mentors, guest speakers, job shadowing, internships, and supply donations to our students.

If you or a business you know would like the rewarding experience of helping our students, who will be the future industry leaders, please reach out to our career specialist: Kristina Bransford at [Kristina.Bransford@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kristina.Bransford@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or call at 904-547-8681.

