

Academy News

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Welcome to the 2024-25 school year!

Each month we will send out our Academy Newsletter to keep you up to date on the amazing educational experiences our teachers are providing for our students.

This newsletter features Career Academy teacher introductions and information about the Career and Technical Education Student Organizations. We encourage all academy students to join their CTSO club. Clubs are a great way to make new friends, learn teamwork and leadership skills, compete in curriculum based state and national competitions and help our community.





ACADEMY OF
**Future Healthcare
Professionals**
PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Jones

Susannah Jones has worked in healthcare for 30 years with 22 years as a registered nurse. Her experience includes Emergency Medicine, Labor & Delivery, Postpartum/ Newborn, Neonatal Intensive Care, Pediatrics, Lactation & Healthcare Education. We are proud to have Ms. Jones working full time as the PMHS Health Academy Instructor, teaching Allied Health Hospital rotations, EKG certification, and PCT certification. Additionally, she works part time at UF Health St Johns in the Maternal Child Health department, for FCTC & Rasmussen College as a per diem adjunct nursing instructor, and for the American Heart Association as a CPR & BLS instructor. Ms. Jones is actively involved in helping our students as a HOSA chapter advisor, National Honor Society advisor and Senior Women sponsor. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family & friends, going to the beach, boating, traveling and rooting for the FLORIDA GATORS!!

Ms. Willis

Erica Willis is a 6th year teacher at Pedro Menendez High School teaching Health Science 1 (Anatomy, Physiology, and Disease) and Health Science 2 (Foundations, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, and BLS). She loves being able to work with students to help prepare them for life outside of high school. Ms. Willis is actively involved in making student life at Menendez a memorable experience. She is the student council advisor, a HOSA- Future Healthcare advisor, a senior class advisor, a National Honors Society advisor, and softball coach. Ms. Willis worked in healthcare administration for 20 years prior to entering education. In her spare time Ms. Willis loves spending time with family and friends, spending time in Disney, playing softball, and cheering for the Florida Gators!



We hope that you all join us in the HOSA Club this year! Make sure to get your application and payment in for your 2024-25 membership!

- Complete the attached application form
- Pay \$50 dues via School Pay
- Due by September 13, 2024
- [CLICK HERE](#) to Register
- [CLICK HERE](#) to pay your dues via School Pay



BUSINESS ACADEMY

Mr. Hendricks

Geoffrey Hendricks is in his 4th year teaching in the VyStar Business Academy at Pedro Menendez High School. Mr. Hendricks is the adviser for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and teaches Entrepreneurship, Management & Human Resources, and Dual Enrollment Personal Finance & Career Development. Before teaching at PMHS, Mr. Hendricks spent 13 years working in the business world in sales, marketing, management, and logistics. He graduated with a BA in History and MS in Management, both from University of Florida. In his spare time, Mr. Hendricks likes to play golf, work out, spend time with family, and cheer for the Florida Gators!

Mr. Davidson

My name is Tim Davidson. I have been working for the St John's County School District for 17 years. Twelve of those years as a high school Career and Technical Education instructor. Additionally, I teach IB Business Management, operate the student run VyStar Credit Union on campus and as of this year, overseeing the soon to open, school store.

My number 1 goal is helping your child learn real world applications of finance, law, and business. It is possible I may teach your child multiple years. This gives me an opportunity to prepare them for the steps that come after high school. With all of us combined, we can achieve that goal. Have a great school year!



Join Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world. It is a competition-based club that inspires and prepares members to become community-minded business leaders.

Meetings are once/month in room 960.

Members choose what business area they want to compete in. There are district, state, and national conferences.

FBLA Dues per year:

\$10 National dues

\$5 Florida State dues

\$15 District 27 dues

\$10 PMHS dues

\$40 Total Dues



Sign up by Friday, October 18.

See Mr. Hendricks in 960 for questions.

Click the link or scan the QR code to join

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/FBLA-Future-Business-Leaders-of-America-/SEeHxc>



Architecture and Engineering Design

Howard Nunamaker is a USMC veteran with an AS in Computer Drafting and design and BS in Construction Management from ITT Technical Institute. Having held several positions from drafting and design, mill rite, maintenance management, and project management he is able to mentor students in all aspects of our academy. He started teaching at Putnam Edge in 2015 and came to Pedro Menendez to teach Architecture and Engineering design in 2017. Mr. Nunamaker is actively involved in enriching students' lives as the sponsor of our Skills USA chapter and Florida Northeast ACE mentor program. Many of his students are recognized at the State and National levels for their outstanding architecture skills.



SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students. We empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. From our mission to our reach, from our brand to our history, learn who we are, what we do and why we do it.

WHY JOIN?

High school students, there are no student organization that's more committed to your personal and professional success than SkillsUSA. As a member, you'll grow in ways you never thought possible. Along with developing your technical skills in your career area of study, you'll develop life-shaping leadership skills (communication, teamwork, goal setting and more) that will set you up for success in life. You'll gain opportunities for travel and other new adventures, compete with your peers, access unique scholarship opportunities, serve your communities through service projects and more. Even better, you'll be doing all that within a supportive, encouraging community of peers and dedicated SkillsUSA advisors. Whether you're headed to college or right into the workforce after graduation, SkillsUSA is your launch pad for success. Click the link to pay your dues and see Schoology to register with SkillsUSA

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Skills-USA-20242025/Sebzi4w>

Students Soaring High

2024-25 Academy Industry Certifications

Course	Certification
Business and Entrepreneurial Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entrepreneurship and Small Business
Legal Aspects of Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Management Ready
Management and Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Management Ready
Business Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Management Ready• Social Media Strategist-<i>coming soon</i>
Drafting 1 Drafting 2 Drafting 3 Drafting 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Autodesk Certified User: AutoCAD• Autodesk Certified User: Revit for Architecture• Autodesk Certified user: Inventor• SolidWorks
Health Sciences 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Medical Administrative Assistant-CMAA
EKG-Electrocardio Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified EKG Technician-CET
Medical Skills and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Patient Care Technician Assistant

All students have the opportunity to earn Florida Ready to Work credentials.

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 or call at 904-547-8681.

