

Academy News

January 2025

Pedro Menendez High School

Volume: 2 Issue: 6



**ACADEMY OF
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN &
TECHNOLOGY**
PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL



Matt Pena and Xan Newsome from Russel Rowland, a renowned structural engineering firm, recently visited our academy classes. They provided an insightful discussion on the numerous career pathways available to our students, thanks to the industry certifications they earn during high school. This visit highlighted the significant opportunities these certifications offer, preparing students for successful futures in the engineering field and beyond.

LEARNING FROM THE BEST



Our SkillsUSA architecture team is hard at work, collaborating in small groups under the expert guidance of **David Mattias**. With the regional competition just around the corner on February 7th, our students are gearing up and giving it their all. We have some fantastic pictures capturing their dedication and teamwork as they prepare to showcase their skills and creativity. Let's cheer them on as they aim for success at the SkillsUSA regional competition!

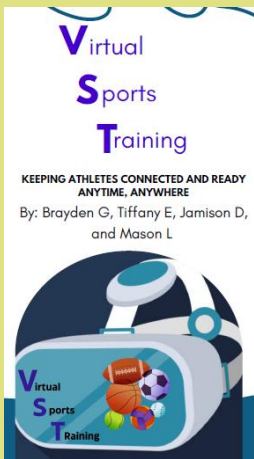


We were thrilled to have Vince Berardi from the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) visit our students! He shared an engaging presentation about the diverse range of majors and degree programs available at UNOH. Vince also provided valuable insights into the financial aid options that can help make higher education more accessible. Our students left feeling inspired and informed about the exciting opportunities that await them at UNOH.



Last week, our VyStar Business Academy students had an incredible adventure touring the University of North Florida (UNF)! It was an amazing experience where they got to dive into the application process, explore various course options, learn about financial aid, scholarships, housing, and so much more. During their lunch-and-learn session, they had the chance to chat with different professors, making the day even more enriching. A huge thank you to Marin Luytjes, Blackstone LaunchPad, Sergio Keslor from the Study Abroad program, and Joslyn Simmons and Gabriela Vargas for organizing this outstanding event. Our students had a blast and left feeling inspired about their future possibilities!





Congratulations to Our School Winners!

We are thrilled to announce that our talented students, Jamison Drozd, Tiffany Eckman, Brayden Gooden, and Mason Lynch, have emerged as winners and will represent our school at the district's Project Innovation competition.

We wish our VyStar Business Academy students the very best as they present their innovative virtual sports training product, designed to keep athletes connected and ready anytime, anywhere.

Good luck, team! We are proud of your hard work and dedication



n.

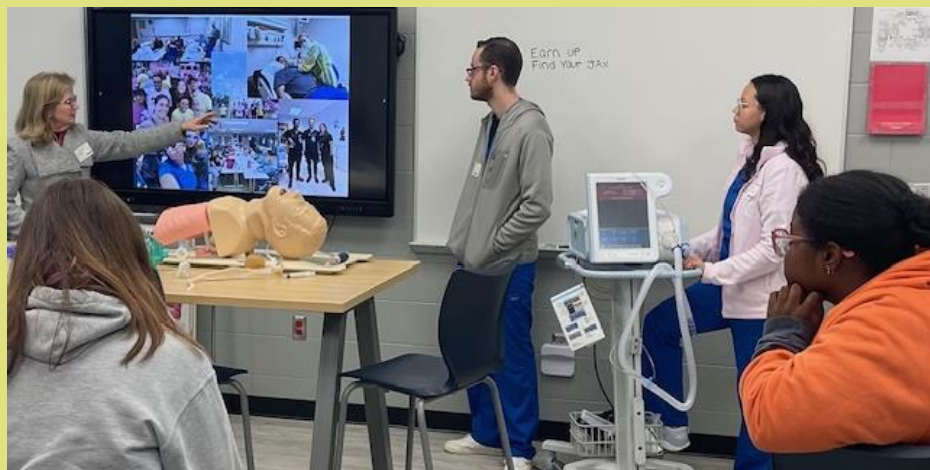


A Heartfelt Thank You to Dr. Coulliette and SJRSC!



We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Coulliette from St. Johns River State College for bringing respiratory therapy students to our healthcare academy. This collaboration provided our students

with invaluable hands-on experience, including practicing patient intubation. Our students also had the opportunity to explore the diverse healthcare programs and career paths available at SJRSC. It was an enriching experience that broadened their horizons and inspired their future endeavors in the healthcare field.





Congratulations to all HOSA club members who competed at the regional competition! Job well done by everyone!

~AVA NEMECEK~

1st PLACE DENTAL SCIENCE

~JAYNE CANNALIATO, OLIVIA KESTNER, KINSEY MEADE, MARIA OLIVEIRA, EMILY TOBUCK~

1st PLACE COMMUNITY AWARENESS

~LAYNE MUGHABGHAB~

2nd PLACE MEDICAL READING

~OLIVIA BROWN~

2nd PLACE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

~RICHARD CHAU, LENA CHAU, PRIMNARA SAENSUK~

2nd PLACE CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

~DARCY FAZZARI, VIKTORIA GILBERT, ELLA HALLMAN, GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS~

3rd PLACE HOSA BOWL

~JACOB DAVIS~

4th PLACE RESEARCHED PERSUASIVE WRITING & SPEAKING

~SCOUT JENROW, H MACFARLANE, ISABELLA PEDONTI~

5th PLACE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

~LILY DAI~

VETERINARY SCIENCE

~LILLIAN HANDLEY, ELLE MASON, TRESLEY REGISTER~

HEALTH EDUCATION

~ANNA SMITH~

VETERINARY SCIENCE

~RYLAN DeGRANDE, AUBREE SYLVIA~

CPR/FIRST AID

~MARIN EYESTONE~

CLINICAL NURSING

~TESSA YEARWOOD~

VETERINARY SCIENCE

Students Soaring High

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE EARNED INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

10/31/24	Daniel McClure	AutoDesk Auto CAD	10/31/24	Liam Bohannon	AutoDesk Inventor
10/31/24	Elias Wetly	AutoDesk Inventor	10/31/24	Ben McGuire	AutoDesk Revit
11/15/24	Wyatt Buck	AutoDesk Revit	11/21/24	Ryan Smith	AutoDesk Inventor
11/21/24	Ty Morin	AutoDesk Inventor	12/10/24	Shane Bates	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/10/24	Gabriella Brubaker	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/10/24	Dominick Valladores	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/10/24	Zach Hess	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/10/24	Aaron Burns	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/10/24	Lucas Drake	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/10/24	Benjamin Byers	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/10/24	Cameron Richardson	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/10/24	John Causey	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/10/24	Benny Walker	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/17/24	John Watkins	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/17/24	Elliot Kass	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/17/24	Evan Mastropaolo	AutoDesk Auto CAD
12/17/24	Henry Tam	AutoDesk Revit	12/19/24	Ashton Jones	AutoDesk Revit
12/19/24	Nicholas Giblin	AutoDesk Auto CAD	12/19/24	Lucas Morrison	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Dominick Knudash	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Aivery Langston	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Seth Watson	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Logan McFee	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Colton Arnold	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Trevor Kulp	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Trevor Burns	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Nathan Roberts	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Laith Baraka	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Alicia Longmore	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/16/25	Luis Saucedo	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/16/25	Duane Holbrook	AutoDesk Inventor
1/28/25	Jonah Thames	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/28/25	Pavin Mooney	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/28/25	Ayden Pritchard	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/28/25	Jaden Rowlinson	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/28/25	Mason DeLaCruz	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/28/25	Mason Sisk	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/28/25	Griffin Sparks	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/28/25	Samonte Williams	AutoDesk Auto CAD
1/28/25	Lukengo Ndandu	AutoDesk Auto CAD	1/28/25	Robbie Elmore	AutoDesk Revit
1/28/25	Matthew Thorm	AutoDesk Revit	1/28/25	Nikolas Thorn	AutoDesk Revit
1/28/25	Valentia Felix	AutoDesk Revit	1/28/25	Isabella Felix	AutoDesk Revit
1/28/25	Lilliana Forst	AutoDesk Revit	1/28/25	Melanie Patterson	AutoDesk Revit
1/28/25	Chet Walls	AutoDesk Revit	1/28/25	Kosta Andriotis	AutoDesk Inventor
1/28/25	Ezekial Hale	AutoDesk Inventor	1/28/25	Owen Stavis	AutoDesk Inventor

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.

