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Ms. Jones' Students Step Into the Role of Future Healthcare Heroes!

Level 3 students in Ms. Jones' EKG classes recently took a big step forward in their healthcare journey by practicing vital sign assessments. With stethoscopes in hand and determination in their eyes, these aspiring professionals demonstrated their growing expertise in measuring blood pressure, pulse, and respiration. The classroom was filled with focus and enthusiasm as students transformed theory into hands-on skill—laying the foundation for their future in patient care.





Health Science 1: Students are diving into the world of Anatomy & Physiology with our Gummy Bear Lab! They're exploring directional terms, body planes, and medical terminology—all while performing sweet dissections and mapping out anatomy on these chewy little patients



Health Science 2: Our students just wrapped up an eye-opening unit on communication and professionalism! Through research and presentations on diverse cultures, they discovered how understanding patients' backgrounds and needs plays a vital role in delivering compassionate, effective care. It was a journey of learning, empathy, and global awareness



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**Welcomes our new
local business
partner**



**Thank you for investing in our students.
Students love being in your office.**



HOSA Important Dates

HOSA registration is due by September 30, 2025

HOSA's annual EPCOT field trip will be on Thursday, December 18, 2025- registration is open now!

Next HOSA meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st at 8:45am



Mr. Hendricks

Entrepreneurship courses:

- Students are learning about Entrepreneurship & Business Foundations, including business structures and roles and business ethics and responsibility.

Management courses:

- Students are learning about The Environment of Management, including historical management perspectives, corporate culture, and managing in a global environment.



🎉 FBLA is off to a powerful start! 🎉

We kicked off the year on **August 20** with **39 students** and a **special guest from the FBI**—yes, *the* FBI! 🔍👛



September 17th Huge thanks to Chris Hendricks for inspiring our FBLA students with an unforgettable talk! He shared powerful insights on how to turn passion into purpose—through work, creativity, and bold paths to success. Our students left energized and ready to chase their dreams

Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendars and join us in Room **960** from **9:00–9:30 AM** for more inspiring guest speakers and business insights:

- **October 15**

Beach Cleanup – October 11

Let's make a difference! Join us at **Crescent Beach** for a fun and meaningful morning helping keep our coast clean. 🌴🧹

FBLA Field Trip – November 13

We're heading to a **Jacksonville Icemen** hockey game! Come chill with us and enjoy the action on the ice. ❄️🏒

Join Future Business Leaders of America

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 10.

See Mr. Hendricks in 960 for questions.



<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/FBLA-Dues/ScwdYtP>



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Future builders, future engineers! We welcomed Academy of Architectural Design & Technology instructor Howard Nunamaker and student Casey Chhour from Pedro Menendez High School to our office.

Design Operations Manager, Matthew Pena, serves on PHMS advisory board, collaborating with their CAD program and coordinating educational opportunities including classroom visits, shadow days, and hands-on learning experiences for students interested in engineering and construction careers.

Special recognition to Stephen Pommerenk, who established this valuable partnership with Pedro Menendez and [SkillsUSA](#) several years ago. Congratulations to Casey on winning 3rd place nationally in SkillsUSA!

Proud to see our own Pedro Menendez graduates - Matt Green, Chloe Newsome, Nick Secorsky, and Marshall Parsons - continuing to give back to their alma mater.





**Registration is underway
see Mr. Nunamaker for
details.**

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

[Click here to pay \\$40 for Skills USA](#)



**MEETINGS START
9/25 - MEET EVERY
THURSDAY AT 8:00
ROOM 400**

The mission of ACE is

To engage, excite, and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, and construction through mentoring and continued support for their advancement into the industry.

PRIMARY GOALS

- Help build a large, diverse, and better-prepared workforce.
- Prioritize engaging students and communities traditionally underrepresented in the industry.
- Assist and guide students by providing scholarships, internships, and mentoring as they pursue career pathways into the industry.

CORE VALUES

Inclusion – We will nurture and value the diversity of backgrounds, identities, talents and beliefs of each individual involved in our program.

Collaboration – We believe a spirit of mutually beneficial collaboration will produce the greatest results and maximize our volunteer and fiscal resources.

Excellence – We aspire to deliver the highest quality and most impactful mentor program and commit to approach our work with fairness and honesty.

**Last year Pedro was awarded \$16,500 in Scholarships given to
two outstanding seniors**

Cost is FREE, sign up in your drafting class

2025 Academy Industry Certifications

Course	Certification
Business and Entrepreneurial Principles	• Entrepreneurship and Small Business
Management and Human Recourses	• Project Management Ready
Business Analysis	• Project Management Ready
Drafting 1 Drafting 2 Drafting 3 Drafting 4	• Autodesk Certified User: AutoCAD • Autodesk Certified User: Revit for Architecture • Autodesk Certified user: Inventor
Health Science Foundations	• Certified Medical Administrative Assistant-CMAA
EKG-Electrocardio Tech	• Certified EKG Technician-CET
Allied Health/Medical Skills	• Certified Patient Care Technician Assistant-CPCT-A
Sports Recreation and Entertainment Essentials	• Social Media Strategist

All students have the opportunity to earn Florida Ready to Work Soft Skill 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 partnership 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.

