

THE ACADEMIES



REPORT

Welcome to the Winter 2019 Academy Newsletter! We hope to expand our community's knowledge about academies and to share all of our wonderful academy activities. We hope you enjoy!

FAME (ACADEMY OF FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, MARKETING, AND EDUCATION) IS GEARED TOWARDS PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ADVANCE STUDIES OR ENTRY LEVEL JOBS IN CAREER RELATED FIELDS.
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ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SINERGY MARTEL ZAVALA GRADE: 12



Why are you excited to be a part of your academy? I am excited to be a part of FAME because the academy has given me the opportunity to discover new things about myself that I never thought that I would be interested in. Even though I have always been involved in my family's business, within the academy I have found my own interest for it.

Why is your academy important? My academy is very important to me because I have developed so many things while in the academy such as my own company, my capstone project, new networks, friends, clients and had a very good experience.

What college and/or career opportunities have you participated in as a part of your academy? I'm doing an internship at Galaxy Painting & Decorating Inc. I really enjoy working there as an Accountant Assistant. It is a paid internship and that's my favorite part of it. I also went to the Montgomery Credit Union and sat with the president and all their superiors and had the opportunity to learn new things and have a clearer picture of finances. Also, I am working on my capstone project which has helped me a LOT to be more consistent and helped me with my problem solving skills.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

The Northwood High School Internship Program has grown to 75 students for the second semester. The new students added to the program have been working at various jobs and see the value of a mentored work experience to finish high school and have a new perspective on reaching goals in their future.

FAME RECOGNITIONS

Intern, Atitiaya Keawmuang works for The Washington Revels which is a theater production company. She worked on the Christmas show beginning at the start of the school year, as part of the merchandising and sales crew. Atitiaya attended all of the productions at George Washington Lisner Auditorium in Washington DC from December 8-16. Great job Atitiaya!



Upcoming FAME Events

MCPS Entrepreneur Shark Tank competition will be on Friday, March 22, in the auditorium at CESC. Each school will have one team with no more than 2-4 students and each school can take a total of 12 students. There will be cash prizes for members of the top three teams.

HAM (HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND MEDIA ACADEMY) SUPPORTS STUDENTS IN THEIR GROWTH AS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS AND CREATIVE ARTISTS.
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ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NEIL SHRESTHA GRADE: 12

Neil is the editor-in-chief of the 2019 Northwood Yearbook. Neil worked as photo editor on the 2018 Northwood yearbook and contributed to the First Class Award and Mark of Distinction earned by the yearbook staff.



Why are you excited to be a part of your academy? I'm excited to continue the award winning tradition of the yearbook staff. I'm also excited for the new yearbook coming out in May. I've enjoyed the field trips to the University of Maryland for Journalism Day and I appreciated hearing from guest speakers like Chimamanda Adichie who came and spoke to the students.

Why is your academy important? The HAM academy has given me new experiences that I would not have gotten anywhere else. Working on the yearbook has helped me develop a good work ethic.

What college and/or career opportunities have you participated in as a part of your academy? I want to go into business management and this academy has given me the opportunity to work with professionals in the publishing industry.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

Congrats to the newspaper class on publishing the 2nd edition of Red and Black in January, expanding to include a club that meets at lunch, and hosted a fundraiser at Chipotle on February 19 to raise money to help publish more editions. Journalism Students enjoyed a day of workshops and conferences at the University of Maryland in October. Thanks to National Arts Honor Society Students for creating a festive affair with lots of treats for staff and students to enjoy in December!



Thanks to Ms. Bond-Lamberty who arranged an informative panel discussion between NHS students and NHS Alumni in November.



NHS Alum, Michael Oberman, presented a photography slideshow and held a discussion with students about developing a variety of techniques. French exchange students visited Northwood and participated in the Northwood Update on WNHS in November.



HAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Congrats to Michelle Bazie, Jacquelyn Santos, and Shifra Ferziger whose artwork was accepted into the University of Maryland University College's juried student Art exhibit!

Upcoming HAM Events

The Northwood Art Show is scheduled for April 25 from 6-8pm in Media Center and Main Lobby.

AMTAD (ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THEATRE, AND DANCE) IS GEARED TOWARD STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PURSUING COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL CAREERS IN THE AREAS OF THEATRE, DANCE, VOCAL MUSIC, AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. TWITTER: @NORTHWOODAMTAD

ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KOBINA ORLEANS-POBEE GRADE: 12

The Academy of Music, Theater, and Dance wishes to congratulate senior Kobina Orleans-Pobee for being accepted to work with the National Symphony Orchestra as part of the Young Associates Program. The NSO-YAP sponsors students in 10th-12th grade in the DC area who are interested in pursuing a career in music. Students will attend rehearsals of the National Symphony Orchestra and take part in sessions with conductors, artists, NSO musicians, and representatives of the arts management field. Through this program, the Young Associates will acquire an appreciation of the wide range of skills, knowledge, and abilities--managerial as well as musically--that are required, to put together a performance by a major symphony orchestra.



Selection process is by application. Students participate in sessions to explore careers in management, music education, publicity, music library, and other professions that are essential to the life of every successful orchestra. Kobina is the snare drum section leader of the award-winning Northwood drumline, as well as an active participant in the Northwood Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

After our first production of the year, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, in November, the Academy of Music, Theatre, and Dance had its busiest months of the season thus far. Band, Choir, and Dance all had their Winter Concerts. All were fantastic events where students shone brightly and faculty were able to see the end-results of a lot of hard work. The Academy took a field trip to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for a Swingin' Nutcracker performance thanks to Mr. Sullivan's



leadership. Mr. Sullivan also took students on another fantastic field trip to see the Met Opera Live in HD in Silver Spring. Meanwhile, in January, Theatre had its Winter Showcase and competed with a One Act in the MD State Thespian Festival for the first time ever! We finished off January with our FIRST Gladiator Gala - an Evening of the Arts where students were able to bring their own performing arts work to the table, audition, and perform. This was an inspiration evening for faculty, parents, and other students, recognizing the tremendous talent we have here at NHS - and we raised significant funds for the Academy, which will be used towards planning a field trip in the future.



AMTAD AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
December was a stellar month for our Instrumental Department. The Drumline won the Springbrook Drumline Invitational and Jazz Band Scored a Superior Rating at the County Competition! On Friday, January 4th, Northwood's Senior Dance Company took part in master classes all day at the Maryland High School Dance Festival hosted at Goucher College. The company performed a dance choreographed by Ms. Lazzaro and were chosen to perform in an evening concert where only 13 schools out of 56 were selected to perform! Four students: Tyreke Anderson, Elaina Giandrone, Veronica Moore, and Isaac Umanzor earned 6 Superior ratings in Monologues and Duo Acting scenes at the MCPS Theatre Festival on January 25th!



Upcoming AMTAD events
The Black History Month showcase will host our first Capstone Project of the year, Wednesday, February 27, @7pm
On February 25th, we will be hosting the Marine Corps Band for a lunchtime event that is OPEN TO ALL!! Please feel free to join us!
Billboard auditions: Vocals: Feb.26 in G118 and Dance: Feb. 27, both from 2:45-5pm. See Ms. Luetje or Mr. Janis for more details.

PAL (ACADEMY OF POLITICS, ADVOCACY, AND LAW) ENABLES STUDENTS TO DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CIVIL RIGHTS.
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ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BRIAN KRAMER GRADE: 12

The PAL Academy is very proud of Brian Kramer who was selected to participate in the Maryland General Assembly's Page Program. Brian will be spending two weeks this semester experiencing the legislative process firsthand. This is an extraordinary opportunity for Brian to experience the career in public service and politics he aspires to pursue. Through his advocacy group, Association for the Advancement of Maryland Public Schools, Brian has advocated for everything from improving the diversity of schools across Montgomery County to funding a new building for Northwood. Through this association, he has testified at the Montgomery County Council as well as the Board of Education. Last year, Brian ran for SMOB and this year he is coordinating the election for next year's SMOB. He plans to run for the Montgomery County Board of Education while attending college.



Brian participates in all of the Academy events including Mock Trial and Moot Court. We are looking forward to seeing Brian's name on the BOE ballot as well as state and federal ballots in the future.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

Mock Trial Competitions are well under way. The team consists of Brian Kramer, Kenia Hernandez, Nate Read, Selam Wehabe, Jocelyn Ticas-Villatoro, Kevin Kirby, Jullian Chiapperino, Allison Barrera, Ashley Villatoro, and Kaylah Tengeya. This year, the case evolves around assault and cyberbullying amongst high school students. The students have prepared both the prosecution and the defense. We suffered a loss to the Hebrew Academy in January, but are hoping that February will bring victories against Blair, Einstein, and Kennedy.

Upcoming PAL events

We are looking forward to taking our annual spring field trip. This year we hope to visit the National Law Enforcement Museum.

TESS (TECHNOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SYSTEM SCIENCES ACADEMY) EXPLORES CONCEPTS IN ENGINEERING/ COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES.
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ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: AVIANA ANDERSON GRADE: 12

Aviana is one of the best computer science and technology students Northwood has. She is a captain of the Science Olympiad team, and she goes above and beyond in promoting computer science and coding, from her work at the DCC Night to helping at the MCPS STEM Festival, to working towards the first Northwood STEM Fair. She has even expressed a desire to start a Girls Who Code chapter at the school!
Why are you excited to be a part of your academy? Because it's a chance to enrich and advance my knowledge in science and technology in the STEM fields.
Why is your academy important? Because it's always growing, and it's always good to learn more.
What college and/or career opportunities have you participated in as a part of your academy? STEM summer camps, GEMS program, MCPS Stem Festival, Internships, TESS Speakers, Superintendent Breakfast, DCC Night Breakout Session: "Easy Coding", Science Olympiad.



ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

The TESS Academy helped host the MCPS STEM Festival at Northwood on November 10. The AP Environmental Science and TESS Environmental Pathway students took a field trip to DC Central Kitchen to see food "recycling" and sustainable practices in action, December 6th. As part of Computer Science Week, the TESS Movie for December was *Hidden Figures* and Horticulture students participated in a tree planting at Maydale Conservation Park. In January, Brian McLaughlin, NASA Systems Engineer, spoke to TESS Engineering Pathway students about critical thinking in space, framed around the Challenger, Columbia and Apollo I accidents.

TESS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Northwood students working on the Maydale Conservation Park project were featured on the Montgomery Parks Twitter: (<https://twitter.com/MontgomeryParks/status/1075561672373350401>). In February, Science Olympiad participated in an invitational event on February 2nd and Maryland Regionals on the 19th, qualifying for the State competition.

Upcoming TESS events

Tess student will compete in the Science Olympiad State competition to be held March 30th.

ACADEMY COORDINATOR CORNER

Tuesday, February 12th, Northwood hosted our 9th Grade Registration Night, welcoming our newest Gladiators, the Class of 2023. I want to give a shout out to our admin, academy staff, and students for their help in making this such a fantastic event for potential Northwood families. Thank you!

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