

# THE ACADEMIES



## REPORT

### ACADEMY COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello! Welcome to the very first 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!

HOLLY JONES, ACADEMY COORDINATOR

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**FAME (ACADEMY OF FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, MARKETING, AND EDUCATION)** IS GEARED TOWARDS PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ADVANCE STUDIES OR ENTRY LEVEL JOBS IN CAREER RELATED FIELDS.

#### NICOLA RICHARDS-WRIGHT ACADEMY HEAD

*I currently teach Accounting and Internship. The FAME Academy is important because students get the opportunity to learn both career and life related skills. Students in this academy are equipped with core employability skills that will allow them to become highly functional and adaptable employees/entrepreneurs. Additionally, our students become economically literate citizens and as such are better able to manage their personal finances as well as build wealth overtime.*



One major event that occurred this year is that our students got the opportunity to visit Montgomery County Employees Federal Credit Union (MCEFCU). During this field trip, students were able to observe the operations of a financial institution as well as interact with the employees and get an understanding of their various roles and how it contributes to the success of the organization.



#### Upcoming FAME Events

- March 14 or 15- Lunch 'N' Learn - Guest Speaker on Interview Skills and Resume writing
- March 22- Field Trip – PriceWaterhouse Coopers

**HAM (HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND MEDIA ACADEMY)** SUPPORTS STUDENTS IN THEIR GROWTH AS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS AND CREATIVE ARTISTS.  
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#### DARYL ALSTON ACADEMY HEAD

*As the head of the HAM Academy, I take on many roles, but I primarily teach AP Language and Composition. I am also the Newspaper and Yearbook adviser at NHS. Giving students*

*opportunities through art, media and cultural interactions to develop their voice is one of the most rewarding components of the HAM academy. We only need to turn on the news to see the power of student voice in action.*



While the HAM academy had many events to celebrate this year, from journalism trips to Univ. of Maryland to exchange programs in France, it was an honor to host world renown author, Chimamanda Adichie, for a speaking engagement

with students.

#### HAM Awards and Recognitions

- Jessica Combs was awarded a "Silver Key" for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for her portfolio submission.
- Madeline Hook received an Honorable Mention for her work exhibited at the John Hopkins High School Art show.
- Congratulations to the NHS Newspaper Staff on publishing their 3rd edition of the year.

#### Upcoming HAM Events

- March 1- HAM Academy Awards for Student Leadership, Inquiry, Creativity, and Perseverance
- March 2- Capstone Retreat
- March 16- Peace Day Assembly
- March 19- Capstone Presentations
- March 22- AP Mock Exam
- April 9-13 Northwood Art Show

**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

#### HEIDI TEMPLE ACADEMY HEAD

*This year I am teaching Theatre I and Advanced Acting, as well as 9th Grade College Prep and Honors English. The Academy of Music, Theatre, and Dance provides the opportunity for students to explore the arts and to develop their skills in critical thinking, problem solving, group dynamics, self-evaluation/assessment, and, perhaps, most importantly,*



*the ability to take everything they've learned and apply/demonstrate it in their performances. In fact, the arts as a whole are important in every child's education for these very same reasons.*

Coming off another fantastic Billboard Magic 2018: Around the World! Congratulations to the directors, staff, cast and crew on another amazing show.



The Academy of Music, Theatre, and Dance hosted the MCPS Dance Showcase on Friday, 2/23. Congratulations to Danielle Burman, Lily Foster, Gabriel Kammann, Aminah Moody, and Stephanie Urrutia for their selection to the very first MCPS All-County Dance Ensemble, who performed with selected dancers from around the county at the showcase.

**Upcoming AMTAD events**

We look forward to Student directed One Acts on March 1-3 @7pm in the auditorium. Please join us to support the work of one of our Academy Capstone projects.

There's a lot going on not only on the stage, but in our classrooms, as well. Students are traveling to the MCPS Choral Festival on March 6th, as well as preparing for quickly approaching Spring concerts.

**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. **TWITTER: @NORTHWOOD\_LAW**

**JAMIE BISSET  
ACADEMY HEAD**

*My name is Jamie Bisset, I am the Academy Head for the Politics, Advocacy, and Law Academy. I teach Introduction to Justice, Law, and Society, Law and the Administration of Justice, and contemporary Issues in Law. The academy offers students the opportunity to explore many careers that are associated with the field of law. This academy offers students the opportunity to not only learn about law, but to also acquire the skill necessary to be successful in a law related career.*



Seniors, Karla Fuentes and Haley Stone, represented Northwood and the Politics, Advocacy, and Law Academy in the annual Maryland Moot Court Competition. Moot Court is the appellate level of Mock Trial. Students are presented a fact pattern and the ruling of the lower Courts from which the students must prepare arguments for both the Appellant and Respondent. This year the case focused on 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment issues where a 17 years old student was allegedly coerced into confessing to four counts of aggravated assault and sentenced to 100 years in prison. Karla and Haley presented oral arguments for both sides against teams from all over the state of Maryland. In the end they found themselves in the final round presenting arguments to judges from



the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland Law School, and the Maryland Bar Association.

**Upcoming PAL events**

The Mock Trial team will be competing in the first playoff round on February 26, 2018. The Defense team consisting of Brian Kramer, Haley Stone, Moriah Smiley, Karla Fuentes, Elina Ricci, Nicole Devitt-Tapia, and Kevin Kirby will go against the team from Charles E. Smith Day School at 6:00 pm at the Montgomery County Circuit Courthouse in Rockville, Maryland.

On March 15, 2018 Montgomery County Police officer and Northwood Alumni will explore the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights with academy members. Students will have the opportunity to participate in simulated traffic stops and searches.

**TESS (TECHNOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SYSTEM SCIENCES ACADEMY)** EXPLORES CONCEPTS IN ENGINEERING/ COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. **TWITTER: @NHS\_TESSACADEMY**

**KRISTEN DA CRUZ  
ACADEMY HEAD**

*Biology and Environmental Science teacher  
I believe in the TESS academy because the fields of technology and environmental systems sciences are the fastest growing and most relevant ones to students today. With increasing climate instability and population growth, the ability to predict major weather events, analyze and adjust modern engineering, plan for sustainable, low-impact cities and communities, develop efficient food growing techniques and so much more, will all be necessary for the future. The courses offered in the TESS academy here at Northwood can help prepare our students for an ever-evolving technological world.*



TESS Academy took 20 students on a volunteer trip to DC Central Kitchen to prepare food and learn. Students participated in a question/answer session about Campus Kitchens project and learned how DC Central Kitchen is combating the enormous amount of food waste in the city while at the same time feeding those in need. This trip served to excite

Northwood students to pursue the possibility of our own Campus Kitchen here on campus. Student leaders across the grade levels have stepped forward to lead different pieces of this great undertaking.

30 students participated in the Science Olympiad on Saturday February 24th. Students prepared for this competition for months under the guidance of Ms. Helene McLaughlin and other TESS teachers.

**Upcoming TESS events**

In March, the technology department will be visited by the MC Robotics Club to learn about the future of engineering and robotics. A lunchtime session will be held and organized by Sharon Carlton.