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## Academies in Action



JHS carpenters stain shelving in *Red Devil Red* for the restrooms



CHS hospitably hosts hungry ambassadors in the Shipwreck Café



NWHS' Class of 2027 signs their banner & commits to graduate



Investigations in food safety take place in the JHS Culinary Crime Lab

### Jeffersonville High School Highlights



Construction Trades pathway students completed their first problem-based project of the school year. Since students don't have a space in the restrooms to place their Chromebooks, they decided to build shelving to house their devices.

Future chefs in the Culinary Arts pathway started the year off with a focus on food safety. "Crime scene" scenarios were investigated by students, where they had to identify the root cause of the food-borne illness.

Red Devil Welders also had their eyes on safety to start the school year. Not only did they demonstrate how to safely light their oxy-fuel torches, but they were also expected to extinguish their torches using proper techniques.

Public Service Academy students in the Education Careers pathway are starting a new dual enrollment program through IU Southeast. These future educators are on the college campus 4 days a week and will earn 24 college credits that will count toward their education major.

#### **New Washington High School Highlights**



Mustangs in the Freshman Academy participated in an annual tradition where all 9th graders sign a banner with their commitment to graduate. As students progress through each grade, the banner moves to that gradelevel's area of the school to serve as a daily reminder of their promise.

Students in all academies focused on the workplace skills of collaboration and communication during their IMPACT periods this month. Through teambuilding activities, these scholars learned techniques to be a better classmate, colleague, and contributor to society.

All seniors committed to pursuing the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate. To achieve this, they will need 98% attendance, 6 community service hours, a GPA of 2.0 or higher, demonstrate 2 instances of each PRIDE trait, and have no more than 1 referral for their entire school year. Seniors who earn this certificate experience benefits such as automatic interviewers with specific employers or immediate wage increases upon hiring on with an employer.

Sophomores through seniors spent time in their career academies reviewing their YouScience profiles and updating their resumes. The YouScience platform helped them discover their aptitudes, interests, and matching best-fit careers; while also providing them with the tools and action verbs that assists them with creating a more robust resume.

### **Charlestown High School Highlights**



Business & Entrepreneurship Academy students enrolled in the Sportscasting pathway earned a certificate of completion in Play-by-Play Announcing via the National Federation of High Schools. This certification provides evidence that students know how to professionally prepare for a game as a play-by-play announcer, how to successfully work with an analyst or reporter, how to use proper tone and inflection, and how to focus on the most important aspects of play-by-play announcing during a live broadcast.

Hospitality Management pathway Pirates catered to high school ambassadors from across the district. Utilizing produce from their school's urban garden, these students served their peers lunch in their newly renovated Shipwreck Café.

Public Service Academy sophomore, Briceidy Moreno was selected to serve as the City of Charlestown's sole Legislative Youth Advisor. Through this role, she will attend monthly meetings with the Common Council, regularly meet with the mayor, and be the point of contact for other young citizens to express their perspectives and opinions about issues that affect the day-to-day operations of Charlestown city government.

Freshman Academy Pirates who demonstrated PRIDE characteristics on 15 different occasions in August were rewarded with table games during their final IMPACT period of the month. From cards, to dominoes, to board games, these 9th graders displayed their "work hard, play hard" grit.