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Academies in Action



JHS students learned about various careers at REMC Trades Day



Hospitality Management seniors at CHS tour French Lick



"Adulting Day" at NWHS offered students life-skill lessons, like cooking



GCCS Ambassadors develop leadership skills at IU Southeast

Jeffersonville High School Highlights



Upperclassmen interested in pursuing trades visited REMC to learn about the numerous careers that support the local electricity cooperative. 6 stationed activities exposed students to linework, warehousing & inventorying materials, automotive & vehicle servicing, staking & locating utilities, right-of-way clearance & tree trimming, and supervisory controls & advanced meter reading. Through the different activities, students heard from team members in the different fields about the equipment, training, & credentials required to perform those duties that powers our community.

Students in the Freshmen Academy received an in-house, college campus experience from IU Southeast's faculty and staff. Stations were created that linked students' future career academies with the programming offered to support their career interests.

Brooks Harper, a renowned college and workforce readiness speaker, delivered an inspiring talk that helped students learn how to discover and market their talents. Drawing from his 15 years of corporate leadership experience, he connected today's decisions with future college and career options. This experience left students feeling highly motivated to take their next big leap in life.

B'S Barber Lounge visited the commons during student lunch times to provide free haircuts, while also teaching students about the career of barbering. The owner, Joeby Bartley, is a JHS alum whom desired to give back to the community that helped him grow into the successful entrepreneur that he is today.

New Washington High School Highlights



Health Service Academy students planned, coordinated, and executed a successful blood drive. Through this experience, students learned the importance of donating and the critical need in our community

Students in the Freshmen Academy visited Ivy Tech, IU Southeast, and Hanover College to get exposure and a deeper understanding of the different post-secondary options that exist to advance their learning and future careers. Each school featured unique aspects that helped showcase what makes them the right choice for the right individual.

Dozens of community members led "Adulting Day" sessions that helped all high school students learn the life skills that are not traditionally taught in the classroom. Handling roadside emergencies, self-defense, and cooking basics were a few of the favorite sessions that students rotated through. This day was extremely well received by all students because they are the ones that determine what topics are offered, as well as the sessions in which they participate.

Education pathway students attended the Summit on Diversity in Teaching the Teaching Workforce at IU Southeast. Students heard from several educators with various backgrounds and roles in education that helped inspire our own students who are considering pursuing one of the most noble professions of all—teaching.

Charlestown High School Highlights



Public Service Academy students participated in a Farm-to-School project where they read to and taught local elementary students about where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating. In collaboration with the second grade students, they made healthy snacks thanks to the additional support from volunteers at the Clark County Indiana Farm Bureau.

Seniors in the Hospitality Management pathway traveled to French Lick to get a world-class experience from a premier hospitality and tourism venue. Students saw front & back-of-the-house operations, heard from the numerous professionals that support the functions of the site, and experienced fine dining & etiquette lessons from both the consumer & employee perspectives.

Health Service Academy students received training and certifications that are critical when an emergency strikes. Seniors all earned their CPR certifications so that they are prepared to step in to action when someone stops breathing. Juniors from the academy were certified to "Stop the Bleed," a critical life-saving skill that affords additional time for the bleeding individual until the emergency medical responders are able to arrive on the scene and assist.

In tandem with the ambassadors from NWHS & JHS, newly selected student ambassadors from CHS received leadership training that focused on skills such as communication, professionalism, and networking. A variety of topic experts and professionals from the community led skill-based breakout sessions that equipped these student leaders to serve others in their school. These ambassadors will deliver their own version to the elementary & middle school ambassadors.