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## Academies in Action



JHS women welders & their teacher show off a 3rd place trophy



A student ambassador at NWHS presents on classes in her academy



CHS Seniors on track for work ethic certificate; smile with their reward



JHS freshmen learn about all programs at the academy showcase

### Jeffersonville High School Highlights



Freshmen Academy students attended the annual Academy Showcase to learn about the different programs that fall within each career academy. Upperclassmen from each program were present to show and tell what happens in their academy's pathway. This peer to peer interaction helped freshmen decide which academy they want to apply to join.

Red Devil Preview Night was another successful event that

spotlighted the academies, athletics, and extracurricular clubs to current eighth grade students and their families. Student ambassadors representing all of the career academies were on hand to welcome guests, answer questions, and assist with facilitating the event.

A senior in the Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Academy, placed 3rd in the third annual *Future Women of Welding* competition that was hosted in Louisville by Local 502 Plumbers and Pipefitters. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and she will be recognized at NASCC's annual Steel Conference in April—the premier educational and networking event for everyone involved in the design and construction of steel buildings & bridges.

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



Student ambassadors visited the Freshman Seminar classrooms to speak with student about their career academy experiences to help Freshman Academy students make their selection to which academy they will apply to join. Hearing from their peers gave the freshmen more confidence to ask tough questions and be more certain about their application choices.

W WASHINGTON OF Business Academy students continue to work with Chef Kristine from Aramark, but in a reversed role. Previously, the students were

taught what is required to be Smart Snack Compliant in order to sell food from the snack shop during the school day. This time, students were surveyed for their insights on how Chef Kristine could improve school lunches. Additionally, they were able to sample some of her soon-to-be-offered breakfast items and give feedback on those.

Sophomores from all career academies went on a field trip to the Prosser Career Education Center to see their career & technical education programs in action. While there are some programs that are also offered at NWHS, unique programs like Heavy Equipment & Machinery, Aviation Management, and Fire Rescue & EMT supplement what cannot be offered at NWHS. You can see these programs in action by checking out some of their videos <u>here</u>.

#### **Charlestown High School Highlights**



142 seniors were celebrated for maintaining their eligibility to earn the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate. This honor recognizes that students maintain strong attendance, display stellar behavior, and earn respectable grades. Students must also complete 6 hours of volunteer work to earn this certificate, which communicates to colleges & employers that these students have a strong work ethic.

Even though a personal finance class is a new requirement for freshman to graduate, CHS has been providing financial literacy

learning opportunities for all students. Most recently, a representative from a bank spoke to students taking Strategic Marketing, students enrolled in Adult Roles, and students completing Business Math. Students love hearing from him because of his inspiring recovery from homelessness to Community Manager at Chase Bank.

Health Services Academy students hosted a pharmacist and pharmacy tech from Norton Healthcare to discuss their education paths, what settings they could work in with their credentials, and what their day-to-day work looks like. With so many opportunities in this field, these speakers help students make more informed choices about their future career pursuits.