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Academies in Action



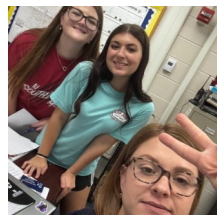
JHS' JROTC students at Ivy Tech's ETC Signing Ceremony



NWHS ambassadors lead the Academy Induction Ceremony



CHS showed self-pride at their annual Kick-off Pep Rally



NWHS' new AP assists with an ambassador scavenger hunt activity

Jeffersonville High School Highlights



Students in the Engineering pathway welcomed their new teacher, Kasey Stephans, a former student of the PLTW Engineering courses she will be teaching, as well as a former Design Technician for an official contractor of Louisville Gas & Electric. Her industry experiences and relationships will serve her and her students well, as she transitions to the classroom.

A community pep rally was held after the first full week of students returning to JHS, which brought Red Devils off all ages together to share in the excitement for the upcoming school year. Check out this [video](#) to see all that was amazing at this annual event!

Students in the JROTC program had the honor to present the Colors at Ivy Tech Sellersburg in celebration of their campus becoming the first community college in the country to offer an Enlisted Training Corps program.

New Washington High School Highlights



To foster a strong sense of identity within each academy, all students and staff took part in the annual Academy Induction Ceremony. This event celebrates the unique characteristics and abilities of all of our students, which highlights the distinct strengths of them and their specific career academy that the class of 2028 has now joined.

Former Public Service Academy Lead Teacher, Courtney Isaac, was promoted over the summer to the role of Assistant Principal. Her background in public service, as well as leadership in the same field, has well prepared her to ensure that their Academies continue to be an exemplar for their community & other [Ford NGL Academy Communities](#).

At Back to School Night, student ambassadors extended a warm welcome to every student and family stepping onto campus. Their summer was spent preparing for this moment—refining communication, teamwork, and hospitality skills developed through school-based training. Their commitment to leadership and service help set a positive tone for the year.

Charlestown High School Highlights



At the PRIDE Kick-off Pep Rally, students learned how to bring their best energy to games—standing proudly for the school song, cheering with the cheerleaders, and showing positive support for teammates and fellow fans. The focus was clear: celebrate together, respect others, and keep the Blue and White spirit strong.

Student ambassadors utilized their school-based training, which took place over the summer, by leading Freshmen Orientation for incoming ninth graders and their families. They guided tours, answered questions about programs and activities, and fostered a warm, inviting atmosphere that helped ease first-day nerves—showcasing the leadership and communication skills they've worked hard to develop.

The SAIL (Start. Achieve. Impact. Lead.) Team, which is CHS' student athlete leadership team, conducted fun activities and provided refreshments for all families at their school's open house event. You can check out some of the pictures [here](#), and follow them throughout the year on [their Facebook page](#).