Pre-Engineering Students Visit CSU’s Fenn College

Forty-seven students from the Introduction To Engineering and Honors Pre-Engineering classes received an overview of the engineering profession, career outlooks and insight into college engineering programs thanks to a visit on Wednesday to Cleveland State University’s Fenn College of Engineering. The students participated in hands-on activities and demonstrations that brought engineering alive! They were invited to CSU as members of Fenn Academy, a collaborative for high schools with Pre-Engineering programs.

Students (l-r) August Malobabic ‘16, Alicia Abele ‘16, Jackie Harter ‘15 and Julia Heidler ‘15 work to create a “table” made of newspaper and masking tape strong enough to hold three books.

A highlight for the students was working in small groups to assemble a table that could support up to three heavy textbooks, using only a few sheets of newspaper and two feet of masking tape! Students also operated Segways in a large lecture room. They were accompanied on the field trip by Science teachers Mrs. Mary Ellen Scott ’76 and Mr. John Lesko.

“The experience at CSU helped me gain a new perspective of the world and how engineers are constantly advancing our technology to benefit society,” shared Jackie Harter ’15.

College Now Presentation Planned to Help Parents and Students

Time is precious this time of year for high schoolers plotting college plans and potential careers. The junior year is vital for planning and the senior year is a flurry of applications and strange phrases like the “Common App.” The process can be equally stressful for parents, but don’t panic! We are here for you, too. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 27, at 7 p.m., when Mr. Bill Dull from College Now will be at the school to present information on the college financial aid process. Please plan to attend with your daughter to gain valuable information on applying for student aid, loans and scholarships.

Finally, students, don’t forget to check out the first issue of Jaguar Beat, hot off the presses this week! Congratulations to the Newspaper Club for an informative and interesting edition!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
**College Corner**

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA (2 hours from Cleveland). Urban.

**Enrollment:** 6,000 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:** Allied Health Services (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy).

**Fun Fact:** Duquesne was originally known as “The Pittsburgh College of the Holy Ghost.”

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**Students Attend Art “Pre-Career” Program**

Some 25 students learned about potential art careers thanks to a field trip last week to the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA). The day-long event, part of the CIA’s NEXT program, was designed to help students find answers to questions about pursuing careers in art or design. Jobs discussed included creative director, fine artist, illustrator and product designer.

“NEXT is the Cleveland Institute of Art’s pre-college program that introduces the professional world of art and design to high school students who are interested in a career in the visual arts,” shared art teacher Ms. Terise Janca ’93. She and Visual and Performing Arts teacher Mrs. Beth Pleban accompanied the students.

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**“Beauty & the Beast” Now Playing!**

The fairy tale classic “Beauty and the Beast,” a story about a strong woman who teaches a beast/man that arrogance and being a bully are wrong, comes alive on the SJA stage tonight!

Showtimes are today and Saturday, November 10, both at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m.; Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, both at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m. Reserve tickets are $12. General admission is $10. Students and seniors are $5. To reserve tickets, call Kate Valentino at 216.276.0942.

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**Actors Bring Shakespeare’s Words to Life**

Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” and “Hamlet” came to life for students in the Honors English 9, English 11 and Honors English 11 classes of English teachers Mr. Robert Polk, Mrs. Mel Kupchik and Ms. Erin Blayney ’96 last week, thanks to visiting actors from the Great Lakes Theater Company.

The actors taught students how to make Shakespeare’s words come to life! In addition, students participated in mock sword fights and learned how to project both emotion and clarity.

“Shakespeare is my favorite thing to teach, and I am pleased that our students can benefit from the talents and perspectives of professional actors in helping to bring these classic plays to life,” shared Mr. Polk.

“I really liked when we used the stage and acted out the final scene with swords and other props. Although reading the play was enjoyable, acting it out made the difficult text easier to understand,” said junior Katie Basalla.

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**Award-Winning Marching Band**

Eighteen students, members of the Saint Edward High School Marching Band, were instrumental last week in the band winning top honors at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) State Marching Band Final Competition. The group won the highest ranking - a “1” for “Superior” - in all categories. Bravo!
Fall Sports Banquet

Soccer, Tennis, Golf, Volleyball and Cross Country athletes were honored last week at a banquet held at Brennan’s Party Center in Cleveland. In addition to congratulating the young ladies on well-played seasons, seniors (pictured above) received special recognition. Nikki Mikolcic (soccer) and Claire Violand (tennis) were honored for four years of Varsity play.
Congratulations to all!

Students Voice Opinions in Mock Elections

As SJA goes, so goes the nation. Hours before the nation’s voting centers closed on Tuesday, students let their choices be known. The Political Action Club and the Junior State of America, a political debate club, sponsored a mock election in the auditorium. The results foreshadowed the real voting decisions: For the U.S. House of Representatives, 9th District, Marcy Kaptur beat Samuel (aka “Joe The Plumber”) Wurzelbacher, 222-127; U.S. Senate, Sherrod Brown defeated Josh Mandel 201-161, and Presidency, Barack Obama came out ahead of Mitt Romney 231 to 132.

“We wanted students to feel involved in these important races and to stress the importance of voting,” stated JSA member Alex Hallagan ’13.

Nearby, Social Studies teacher Mr. Mike Kunikis stood wearing a vest covered in buttons illustrating a veritable history of presidential elections going back to 1912. Many of the buttons were authentic memorabilia, including a “George McGovern 1972” and “John Fitzgerald Kennedy, The Man for the ‘60s.”

Senior Honored with Youth in Philanthropy Award

Senior Lauren Brooks was honored last week by the Association of Fundraising Professionals with the 2012 Youth in Philanthropy Award. She was recognized with other donors and volunteers who have made significant contributions to Northeast Ohio nonprofits in a special National Philanthropy Day event.

At the event, which was attended by about 560 guests, Lauren spoke eloquently and confidently about the importance of volunteering at the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and working with the center’s Youth 360 Program. Her message of compassionate leadership was enthusiastically received by attendees!

For two years, Lauren and Caroline Pallotta, who graduated in 2012, worked to establish a club at SJA called The SAVE (Sexual Assault and Violence Education) Campaign. Thanks to their efforts, more than 100 students have become involved in SAVE since its inception, taking on such projects as collecting clothes and toiletries to donate to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center for hospital bags. These bags were given to women hospitalized after being raped or assaulted.

“We are very proud of Lauren and grateful for her dedication and hard work in Youth 360 and SAVE,” stated President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71.