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TSA LEADS IN A TECHNICAL WORLD AT STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

From March 9 to March 11, a grand spectacle took place as thousands filled The Classic Center in Athens, Georgia for the **Georgia TSA State Leadership Conference**. Members and advisors alike came from all across the great state of Georgia to witness and compete in a wide array technical challenges and events that ranged from VEX Robotics to Video Game Design. Our very own Woodstock TSA was given the tremendous opportunity to go to this prestigious conference and participate in innumerable events. Alongside these events, students were enriched by leadership sessions and workshops that were offered during the conference. Each session taught attendees valuable leadership qualities like remaining positive, defining their future, and utilizing technology and potential. Possessing all of these qualities is an elusive task; however, it was more than attainable for one excelling member of our chapter.

Gregory Carroll, a sophomore student at Woodstock, achieved a great feat never before reached in Woodstock High School's chapter. He was elected Georgia TSA's State Secretary, an immense honor. As a State Officer, Carroll will preside over a delegation of thousands of TSA members. Gregory's opportunity to serve Georgia TSA was not the only success Woodstock had at the State Leadership Conference however. The Software Development team, Samuel Gill, Griffin Dominguez, Mitchell Berndt, Maxwell Koch, Pedro Arreaza, and Andy Jiang, brought home a first-place trophy in Software Development, and Preston Alsup and Samuel Skillman earned a third-place trophy in Technology Problem Solving. Complementing these awards were several finalist placements in seven other events.

While it is an immense pleasure to have such triumph at a conference of this magnitude, it would not be possible without those that help us to succeed. **Larry Moreaniac**, who

has been volunteering for Woodstock TSA since 2008, is owed an incredible debt of gratitude for his continued contributions to TSA. His part in TSA can be defined as helping students on projects and advising them on how to improve. He has also been a great help in assisting the chapters advisor, Karen Zayance in her important job of overseeing and advising the chapter. When asked what TSA meant to him Mr. Moreaniac responded, *"To me I think it shows the best in our students here at Woodstock and throughout the state. When you go to the conference, you see a great group of students. It's very impressive."*

Finally, Woodstock TSA would also like to give its sincerest thanks to the parents and guardians who have volunteered to transport and oversee students to and from conferences. If it were not for them, Woodstock TSA would not have had the chance to succeed in its endeavors. In addition, the hard work and dedication of the club members and students of the Association itself does not go unnoticed, and those who have helped are commended for their contributions as well. High off the success it has had this year, Woodstock TSA is looking forward to attending Nationals in Orlando and raising the bar next year at State.

By: Samuel Skillman, TSA Reporter

For more information on the events and proceedings of the Technology Student Association, visit our website at gatsa.org.



Pedro Arreaza, Preston Alsup, Samuel Gill, Griffin Dominguez, Mitchell Berndt (left to right)

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SENIOR AT WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL WINS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Adrian Lopez-Torres, a senior at WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL, has won the 2016 Joseph Adams Senior Scholarship from the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH), an honor society for high school students studying Spanish or Portuguese, for his dedication to the study of Spanish and excellent skills in that language.

This national award is a prestigious honor for Woodstock High school. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to only 12 students from over 2,400 SHH chapters across the United States. Students become eligible by being an inducted member of the SHH and then submitting samples of their written and oral work in Spanish to a selection committee appointed by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Woodstock High school has a long history of excellence in academics and has maintained an active chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica for the last 3 years. Congratulations to student Adrian Lopez-Torres and his Spanish teachers, and Sonya Breaux, who should be very proud of their accomplishments.

DOES YOUR CHILD STRUGGLE IN MATH?

The math honor society is offering free tutoring for all students on Tuesday mornings from 7:55 a.m. until the first bell. There is no need to make an appointment. Simply show up. Tutoring will be held in room 106. Please email Mr. O'Dell or Mrs. Sinclair for details at Brian.ODell@cherokee.k12.ga.us and Bonnie.Sinclair@cherokee.k12.ga.us.

ATTENDANCE

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:Make school attendance a priority.

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day; make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomachaches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school.

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior; these could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school.

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WHS NJROTC

It is hard to believe we have only five weeks left in school! The last two months have been crazy for the Woodstock NJROTC. During February and March, we had a plethora of exciting events including an orienteering meet, Military Ball, and the State Academic Championship. We have also gotten word that our Commanding Officer Zachary Rosinko has received an Army Scholarship to Auburn university worth \$145,776. April and May will not disappoint either, finishing our year strong!



On February 18, our Orienteering Team competed at Red Top Mountain State Park. Four of our cadets participated in this meet, Cadets Hummel, Mueller, Neely, and Rosinko. Our very own Commanding Officer, Zachary Rosinko, placed first overall in the green course (a medium length, expert course) across all age levels. Congratulations! We are so very proud of all of our cadets that competed.

A month later, on March 18, we had our Annual Military Ball at the lovely Yahoo Farms. Cadets Dawson Clanton and Lilli Georgescue were crowned Prince and Princess. Cadets Evan Setter and Katlyn Deveau were crowned King and Queen. The entire unit had a fabulous time under the lights! Many thanks to the parents who contributed so much effort and to community partners who so faithfully supported our unit to create a magical evening! Bravo Zulu to Cadet Deveau for planning another successful Military Ball!

The highlight of this quarter was the **Brain Brawl Area 12 championship** in which our very own Academic team took 2nd place against two dozen top teams. Their many hours of preparation and study paid off! This win will send them on to the National Championship on May 6 in Jacksonville, Florida. Congrats, to the entire team which consists of Cadets Anna Fournaris, Lilli Georgescue, Irene Hougblame, and Evan Setter. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

Even though the year is coming to an end, Woodstock NJROTC still has plenty of events to come. On May 10, the cadets will receive awards for their hard work and we will induct our new staff at our Awards Ceremony and Change of Command. We are excited for what they have to bring to NJROTC and how they can improve our unit. All cadets and their parents are invited to attend.

Finally, we wish to send all our seniors off with our best wishes! Of our twenty-one, eight will enlist in the Air Force, Army, Marines, or Navy. In addition, twelve will go to college, including Cadet Hougblame who earned a four-year Navy ROTC scholarship to Auburn to study bio-chemical engineering and Cadet Rosinko who earned a four-year Army ROTC scholarship to Auburn to study Aerospace Engineering. Congratulations to all and good luck in the future!

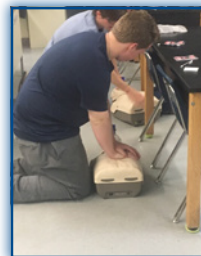


ENGINEERING STUDENTS DISCOVER HOW FORCES REACT ON STRUCTURES

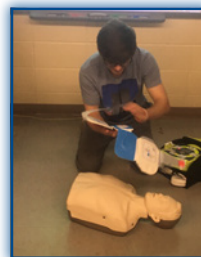
The first year Foundations of Engineering and Technology classes just finished designing, making, and testing bridges. During the design process, students learned how forces react on structures, as well as learning how elasticity can affect material choices. Townes Bolt and Harrison Wade constructed the best bridge in both classes with an efficiency rating of 2044. This rating is based on the load held compared to the bridge weight. They made a simple truss design, were conservative with their materials, and cut notches to perfection. Well done!

LAW & JUSTICE GETS CPR AND FIRST AID CERTIFIED

Ms. Antonelli's Level 3 Criminal Investigations class all recently became First Aid and CPR certified. This certification encompassed infant, child, and adult CPR certification. In addition, the students passed off on skills to properly use an AED. I am proud of each one of these students for taking this task seriously and becoming certified. A huge THANK YOU to the Cherokee County Fire Department!



Christian Schnepf



Jacob Spears



Taylor Kruger



WHS KENDAMA COMPETITION

On March 10, we held our WHS Kendama competition. Congratulations to two of our Wolverines:

- Connor Barnfeild (1st)
- Gavin Osborne (2nd)
- Winners of the Intermediate Ladder.

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#CAREERCAFWEHS – “ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT MONTH”

Woodstock High School’s media center program #careercafeWHS has had an array of speakers come talk with students during the month of March for Arts and Entertainment Month. We began with The Art Institute of Atlanta on March 1st. Greta Beller, high school recruiter from the Art Institute, spoke with students about the career pathways this institution has to offer. On March 8, #careercafeWHS was excited to bring back WHS alumni who now works with Univision. Fernando Ordaz now works as a news reporter with Univision and spoke with students about his path in this line of work. Kennesaw State University’s Dance Department came to WHS on March 14 to WHS. McCree O’Kelley, an assistant professor in the Dance Department met with interested students to provide information on earning a BA in Arts and an option to attend a summer dance program that might help students see if this would be an appropriate path to follow. We were also very lucky to have IASTE Local 749 visit our high school students. IASTE Local 749 is a group that supports young workers who work behind the scenes in the film, television, and commercial world and helps to keep them safe. Glenn Peison and Sara Cobbeldick spoke with students about the many possibilities that this career has to offer from costume design, to lighting, to screenplay writing, stunts, and more.

Greta Beller, high school recruiter from the Art Institute



Fernando Ordaz, WHS alumni, with Univision



McCree O’Kelley, an assistant professor in the Dance Department at KSU



Glenn Peison and Sara Cobbeldick with IASTE Local 749



#CAREERCAFWEHS – “JOB FAIR”

On Thursday, May 13, the WHS Media Center hosted a Job Fair for interested high school students. Michelle Nevis and Liz Smith organized the Job Fair in coordination with the Choice Program. Media Specialist, Pati Olton worked closely with Nevis and Smith to find numerous businesses looking to hire young people and attend the Job Fair. Students were able to chat with prospective employers, fill out job applications, and even have on the spot interviews.

Some of the companies who attended the Job Fair included:

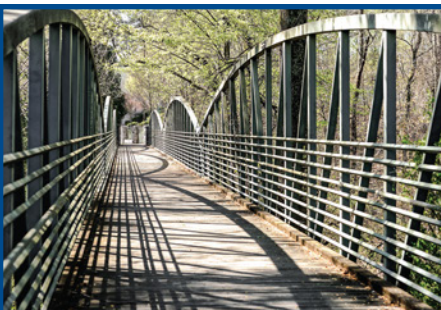
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- Roytec Industries LLC
- Nautix Lifeguards & Maintenance
- Vector Marketing
- US Army
- Lowe’s Home Centers, LLC
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Hunter Wilson and Justin Jones fill out job applications



Famous Eidson (red) and Joshua Lemacks look into job opportunities

Brandon Bohannon (senior) looks into a job with the US Army



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#CAREERCAFEWHS – “DIGITAL LEARNING DAY”

On Friday, February 17, the WHS Media Center collaborated with Bonnie Sinclair’s 9th grade geometry students for Digital Learning Day along with the fifth graders in Janet Marotte’s class at Knox Elementary. The WHS students began this collaborative effort by creating iMovie trailer samples on basic geometry concepts such as shapes and lines. They also devised a plan as to how they would teach the fifth graders at Knox Elementary to create these trailers. Media Specialists, Jennifer Cogdill & Pati Olton worked with media specialist, Leslie Hicks, at Knox to set up times that the two schools could meet via the Lifesize video conferencing equipment and ran test sessions to make sure everything was ready to go for DLD.

The ninth graders taught three sessions on iMovie trailer production, which included a step-by-step tutorial as well as sample iMovie trailers for the students to preview. The high school students were patient and very thorough in their teaching techniques. We plan to meet with the fifth graders again when they have their trailers constructed so that they may share with the ninth graders here at WHS.



WHS students collaborate to teach Knox ES to create iMovie trailers on basic geometry concepts- Front - Kaley Terlep, Gabriel Sareen Back - Madison Cornwell, Avery Hughes, Lauren Neville, Danielle Wimmer



Thomas Bryce Hunter teaches fifth graders how to create an iMovie trailer



Madison Cornwell (far), Avery Hughes teach 5th graders how to create an iMovie trailer



WHS students collaborate to teach Knox ES to create iMovie trailers on basic geometry concepts- Front - Thomas Bryce Hunter, Tess Cope Back: George Saunders, Abigail Halls

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CCSD STUDENTS WIN 10 OF 16 "BEST IN FAIR"

Cherokee County School District students won 10 of the 16 "Best in Fair" ribbons at the Georgia Council for the Social Studies' North West Georgia Regional Social Studies Fair and now students are going to State competition!

Congratulations to Julia Litrel and her winning Social Studies project at regional competition. She is now going to state competition! The Woodstock Innovation Zone has four projects heading on to state!



FIRST PLACE EARNED BY TSA "TEAMS"

TEAMS, Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Science and Math, is a competition that is creative, exciting, and theme-based, with real-life problems designed to be solved in teams - the way engineers work. The competition contains three parts, a multiple-choice test, a research-based essay, and an engineering based problem-solving activity. Congratulations to both "TEAMS" who earned **First Place in the State.**

9th and 10th

- Gregory Carroll
- Katelyn Provost
- Andy Jiang
- Andrew Brandenburg
- Jack Bortle
- Felipe Duque
- Mathew Garcia

11th and 12th

- Maxwell Koch
- Devan Knapp
- Camryn Litke
- Braden Heimerl
- Dylan Mason
- Preston Alsup
- Samuel Gill

WHS LATIN

We are very excited to announce that two WHS Latin students have been selected to attend the illustrious Governor's Honors Program at Berry College this summer! Rachel Heiter, a junior, and Chloe LeRoy, a sophomore, have been selected from among the countless Latin students nominated across Georgia. They endured a grueling interview process, which began in the fall 2016, and culminated in a challenging interview in February 2017. We are so proud of these excellent young ladies, and know they will represent our school and our Latin program to the highest degree! Congratulations!



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WHS BAND

Musicians and Guard members have kept up the pace. Both have recently completed their competition seasons, and though they faced their toughest challenges to date, both groups made it through with heads held high.

LGPE (Large Group Performance Evaluation) took place on March 9 (Symphonic Band) and March 10 (Wind Symphony). Each day, the respective band took the stage in front of judges and a few family & friends. After playing through their numbers, the band was presented with a piece of music they have never seen before. We all know those two words that cause most students to panic: POP QUIZ. The musician's equivalent is called Sight Reading, where a piece of music is presented, and with minimal preparation, the band has to perform it. Nerve wracking? You bet. However, these are Wolverines – they rose to the challenge. The end result? BOTH BANDS scored straight superiors from all judges for their stage performance, and straight 1's on sight-reading!

The author, himself a musician years ago, was present for the Wind Symphony performance. Let us just say that when a band performs and you start getting goosebumps and maybe an eye leak, you know you not listening to a band – you are experiencing what music was designed for. Someone once said, "Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it."

Your Winter Guard, both Varsity and JV, have been exceptionally busy. Rest assured all their hard work paid off as the Varsity "Made of Stone" and the JV "Pretty Hurts" performed in the following competitions: Mill Creek, WGI Knoxville, River Ridge HS SAPA, Villa Rica, and SAPA Chattanooga. Both guards performed with excellence, because that is what they do. Awards included Top 10 finishes as well as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place finishes. The Winter Guard performed in a Family and Friends exhibition at WHS, and all agreed that they were fantastic.

So, what is next? Glad you asked!

- 4/22 – COLOR GUARD TRYOUTS AND ROOKIE DAY!
- 4/23 – the Taste and Sound of Woodstock
- 5/11 – Spring Concert
- 5/17 – Drum Major Tryouts
- 5/18 – Band Banquet
- 5/19 – Your Marching Wolverine 2017 Halftime/ Competition show to be announced

Come and hear these musicians – and think about the importance of music. Tennessee Williams once said "In memories, everything happens to music". Think about that for a minute. Nearly everyone has a favorite memory, and favorite song to associate with it.

Thank you for your continued support of the WHS Band and Color Guard programs. It has been an honor to write this year's articles, and I look forward to continuing to bring you updates.

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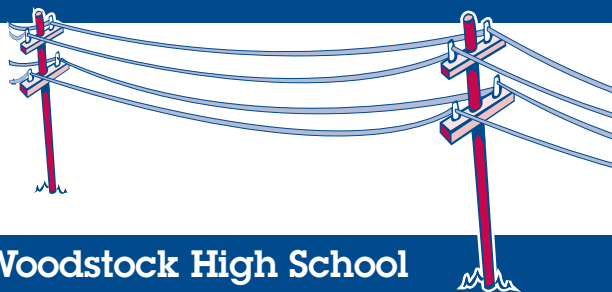
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All absence notes are due the day you return to school or no later than five days after an absence. Administrative approval is required after the five day limit. Make sure to turn them in on time.

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CLINIC INFORMATION

Please remember to pick up any medication you may have in the clinic by 3:00 p.m. on May 24. Medication not picked up by then will be disposed of; medicine cannot be left in the clinic over the summer. Students with identified medical needs will have paperwork sent home at the end of the school year that can be completed over the summer.

SENIORS

After Graduation, you will need to submit your Request for Final HS Transcript to the College of your choice.

You now have 3 options available (all these links are available on the WHS website under Student Services-Transcripts)

1. Fill out a Final Transcript Request Form- \$5 for me to mail via US Mail, available in the Records Office.
2. GAFutures.org - all in state schools and free of charge.
3. Parchment.com - all in state and out of state schools \$5 per school.
4. NCAA transcripts will be sent electronically by Mrs. Correll - you DO NOT need to request these.

REMINDER: we do not automatically send your FINAL HS Transcript with Graduation date you MUST request it using one of the above options.

As always, see Mrs. Correll with any questions.