



ACADEMY NEWS, 2nd QUARTER

Fine Arts & Communications

Congratulations Cast & Crew "A Raisin in the Sun"



Region Wins:

2nd Place Overall,
Best Supporting Ac-
tress, All-Star
Cast, Excellence in
Technical Theatre

Marching Band Shines!

Collins Hill Eagle's Nest Invitational Wins:

First Overall in their
Class, Spirit Award,
Best Music, and Best
General Effect



communicate, collaborate, create

Art Students Create Mural

Nearly 30 art students from across the entire art department worked on an enormous painting that now hangs in the Peach State Federal Credit Union Financial Literacy Center attached to the branch inside Central Gwinnett High School. The piece was designed by members of the National Art Honor Society. The students wanted to design a piece that evokes the feeling of a promising future as well as pay homage to their home, the "Peach" state.

Community Festival Highlights

In November, the Fine Arts & Communications Academy and Aurora Theatre hosted a Dia de los Muertos Festival along the school's Memorial Walk. Dancers, poets, and storytellers performed, while art, décor, and food were enjoyed by all.



Medical & Healthcare Sciences

Medical & Healthcare Sciences held a celebration kick-off luncheon with the Junior /Ga **Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine** students and their mentors. The program detailed the second year activities that will focus on the importance of Community Public Health and its relevancy to infectious disease and prevention. Several of the students participated in public speaking classes which provided a greater level of confidence in their leadership skills.



Left: GA PCOM mentors and mentees.



2nd Annual Healthcare Conference to be held on April 22nd



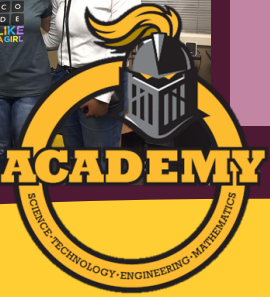
Students attend "Bodies" exhibit with GA PCOM mentors.

This year's theme is, 'Launching New Dimensions" HC 2017! The conference will examine the five standard career pathways and processes that are necessary to launch new ideas of technology and innovation in the healthcare arena. A large number of students are expected to participate from all seven of the GCPS Academies, where expert speakers from across the state will facilitate these sessions. Community partners, vendors and universities will also play a significant role in the conference.

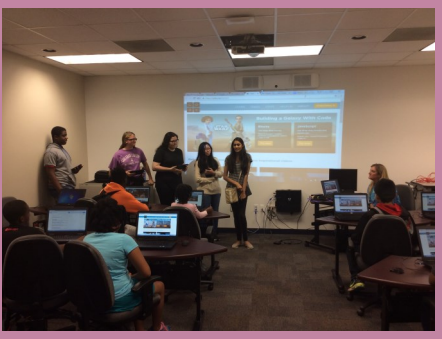
The Mind, Heart, and Soul of Learning!

STEM

Google Gurus is Central Gwinnett's first computer programming club. This club is designed to increase interest and knowledge in computer programming in a way that is fun and engaging. The Gurus have expanded to two elementary schools this year and will be working to further expand into the Central Gwinnett cluster. This club is based on a real-world theme and offers about 10 hours worth of lessons and activities, per module. The different club themes aim to attract and engage students of varying backgrounds and interests. The club is currently teaching 17 students at Lawrenceville Elementary and another 18 students at Winn Holt Elementary. Our Gurus are serving as the primary instructors to the elementary students, but more importantly they are giving back to their community.



Computer Science students have teamed up with the Gwinnett County Public Library to offer **Code with Kids**, a program designed to offer opportunities to



introduce young children to programming languages. **Code with Kids** is a fun, one hour program that allows children to develop a game. It is designed to keep the children entertained while opening them up to opportunities with STEM. Each month there have been 4 to 5 students from Central at the event offering guidance and support to a full house of children. This program is offered once a month at the Lawrenceville Branch of GCPL and is just one more great example of how CGHS is working with community partners.

Innovating for Life!

Business & Entrepreneurship

Peach State Federal Credit Union

Grand Opening Highlights

On October 20th, 2016, Peach State Federal Credit Union celebrated the opening of its newest branch run by student interns from the Business Academy. The ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by Peach State FCU was a great success as the CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks and GCPS Board members were in attendance along with many Peach State FCU employees. The student interns shared their greatest experiences so far while Peach State executives talked about what an awesome time they've had working with the students.



Above: CGHS student interns run the Peach State FCU

Our Business is Success!

In the Fall 2016 semester, the Law, Education, and Public Service Academy (LEPS) was highly productive and involved with the legal community. The students had the following guest speakers provide them with presentations:

Ibrahim Awad, Esq. - Criminal defense attorney

Amy Macrina, Esq. - Constitutional attorney

Niaa Daniels, Esq. - Fulton County Assistant DA

Capt. Vanesa E. Sigala, Esq., former Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, United States Marine Corps

Whitney Bexley, M.Div. - Director of Strategic Initiatives, Street Grace

LEPS

Lead, Protect, and Serve!

GSU Field Trip

45 students attended a field trip to the Georgia State University College of Law. While there, they received a tour of the new law school facilities, spoke with several law student organizations, interacted with Professor Kelly Timmons, Dean of Student Affairs, and Prof. Tanya Washington. Professor Washington provided a 45 minute, authentic law school lecture on two seminal Supreme Court cases: Loving v. Virginia and Obergefell v. Hodges.



STUDENT COURT & MOCK TRIAL

Student Court has adjudicated 4 cases this year and the Mock Trial team will be competing in the Gwinnett County regional competition for the first time in many years.



SAFE TRICK OR TREAT & MAGIC WHEELCHAIR

Another successful “Safe Trick-or-Treat & Magic Wheelchair Reveal” is in the books! The event was held on Oct. 27 and this year was the biggest turnout yet with an estimated 5000 trick-or-treaters in attendance. The dance club treated everyone with pop-up performances of Michael Jackson’s THRILLER, the Advanced Math Decision Making students built carnival games for their PBL, and the grand finale was the reveal of the 2016 Magic Wheelchair costume for Oakland Meadow Elementary School student, Anthony Hicks.

Volunteer Week at Aurora Theatre

Nov. 29-Dec. 4

Central Gwinnett High School held its first “Volunteer Week” at Aurora Theatre. During the first week of December, student members of the Band, National Dance Honor Society, Student Council, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Thespian Society, Peer Leaders, HOSA, and Fine Arts Diploma Seal Candidates volunteered as ushers for all Aurora Holiday shows. Student organizations also donated food to local food banks and toys to “Toys for Tots” as part of the week’s volunteer activities. It was a great success and we hope to make this an annual holiday tradition!



Anthony’s costume was featured in the Gwinnett Daily Post, Communique Online Magazine, and the Huffington Post! Congratulations to everyone involved in making “Safe Trick-or-Treat & Magic Wheelchair” a great success!

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