

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH (®)



February is Career and Technical Education Month. This year's theme is **Opportunities for Career Success!** CTE Month provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE makes students college-and-career ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields. At a time when opportunity for employment is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring students are equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce

SELMA HIGH AND R. B. HUDSON RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

The Business Management and Administration departments at Selma High School and R. B. Hudson Middle School and the Finance and Marketing department at Selma High School received Business Industry Certification from the Alabama State Department of Education. Congratulations to the teachers in these departments: Mrs. Patricia Fariior, Mrs. Katrina Smith, Mrs. Phillis Thomas, Mr. Reginald Glover, Mrs. Anne Williamson and Ms. Brenda Edwards.

SELMA HIGH SCHOOL JROTC MEMBERS VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY



Members of the Junior ROTC program at Selma High School organized a school-wide canned food drive. Students from all grade levels donated to the project. The canned goods were donated to the Selma Area Food Bank.

The JROTC program at Selma High School spent much of their time during the holiday season helping others. Long hours were spent with the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) supporting their "Buddy Poppy" event. The JROTC members helped in the selling of poppy seeds and assisted the VFW in counting the proceeds. It was a worthwhile event for the group. Continuing their loyal support of the Salvation Army, JROTC members braved the chilly evenings in order to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing event by "manning the kettle".



SELMA HIGH SCHOOL MASONRY DEPARTMENT
Masonry students Tyshawn Pettway and William Reed represented Selma High School in the state Skills USA Champion Masonry Competition in Birmingham, Alabama.

CAREER TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



Students at R. B. Hudson Middle School and Selma High School have the opportunity to join FBLA. It is the largest student business organization in the world with a quarter of a million members. Members have the opportunity to compete and win awards on the local, state, and national levels. Being an FBLA member affords members many experiences and opportunities that enable them to become college-and-career ready!

Scan this QR code to learn more about the R. B. Hudson FBLA!

SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION



CTE Month is a public awareness campaign the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) holds each February to celebrate Career and Technical Education. In celebration, some students at the School of Discovery Genesis Center will display their Introduction to Career Clusters Technologies curriculum and class work, participate in the R.B. Hudson Career Fair on 2/26 and welcome guest speaker, Joyce O'Neal, retired State of Alabama Social Work Director.

Additionally, the school will be issued its first FBLA chapter this year. The CTE Month 2016, theme is "Opportunities for Career Success" which all teachers will stress throughout the Month of February with materials provided by CTE instructor, Crystal Boykin.

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THE BRIDGE

Selma City School System Newsletter

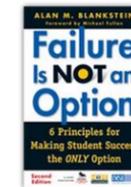
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TRANSFORMING LIVES

Dr. Angela Mangum, Superintendent



The Selma City School (SCS) System is engaging in a district-wide book study on *Failure is Not an Option: Six Principles that Guide Student Achievement in High-Performing Schools* by Alan M. Blankstein.



The fundamental premise of the book is that every child is precious and entitled to a high-quality education where no excuses for failure are tolerated.

This is the core purpose of the school community. We are all important stakeholders, and as such, we must leverage our resources and efforts in support of student achievement and success. The book study has stimulated reflective discourse about current attitudes, practices, and opportunities for improvement within the district.

As a result, schools are implementing new ideas and initiatives that are producing positive results in student learning and overall wellbeing. In addition, collaboration within and amongst schools is improving, and relational trust among stakeholders is growing. These non-negotiable components of strong professional learning communities are shifting the culture and climate of our schools for the better.

The system-wide book study has produced many positive results. Most importantly, it has created a shared understanding of the purpose and meaning of our work and service to students, and it provides a framework for best practices that result in higher student achievement and success.

All Selma City residents are invited to join us in this exciting book study!

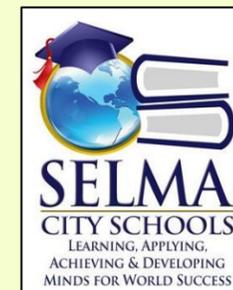
ALUMNI VISIT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Payne Elementary staff and students had a very exciting day when two former Payne students returned to campus with a college friend. Mr. Larry Mack (Deputy Director at NASA), Mr. Warren Morgan (State Department), and Dr. Lonnie Felton (Emergency Room Physician) began their day in 5th grade classrooms where they taught students about the wonderful world of science, engineering, math and reading. Students were given a problem to solve. They worked in collaborative groups and applied critical thinking skills to obtain the solution.

After completing activities in the classroom, the entire student body gathered in the cafeteria for a reading rally. The men discussed their careers with students and allowed students to ask questions. The most important thing Mr. Mack wanted the students to know is they can be whatever they want to be. Mr. Mack encouraged students to read every day.

Students who meet their AR goal will receive a free trip to the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center. All teachers will receive activities for their classroom.



Jalen Johnson
SHS Air Force JROTC
AL-091 Cadet
Vice President of the State JROTC Association



Payne students working collaboratively

THE SUPER SCHOOL PROJECT

Mr. Kenneth Fair, Assistant Superintendent



Another tremendous opportunity has revealed itself to the Selma City School District and the City of Selma. The XQ institute is sponsoring an opportunity for school districts to redesign their high school(s) for the 21st century and beyond.



An undertaking of this magnitude can only be initiated with key stakeholder collaboration. A call went out to various stakeholders: clergymen, local businesses, Law Enforcement/Judges' Offices, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, parents, teachers, students, and many more and they came through "Big Time." To date, we have had two meetings to orchestrate and facilitate this process.

Laurene Powell Jobs, wife of Steve Jobs, chairs XQ Institute's Board of Directors and is the president of Emerson Collective. Her two decades in the education field have convinced her that America is ready for a sea change to overhaul the system. So, what is XQ? XQ is the agile and flexible intelligence that prepares students for a more connected world, a rapidly changing future, and a lifetime of learning.

The Super School Project is an open call to reimagine and design the next American high school. In towns and cities far and wide, teams will unite and take on this important work of our time: Rethinking and building schools that deeply prepare our students for the rigorous challenges of college, jobs, and life. This is a challenge to empower all of America to change high school. Together, we can transform communities and build schools that inspire new possibilities.

The timeline from inception to completion is approximately 1 year and it is broken into these phases.

- September 11 CHALLENGE OPENS
- November 15 SHARE YOUR CONCEPT TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY
- February 2016 DISCOVER AND DESIGN PHASES DUE
- March 2016 SEMI-FINALISTS INVITED TO COMPLETE DEVELOP PHASE
- April 2016 FINALISTS SELECTED
- August 2016 CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Selma City Schools is currently in the Discover and Design phase. Keep your fingers crossed and wish us the best as we pool our human and physical resources to make this opportunity our reality. For more information, contact Mr. Kenneth Fair. Source: <http://xqsuperschool.org/challenge>

CADET JALEN JOHNSON ELECTED VP OF STATE JROTC



Selma High School Air Force JROTC, AL-091 cadet **Jalen Johnson** was selected as Vice President of the State JROTC Career and Technical Education Association for 2015-2016. The State JROTC Conference was held on the Campus of Auburn University-Montgomery on March 7, 2015.

His selection recognizes his superior performance in leadership, extracurricular activities, academics, community involvement; along with an interview and presentation to the state selection committee. He will be assisting in training and conducting of workshops while representing JROTC programs at high schools from throughout the state and from all military services.

SELMA HIGH SCHOOL ACT PREP INITIATIVE



After school programs are soaring at Selma High School. One such program ACT Prep Initiative provides tutorials to students working to improve ACT college entrance exam scores. There is a critical need to shift our children's mindsets from "I can't go to college" to "I am going to college."

Data show an alarming decrease in ACT scores desired by colleges for admittance and scholarship opportunity. ACT Prep Initiative provides students with an overview of the ACT test content, complete diagnostic testing, receive a personalized evaluation of ACT readiness, and practice tests.

Unique to Selma City Schools, Selma High School students are receiving free ACT professional tutorials, free transportation, and an after session snack. There are two cohorts. Students in Cohort A are awaiting great scores on ACT exams taken on February 6. Cohort B boasts 100+ students and begins after school tutorials on Tuesday, February 23rd. Cohort B will have orientation for parents of enrolled students on Thursday, February 18, in the Selma High School auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

DISTRICT UPGRADING WIRELESS AND INTERNET ACCESS



As our schools began to use more online resources to aide in learning, conduct research and use Web versions of textbooks, the technology department saw the need to expand wireless Internet access. Before the district could complete the wireless update, funding had to be secured. Funding was secured by using the ERATE Program which paid 90% of the cost of the project leaving the district to pay the balance.

Wireless Internet access is an integral component of modern classrooms, and Selma City Schools is making strides to stay on top of meeting the needs of its students and teachers. We will be developing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy to facilitate students bringing their own laptop computers, iPads, smartphones or other devices. Be on the lookout for further news about our Wireless Internet access and BYOD rollout in the next few months.

TEACHERS ARE INCORPORATING TECHNOLOGY INTO DAILY INSTRUCTION

Teachers in the Selma City School System are incorporating emerging technology into their daily lessons in order to increase student engagement and learning. Teachers participate in many forms of professional development to keep current on the latest educational technology, including monthly technology professional development by Ms. Vanessa Webster with Technology in Motion. Area schools are using interactive software *such as Plickers, Kahoot, Quia, Edmodo, NetSupport* and *NearPod* for instruction and assessment along with Smartboards and Elmo document cameras.

R. B. Hudson Middle School is a Google Apps for Education (GAPE) School. One way in which instruction, assessment and communication is delivered in the Computer Essentials class is through Google Classroom. Technology is integrated into all aspects of teaching and learning as students work collaboratively through various Google apps.



Clark Elementary students learn through technology by interacting in a Smart Board classroom activity.



R. B. Hudson students engage in a formative assessment activity via the "Kahoot" interactive.



FBLA members created QR codes depicting YouTube videos they made about their career goals for FBLA Week.



R. B. Hudson students deliver the daily morning announcements though a recorded program they created using an iPad app.

SOPHIA P. KINGSTON ELEMENTARY RECEIVES GRANTS



On January 8, 2016, four teachers from Sophia P. Kingston Elementary received grants from the International Paper Foundation totaling \$7,000. IP has awarded more than \$10 million in grants to schools and nonprofit organizations since 1952. Among the 28 grants and 2 supplemental grants that were awarded this year, Kingston Elementary received three grants. The teachers awarded include Mrs. Phyllis Jones partnering with Ms. Shana Tyson, Mrs. Darla Day, and Ms. Krystal Dozier. The grants will be used to improve Reading/Literacy as well as parent involvement. They are pictured with Principal Burrell.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The Cougars of Cedar Park Elementary School have been busy celebrating Black History Month. Each classroom has been given the task of researching an African American, of their choice, to spotlight by decorating their classroom door. The Cougars use various tools, such as the Internet & school library to conduct their research. A few of their selections have been Marian Anderson, Jackie Robinson, Garrett Morgan and Mae Jemison. Every morning, students receive a Black History Month question to ponder. The students receive a piece of paper with the question on it and are asked to conduct an investigation to determine the answer. Each question must be turned in the following day and if the answer is correct, the students' names are entered into a drawing for a prize. The Cougars stay actively engaged at Cedar Park Elementary School. Goooo Cougars Go! Ride with Pride!