

STARR - A Strong Start



Newport Academy has begun practicing its STARR mantra: **Safe students Teach All Respect and Responsibility**. STARR is the basis for our **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** lessons. The students have been eager to join in role plays and videotaping model behaviors. Staff and students have been encouraging each other to be STARR Students and STARR Staff.

Thanks to Newport Academy STARR students and staff, the first week's initiation of PBIS was a great success! The new STARR shirts and tickets were received eagerly and enthusiastically.

FIRST Expands to Europe

Ron Visser and Joanne Talmage collaborated to start the first For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics competition (FRC) team in the Netherlands.

Talmage, a Robotics Instructor at NHREC, leads the FRC team, NASA Knights, which mentors Visser, an engineering student from Fontys University in the Netherlands, and his team, The Rembrandts. Visser and Talmage are also working together to help establish Team Leonardo, the new Italian team launching in 2014. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



NHREC SIP Year End Results

- 94% of 2009-2010 CTE completers are transitioning to employment, school or military with over 60% in areas related to their CTE program of study.
- 98% of CTE students have participated in industry credentialing with an 82% pass rate.
- 89% of CTE completers performed at least five hours of professional outreach.
- 100% of GSST faculty is university credentialed.
- 100% of GSST courses (20 total) are dual enrolled.
- 93% of GSST students were accepted into top rated universities.
- GSST students received over 4.5 million dollars in scholarship offers.
- 97% of GSST students earned passing grades with 86% earning a B or better.

Student Highlights

New Horizons' **Hampton Roads Public Works Academy (HRPWA)** student Andrew Brown, Kecoughtan High School, received praise from Pete Worley, Solid Waste Superintendent, for the work he did during his summer internship. Worley stated that the solid waste division was very impressed with Andrew and would welcome him back on the solid waste team at any time in the future.

Additionally, New Horizons' HRPWA student Ron Williams, Grafton High School, received praise from Mayor McKinley Price for his summer work. Ron was commended for being knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and caring.

Student Testimony

Dr. C,

I know you're probably busy preparing for the new year but I just wanted to thank you. I've always been interested in biology and your class was probably my favorite in all of high school, and the credits I received from the governors school (a total of 50 with some AP credit) allowed me to be a sophomore even after I was denied 16 credits so I could take freshman bio and Chem for the community I'm living in. But the point of this email is that today in my Principles of Biology lecture we were learning some of the basics of energy transfer and we talked about photosynthesis, my professor put a chart on the screen that had the steps of photosynthesis including, of course, Photosystem I, and II. I've looked through my syllabus for biology this semester and everything in it is things we covered last year, as a result I will be using my notes from last year as a very valuable resource for studying as well as current notes and my text. Thank you so much for last year, as a result I feel incredibly prepared for freshman bio and lab, and it's a wonderful thing to feel.

Sincerely,

Alec Hoke, Woodside High School

Business Feature

Liebherr donated over \$4,000 worth of new equipment and supplies to New Horizons! The donated equipment and supplies are being used to equip the new welding lab at the Woodside Lane campus.

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