

# T.E.S.A News

September

## Fundraising

*Your sharks need funds!*

Hello students and families! The TESA Academy has started making monthly newsletters to keep everyone updated on the fun and exciting things taking place here at Atlantic High School. We have already accomplished so much in the short time that we've been back in class. So far, we have had two successful fundraisers, one being the Annual Homecoming Carnival, raising \$376. Our other fundraiser was online through Snap Raise, raising \$1,448! If you would still like to donate to our academy for new technology and fieldtrips, please go on the payment section of the Atlantic High School website and click on "TESA-Donation". Currently on the payment section we have the option to pay for the first field trip to EPIC Flight Academy taking place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> (\$10), the new TESA Shirts (\$10), and the new TESA Hoodies (\$20). We greatly appreciate the support everyone has given so far and look forward to the rest of this amazing year together!

**Did you hear about the snake crossed with a plane?**

**It was a Boeing Constrictor!**

- Mrs. Silva



## T.E.S.A + Shark Pups

*Teaching the ABC's  
with Airplanes!*

As the kids learn their alphabet, they find activities that will help the shark pups retain the letters. For their first letter "A", they chose airplanes! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> period Aerospace tech 2 class was chosen by Mrs. Silva to assist the pups in making their very own paper airplane. Each TESA student was given one or two shark pups to help assemble a flight worthy paper airplane. Once created, the shark pups personalized them with their very own super cool design. The activity was an overall success, giving the students an enjoyable experience while still teaching them their alphabet.

## Our Guest Speaker

*T.E.S.A alumnus, Ryan Groel talks to students about life after T.E.S.A*

On September 17<sup>th</sup> the TESA Academy was pleased to welcome our first guest speaker, Ryan Groel, a former academy graduate. Ryan was one of the founding students of the academy. While an academy student, he served as the Executive Assistant and finally as President of the TESA student body. Ryan shared how he was able to earn his private pilot's license along with a scholarship from Epic Flight Academy. He is currently a Senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautic University studying engineering.

Ryan also discussed the different scholarship opportunities available to TESA academy students and the opportunities available with Epic Flight Academy. Ryan shared his experiences at ERAU, including the student life and activities outside of school. Thanks Ryan!



# Student Astronaut Challenge

*Introducing our new SAC team!*

Five of our Student Astronaut Challenge team members participated in the run-off competition at East River High School in Orlando on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Among those who tested were Emily Ryan, Sonia Trope, Jordon Strader, Zachery Mercier, and one of our student coaches, Bryce Wilson. The Student Astronaut Challenge is an “aero-

space based competition sponsored by Florida State University and presented with cooperation from NASA and the Kennedy Space Center”. Team members will learn how to operate a shuttle-based space flight simulator, as well as practice communication and team-work skills. Our team just made it to finals, so congratulate them if you see any walking by!

