Lafayette International

On December 21st the Adult Education School of Barbering welcomed young men from Lafayette International for a tour of their facilities and background on their program. Many of the young men have had previous barbering experience and hope to open their own shops. All of the young men left looking stylish with a fresh hair cut for the holidays.

Lafayette International’s Building Management students were introduced to the Foundry, an incubator for Buffalo’s emerging small business community. Community members can rent a space or become a member and utilize the tools and machines available. Students toured the Woodshop, Metalshop, Fiber Arts, and Tech Lab and were able to see past projects created by Buffalo School students. They were able to meet a leatherworker, learn his backstory, see his current projects, as well as learn his process for selling his products to local businesses. Based on the keen interest of the students, a workshop will be scheduled for the spring.

East Community High School

Students from East Community’s Public Safety program had an opportunity to visit the Peace Officer Training Academy where a variety of courses are offered for Law Enforcement Officers. There they learned about the various types of programs offered including Basic Course for Peace Officers (with and without firearms), Chemical Agents and Riot Control for Tactical Situations, Firearms, Aerosol Subject Restraint, Police Baton (standard and expandable), Specialty Impact Munitions, Dog Control Officer, Combat Pistol, Patrol Rifle, and Patrol Shotgun. Students were given a tour of the training facilities and observed a firearms safety training. Students were so enthusiastic about the facilities that another trip has been scheduled for the spring to learn about outdoor training drills.

East students also spent a morning at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport with the NFTA Police. Students toured the facility and engaged in a variety of activities from meeting drug and explosive-detecting dogs to observing luggage security screening. The highlight of the trip was the opportunity for students to practice a laser firearm training system.
Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology

Sentience Science, a local innovative technology business spoke to students at Lewis J Bennett on Friday, December 22nd. Sentience Science produces a digital detection system aimed to lower energy costs and is committed to the community and promoting a green environment. Armine Chigani, CTO and Vice President of Software Engineering, and Natalie Hils, Director of Revenue Marketing, provided students with a background of the company’s goals, products and innovative technology. They also touched on the myriad career options necessary to make an entrepreneurial vision come to life.

South Park High School

South Park Virtual Enterprise students visited Desiderio’s Wholesale Warehouse where they learned about the distribution process of wholesale produce to local grocery stores. They learned about the entrepreneurial success of the owner who began with a $100 loan from M&T Bank and grew his business which now distributes to every grocery store in western New York. They discussed the specific requests including quality, quantity, and levels of ripeness for each store for the variety of fruits and vegetables offered and each student left with a bag of Cara Cara oranges!

Upcoming Events

1/29 – Lafayette “Fireside Chat” with 43North
1/31 – East “Fireside Chat” with 43North
2/1 – South Park Tour of ECC South Campus and Luncheon
1/29, 1/31, 2/5 and 2/15 - “Dress for Success” by Men’s Warehouse Presentation and Luncheon
2/12-4/20 - Buffalo State Hour of Code
2/26-4/20 – UB School of Dental Medicine Mentorship
3/7 – East to Discover Law at UB

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