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A Newsletter From The Provost's Office

STEM Success



Dr. Thomas Norman, Vice Provost, Workforce Programs

On February 27, FSW hosted the Heartland Educational Consortium for a STEM Scholars' event. Over 100 high school students from smaller and rural school districts gained an opportunity to come on-site and learn more about workforce programs and

academic programs of study. Students toured campus and had multiple opportunities to tour labs, meet with faculty, experience FSW and most importantly, continue to explore and refine their thinking about potential college careers.

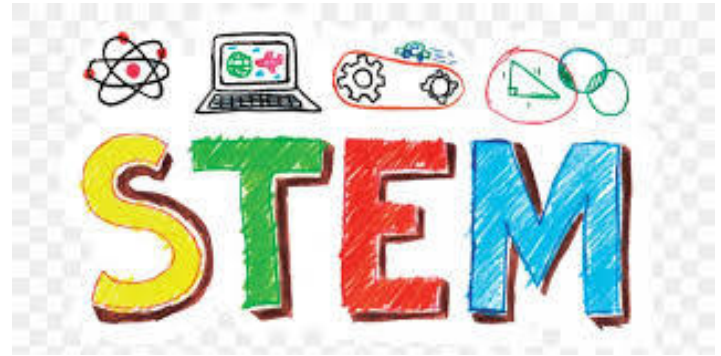


FSW has been deeply involved in this program for several years. Congratulations to Dr. McClinton, Director Washburn and Amber McCown for organizing the event which provided students with engaging, hands-on activities for many FSW programs. This year, we saw increased presence from the Schools of Health Professions, Education, and Business and Technology.

For example, Prof. Cabral highlighted our Crime Scene Technology program with great energy and enthusiasm and had many students thinking about careers in the forensics field. Also, hats off to Dean's Tweed and McGary for highlighting the digital arts

and the sciences.

As an institution dedicated to STEM disciplines, opportunities exist to expand the number of programs areas we highlight and to continue to support partnerships with this and other organizations in helping high school students consider their career pathways through campus-based hands on experiences. Another key collaboration for team members across FSW! Congratulations all.



Our focus on STEM began with the notion that students need more opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math related fields. The National Science Foundation estimates that 80% of the jobs created in the next decade will require some form of math and science skills. -Foundation for Lee County Schools

FSW is positioned to grow our presence in the STEM occupations. Our College has an amazing array of programs and courses that are STEM focused.

As an educational institution committed to "Dedicate to Graduate", FSW sponsored STEM related programs and majors strongly contribute to the area's workforce and economic vitality.

The President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology that suggested that "if the U.S. is to remain a STEM leader, the country must produce one million more STEM graduates than current rates project."

With our continued leadership in the Heartland Educational Consortium and a broad array of other STEM related activities and programs, FSW will continue to grow our contributions to a strong, prepared and in-demand workforce.



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