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*"I chose to become an ambassador so I could give back what this school has given to me."*

Jackson Cowart

## The Blue Print

*Principal Christal Blue*

Welcome to the Blue Print. SIATech Gainesville's Quarterly newsletter. My name is Christal Blue, Principal of SIATech Charter High School Gainesville Campus. We are so excited about the 2015-2016 school year. This year we are moving forward with the SIATech Mission, Vision, and Goals of providing a premiere high school drop-out recovery program engaging students through relationship-focused, high-tech, and rigorous learning experiences resulting in Real Learning for Real Life. We hope that you enjoy our newsletter.

Principal Blue



## Congratulations Jackson Cowart!!!

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Jackson Cowart as our Student Representative for SIATech Gainesville's Board. Jackson enrolled at SIATech during the 2014-2015 school year and has been a model student.

He is a member of the SIATech Gainesville Ambassadors SGA) and the DeMolays of (John Wayne Chapter, Order of the DeMolays.



## HAPPY BOSSES DAY!!!

Here at SIATech Gainesville, we celebrated our esteemed leader, Ms. Blue by taking her out for a full-faculty lunch at Ruby Tuesdays. Each one of us went around sharing what we love most about her: her enthusiasm, her love for the "forgotten children," and her drive to pitch in and do everything she can to make SIATech Gainesville a success. In addition, the staff col-

lected money for a gift card, so she can finally splurge on herself for a change! We topped off the afternoon with homemade pound cake, fresh cut strawberries, and big smiles. All in all, it was a terrific day. One that could only be a small token of appreciation for the countless hours, hard work, and dedication that Ms. Blue puts into her SIATech family every day.



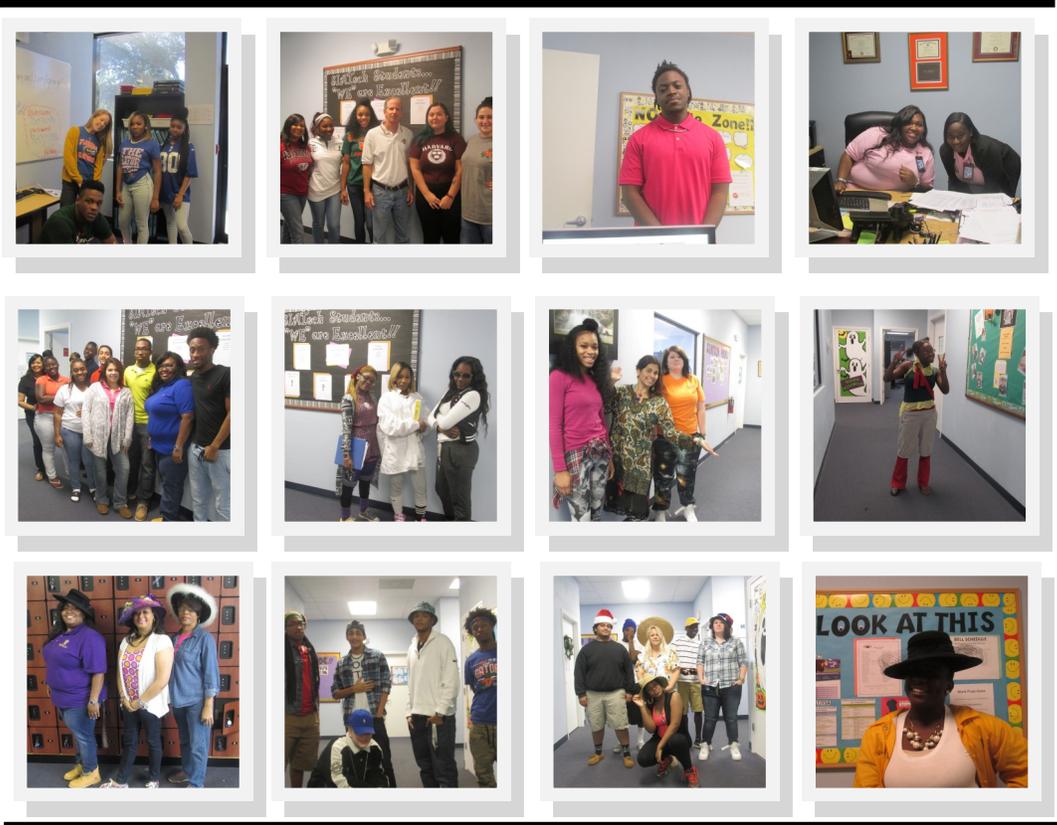
# SIATech Gainesville's Got Spirit!!!

This year SIATech celebrated it's First ever Spirit Week. Each day was a specific theme. Students and staff both got to dress up and celebrate during this week. We ended our Spirit Week with our Second Annual Fish Fry on Saturday. Thanks Ms. Lawson for the donation of Popcorn and Candy.

- ◆ Monday---College T-Shirt Day
- ◆ Tuesday---Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
- ◆ Wednesday---Polo and Jeans Day
- ◆ Thursday---Wacky Tacky, Crazy Shoe Day
- ◆ Friday---Crazy Hat Day

*"I chose to be an ambassador because I can represent my school in a positive way."*

Mitch Turner



*"I chose to be an ambassador to get involved with SIATech because this school is a great opportunity for students."*

Andres Fernandez

## Helping Hands at SIATech

By Kelsea Hess and Ms. Parker



On the early morning of October 15, 2015 Mrs. Parker found a bird outside of our school. It was sitting on the sidewalk outside of the English class and was unable to fly. We decided to try to help the

bird because we have a lot of cats outside of our building and we were afraid that it would be caught. We took a small cage outside and Ms. Parker placed the bird in it. We observed the bird and formulated a hypothesis that the bird must have flown into the window and stunned itself. We used the Internet to identify our bird. Our research taught us that our bird was a House Sparrow. We decided to put

the bird in a quiet place and watch it for a while. Just before lunch the bird became more active in its enclosure. We decided to take the bird outside to see if it could fly. When we opened the cage the bird flew away. We were happy that we were able to help our feathered



# Meet the Ambassadors

This year, SIATech Gainesville started a student ambassador program.

SIATech Ambassadors (SGA) are a select group of students chosen through an application process to assist prospective students in the enrollment process, represent SIATech at various outreach activities, and conduct campus tours. The program seeks students from diverse backgrounds who are enthusiastic and who demonstrate exceptional communication and leadership skills.

Student Ambassadors partake in various events and activities that include:

- ◆ Conducting group or individualized campus tours
- ◆ Set up tables at career, college, and community fairs and assist with questions about school and organization.
- ◆ Provide interested students and the community with information regarding SIATech.
- ◆ Serve as encouraging role models and advocates for our school.
- ◆ Participate in our school beautification program.

We are so proud of our student ambassadors.



*"I love to represent my school and my peers. I love to speak with people and encourage them to know that anything is possible."*

Juliette Francis



*"I want to represent SIATech. This school means a lot to me. The staff and students are like a family."*

Bailey Dolsak

Top row (l-r): Keily Broxton, Nicholas Outer, Jackson Cowart, Tequiria Harper  
Middle row (l-r): Bailey Dolsak, Michael Stallworth, Andres Fernandez, Juliet Francis  
Bottom Row (l-r): Kenny Bradley, Mitchell Turner, Matthew Dombkowski (not pictured)

## Gainesville SIATech Students attend College Night

*"I chose to become an ambassador to be a part a handpicked team to help represent SIATech in a positive way."*

Kenny Bradley

SIATech students attend Santa Fe College's College Night. Students met Ms. Blue, Mrs. Rushing and Mrs. Lewis at the college on the evening of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were over 50 colleges and universities from Florida, Georgia, Alabama or other states represented at this event. Prior to the event, all SIATech students were strongly encouraged to attend,

even if they were not seniors, to begin the process of developing a plan to be college ready. Several of the students attended to the SFC College Night event and took advantage of the opportunity to find out more about colleges and universities of interest. Students discovered information regarding degrees, admissions processes, tuition,

and much more. The students of SIATech are well on their way to being college ready as they exit high school!



*To show people how advanced SIATech High School is.*

Keily Broxton

## Gainesville SIATech Students receive College Presentation

To better prepare SIATech students in making informed decisions about college and career opportunities in Gainesville, Mr. Darius Demps, the Orientation Specialist at Santa Fe College provided a thorough presentation to the students of Gainesville SIATech. Students became knowledgeable of the various Associate's, Bachelor's and Vocational Certifications available to pursue at Santa Fe College. Additionally, Mr. Demps discussed "college life" with students and made an impression on them to be open-minded about their college and career options. Many students, who felt that they were not going to pursue any type of post-secondary training after high school, realized other possibilities which will lead them to a more successful future. Additionally, after the presentation, to continue to promote college and career readiness, the SIATech Seniors completed their Santa Fe College admissions applications and received their Santa Fe College student number upon completion of the application, under the tutorage of Mr. Demps.



## Gainesville SIATech Students receive Military Presentation

Sgt. Fruish of the Army provided a presentation to those students who are interested in pursuing a career with the U.S. Army. Sgt. Fruish discussed the various careers with the Army, enlistment requirements and college opportunities with the students. Additionally, since the presentation, Sgt. Fruish has followed-up with several individual students and parents as well as administered Pre-ASVAB exams to interested students.



*"Because I am proud of  
SIATech.*

Michael Stallworth

## Gainesville SIATech Students attend City College Job Fair

SIATech Seniors attended the City College Presentation/Tour and Job Fair with Mrs. Lewis, ESE and Student Services Specialist. Ms. Kimberly-Bowden-Cooper, Master Admissions Representative, provided the students information about their career technical training programs as well as a tour of the facility. After the presentation and tour, SIATech students remained on campus to attend the job fair. Students came to the job fair prepared, with current resumes. Students both completed job applications and interviewed with several local employers of the Gainesville area. Gainesville SIATech Seniors represented both themselves and Gainesville SIATech with pride!

*I want to be more in-  
volved at my school and  
be a good role model to  
my peers.*

Tequiria Harper



# 2015-2016 School Calendar



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21 .....	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Monday, August 24 .....	First Day for Students
Monday, September 7 .....	Holiday - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 29 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Tuesday, October 27 .....	End of First Nine Weeks
* Friday, October 30 .....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Friday, November 6 .....	Holiday – UF Homecoming
Tuesday, November 10 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Wednesday, November 11 .....	Holiday – Veterans Day
Monday, November 23 - Wednesday, November 25 .....	Pupil/Teacher Holidays
Thursday November 26 – Friday November 27 .....	Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, December 11 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1 .....	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 4 .....	Classes Resume
Monday, January 18 .....	Holiday - ML King Day
Friday, January 22 .....	End of First Semester
* Monday, January 25 .....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Tuesday, January 26 .....	Begin Second Semester
Thursday, February 4 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Monday, February 15 .....	Holiday – Presidents' Day
Wednesday, March 2 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, March 21 - Friday, March 25 .....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Tuesday, April 5 .....	End of Third Nine Weeks
Friday, April 8 .....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Thursday, April 14 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Thursday, May 12 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, May 30 .....	Holiday - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 9 .....	Last Day for Students
* Friday, June 10 .....	Post-Planning
Monday, June 13 .....	Post-Planning

\* These days MAY be used to make up days cancelled due to hurricanes or other emergencies. For the 2015-16 calendar, they will be used in the following order:

(1) October 30      (2) January 25      (3) June 10

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