

# ACADEMY OF LEGAL STUDIES

George Jenkins High School Spring 2015

## A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### The Academy of Legal Studies

The Academy attended the WE3 Expo on November 13-15, 2014 at Sun 'n Fun. An estimated 8,000 attended, including 2,700 fifth and eighth graders, to see the over 100 academy booths from 28 schools. Ambassador Jackie

Whalen and Seniors Victoria Hadley, Victoria Dowdy, Valeria Cortez, and Courtney Fuller volunteered at the Expo and spoke to students and community members about their experiences in the legal academy.



Seniors Jackie Whalen and Victoria Hadley at the WE3 Expo

**THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM WILL** be competing in the 10th Circuit district competition against Lakeland Christian School on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Bartow Courthouse. Teams will compete as both plaintiff and defendant and the winning team of the district competition will move on to the state competition on

March 5-7, 2015 in Orlando. The mock trial competitions are put on by the Florida Law Related Education Association in Tallahassee, Florida. Our mock trial competition team consists of Lauren Bragg, Jacob Brown, Victoria Dowdy, Andrew Gar-side, Christine Guerrero, and Charlie Pansler.

**THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM WOULD** like to thank Christopher Ison, of the Pansler Law Firm, for assisting with Mock Trial practices during the 2014-2015 competition season. Mr. Ison spoke to the team at length about courtroom presence, opening and closing statements, direct and cross examinations, and objections.

**THE NEXT ACADEMY  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 5 AT 5:15 PM IN  
THE EAGLE ROOM AT  
GEORGE JENKINS HIGH  
SCHOOL**

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### Guest Speakers



Captain Benton Gammons, U.S. Army, Military Police

The Academy has continued to welcome guest speakers this year. Some winter guests have included William Chirinos, Special Agent with the Department of Veteran Affairs, Captain Benton Gammons of the U.S. Army, Jo Haynes, marshal of the Second District Court of Appeal, and Probation Officer, Sherrie Loud.



Special Agent William Chirinos, Dept. of V.A.



Jo Haynes, Marshal, 2nd District Court of Appeal

The annual Eagle Fest will take place Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM. This night features the career academies & AP programs within our school to incoming 8th graders.

### NALS Results

Congratulations to the following students who passed the NALS industry certification in December 2014 and are officially Accredited Legal Professionals: Victoria Hadley, Denzell Jackson, Dylan Tice and Anna Wunderlich. Legal Office Technology 2 students will take the NALS exam in May of 2015.

### FLHS

**From President Jackie Whalen:** FLHS has a busy year ahead! This year we have decided to volunteer with Florida Rural Legal Services with whom we will help construct a pamphlet on Consumer Rights. The students in FLHS are looking forward to fundraisers as well, to help with the club and Legal Academy's funds. We

are hoping to induct more members before the end of the 2015 school year, creating a well throughout foundation for the 2016 school year. We hope that our club gains in population over the next few years and that our future lawyers see the opportunities offered by George Jenkins' chapter of Florida Law Honor Society!

### Bartow Courthouse Field Trips (Oct/Nov. 2014)

