



Press Release - JEA and Deutsche Bank to Provide Mentoring, Job-Shadowing and Summer Internships to Sandalwood High Early College Students

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Sandalwood High School students pursuing their Associate in Science degree from FSCJ will have the opportunity to apply their classroom skills in a JEA and Deutsche Bank company setting.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., JAN. 19, 2017 – The jobs of today and tomorrow are increasingly demanding Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) skills and Duval County Public Schools is committed to ensuring its students are equipped and ready to meet that demand. As part of this commitment, the district has partnered with Deutsche Bank and JEA to launch an innovative Early College program through Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) at Sandalwood High School. Students in the program will have a unique opportunity to earn their high school diploma and Associate in Science degree while receiving mentoring, job shadowing, summer internships, and learning about the extensive opportunities that are available to them within S.T.E.M. careers through the two companies.

"Through our invaluable partnership with industry leaders like Deutsche Bank and JEA, our students have the opportunity for rich, engaging, and hands-on, real-world S.T.E.M.-learning experiences, beyond what is taught in the classroom," said DCPS Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti. "Additionally, with the opportunity for students to earn their associate's degree while in high school, we are ensuring that our schools serve as a true springboard to successful entries into college and the workforce."

“Deutsche Bank is honored to be a part of this internship program and hope to make a difference in the lives of deserving students in the community,” said Wade Bicknell, Global Head, Threat Operations and Regional Head of Security Operations. “We are proud of our state of the art Cyber Intelligence Response Center in Jacksonville, which serves our global network, and we aim to provide students with valuable hands-on experience that will prepare them for rewarding careers.”

The Early College students complete their high school requirements during their ninth and tenth grade school years while taking quarterly trips to the companies’ sites where students spend the day learning about the industry and the numerous opportunities available to them upon graduation. Once they’ve started 11th grade, students begin earning their Associate in Science degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville and will partake in monthly visits to JEA or Deutsche Bank where they will receive specific training and instruction on S.T.E.M. career fields. In addition, Early College students are eligible for a paid summer internship where they further their understanding of classroom concepts in a real-world business setting. Upon graduating, students are offered priority interview status for a position within the companies.

About Duval County Public Schools

Duval County Public Schools is the 20th largest school district in the nation, educating more than 128,000 students in over 190 schools. Its mission is to provide educational excellence for every school, in every classroom, for every student, every day. Visit www.duvalschools.org to learn more.

About JEA

JEA is the seventh-largest community-owned electric utility in the United States and one of the largest water and sewer utilities in the nation providing electric, water and sewer service to residents and businesses in northeast Florida.