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Start Your Engines - GSU Brings Engineering & Technology to Classroom

In an on-going effort to enlighten students about their educational endeavors and broaden their engineering and manufacturing knowledge, Statesboro High School and Georgia Southern University teamed up recently to bring the Eagle Motorsports Program into the classroom. SHS Engineering and Technology Teacher DeWayne Collins invited Dr. Aniruddha Mitra of Georgia Southern University's Department of Mechanical Engineering to speak to his students.

Dr. Mitra gave an introduction and overview of GSU's engineering programs. Chris Gerdmann and Juan Segarra, two of GSU's engineering students, also shared about college life and the importance of why students should get involved in engineering during and after high school. Gerdmann and Segarra also spoke about the on-going projects with the Eagle Motorsports Program. SHS's engineering and

technology students were very interested in the pair's interactive presentation about the engineering design process as it relates to live projects at GSU, which include the Mini Baja Dragster and the Formula SAE 1 Dragster. SHS students were able to sit in the two dragsters and see a birds-eye view of a live driving demonstration that showed the Mini Baja Dragster's capabilities.

"Incorporating teacher-led instruction, student-centered hands-on projects, and guest speakers into the curriculum are key ways to strike students' interests and abilities," said Collins. "Through these partnerships we strive to promote and enlist non-traditional students from all ethnicities, male and female, into our STEM-driven (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Math*) engineering programs."



(Left) Jair Williams checking GSU's Mini Baja Dragster out for comfort; (Right) This dynamic duo, Chris Gerdmann and Juan Segarra, gave a remarkable presentation about engineering and why students should get involved in high school and continue on to further their education at GSU.



Juan Segarra of GSU speaks about the Formula SAE 1 Dragster to Mr. Collins' Third-Block Advanced Engineering students



All in the Blue Devil Family

The Statesboro High School Class of 1940 donated \$400 to the SHS Library for the purchase of new books. Pictured are Mallory and Colleen Hein with the books that were purchased with the donation. The Hein twins are the granddaughters of Andrew Dotson and Irene (Waters) Dotson, who were high school sweethearts and alumni of the Class of 1940. Mallory and Colleen are the daughters of Steve and Kathy Hein, who were also high school sweethearts and alumni of the SHS Classes of 1978 and 1979 respectively. Once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil.

Arts in Education

Statesboro High Fine Arts Department

Hosts Matinees for Pre-school & Elementary Students

This spring area youngsters will have an opportunity to attend student matinees of "The Jungle Book" and "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." performed by Statesboro High School's drama and musical theatre students. Hosted in Bulloch County's largest performing arts theatre, the Statesboro High Fine Arts Auditorium, Drama Teacher Eddie Frazier, Choral Teacher Lisa Muldrew and their students have shown children the art, drama, music, and dance involved in live theatre. With these performances they seek to show youngsters the fine arts opportunities that are available in high school, instill a love for the arts, and show them how talent can be used in a future career. For four seasons SHS has added student matinees to their public performance schedules. As a result pre-school and elementary students have seen Princess Aurora, The Cat in the Hat, Willie Wonka and Charlie, Charlotte and Wilbur, Scrooge and other memorable characters from plays such as "Sleeping Beauty," "Seussical, Jr.," "Charlotte's Web," "Willy Wonka, Jr.," and "Scrooge."

The Fine Arts Department makes academic Internet links and activity suggestions available to help teachers follow up the experience in their classrooms. The shows are 80 minutes with either no intermission or a 5 minute intermission. The SHS auditorium provides excellent seating and visibility, and organizers reserve seating areas up front for the youngest students.

SHS's Fine Arts Department invites our area pre-schools and elementary schools to these upcoming student matinees:



"The Jungle Book" Student Matinee - Friday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Statesboro High School Auditorium. Admission is \$2.00 per student or parent. Teachers and bus

drivers are free. If you plan to bring students to the show, please email SHS Drama Teacher Eddie Frazier at dfrazier@bulloch.k12.ga.us. The public performance of "The Jungle Book" is Saturday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the time of the performance. General admission \$5.00, and children age 10 and under \$2.00.



The SHS Musical Theatre Class will present a student matinee of "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." on Friday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. Students

are \$2.00 and teachers and bus drivers are free. If any teachers would like reservations and curriculum connections, contact SHS Choral Teacher Lisa Muldrew at 212-8860 or lmuldrew@bulloch.k12.ga.us.

The public performance will be Saturday, April 26, at 2:00 p.m. General admission tickets are \$5.00, and children four and under are free.

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