

OCEAN ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

OA Students are Learning in the "Real World" with Job Shadows, Apprenticeships, Mentors

Students are preparing to interview top-notch experts from around the world to learn what it takes to succeed in various careers. Many of the interviews lead to mentor relationships in which students complete real-world tasks and benefit from expert feedback.

Technology Business Leaders:

Jay Elliot, Former Senior Vice President, Apple Computers, Hired by Steve Jobs, published *The Steve Job's Way*.

Desi Rosado, MBA Senior Director, Information Technology, Qualcomm. Past Country Director for Qualcomm in Taiwan, Owner: Costa Maya.

Dalwin D. Lewis, Chair, Department of Information Technology/Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Belize.

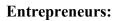
Peter Strople, Former Director of Dell Computers, Inventor of the clamshell style laptop, named "Most Connected Man in America".



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Environmental:

Sarah Martinez, MBA, Corporate Sustainability, Past environmental leader of Target Corporation (366,000 employees). Students learned to reduce their "environmental footprint" to protect the Earth.



Michael Strong, Author: *Be the Solution: How Entrepreneurs and Conscious Capitalists Can Solve All the Worlds Problems*. Co-published with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus.

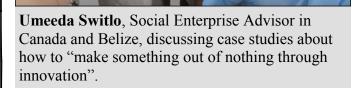
Magatte Wade, CEO and Entrepreneur in Senegal, Africa.

Medical:

Merywen Wigley, Masters in Public Health from Harvard University, FHI Team Lead for HIV/AIDS projects in Africa.

Media:

Indira Craig, Country Manager for United Airlines, News 7 Anchor.



Local Internships



Culinary Skills & Hospitality Il Pellicano Cucina Italiana



Marine Biology Belize Fisheries

<u>Mentor</u> Ali Cansino



Animal Care & Humane Education Sandy's Dog Grooming

<u>Mentor</u> Sandy Weaver

<u>Mentors</u> Gianfranco Mosca Daria Dosselli

International Mentorships



Gene Phillips, Civil Engineer and Architect, Co-Owner of Wallace Engineering which designs buildings for world famous architects such as Frank Gehry. Students are currently using *Sketch Up* to develop 3D building designs.



Danny Michel, Canadian Singer-Songwriter, Juno nominee (Canadian Grammy's). Students are currently writing music and lyrics for critique by Danny.

IMPORTANT DATES & OPPORTUNITIES



Parent Workshop Series with School Counselor Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis

Discussing Sensitive Topics with your Teen on Thursday February 26, 4:00-5:00 pm in the Science Lab Room



Student Government President: Kyra Jones Vice President: Whitley Aguilar Treasurer: Buddy Magaña Secretary: Leivy Florian

Interact Club

President: Anisa Martinez Vice President: I'sha Bernard International Director: Jeslyn Garcia Treasurer: Milvia Reyes Secretary: Kimberly Sotz

- ★ Feb.13: Valentine's Day Fundraisers
- ★ Feb. 26: Parent Workshop 4:00-5:00
- ★ Feb. 27: ATLIB EXAM for Form 4 students (8:00-2:30). No classes for Forms 1, 2 and 3. Teacher Professional Development Day Activities.
- * Feb 28: Departure for *Ecology Project International* Marine Biology field trip