



OCEAN ACADEMY

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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”.



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.



Umeeda Switlo, Social Enterprise Advisor in Canada and Belize, discussing case studies about how to “make something out of nothing through innovation”.

Entrepreneurs:

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

Mentors
Gianfranco Mosca
Daria Dosselli



Marine Biology
Belize Fisheries

Mentor
Ali Cansino



Animal Care & Humane Education
Sandy's Dog Grooming

Mentor
Sandy Weaver

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