

Students Become Senators for a Day

By Avery Androvette

Some Civics classes visited Pennsylvania College of Technology to become senators for a day.

The trip was part of a student government seminar put on by Senator Gene Yaw.

Students arrived at the Penn Tech field house for breakfast and a presentation, then were split off into committees. Each committee was assigned a bill, which they would amend and vote on with the help of various supervisors.



SJN Students attending trip
Photo by Adam Richards

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Neumann Takes Part in Local Community Fundraiser

By Lucas Bower

St. John Neumann Regional Academy participated in a community-wide fundraiser recently.

Raise the Region is an annual fundraising event for local organizations. The event raised \$2,343,179 for 350 organizations.

Out of the 350 organizations, St. John Neumann placed 70th with most funds raised.



SJNRA Students show appreciation for donations
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SJN Students attending Gene Yaw trip
Photo by Adam Richards

Gene Yaw Trip

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Some bills were based on real life examples, while others were made for the seminar. There were bills about gun rights, marijuana legalization, bullying, and more.

After all bills had been voted on, students would meet back up and vote again as a whole body on those proposed laws that had passed in committee. This seminar was supposed to be an accurate representation of how United States senators spend their day in Congress.

“The goal was to educate students about the legislative process and have them actively participate in a simulated session of the PA state senate,” Mr. Richards, who took some Civics students on the trip, said. “They learned about the steps of the legislative process and all the factors that lawmakers need to consider when making decisions on potential laws.”

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St. John Neumann had 26 donors with different goals to finance different projects such as helping families with tuition and to help rebuild the gym’s concession stand.

Donors were able to pick different organizations to donate to.

Some other notable organizations that participated were Camp Susque, Central Pa Food Bank, Uptown Music YMCA, YWCA, SPCA, and Hope Enterprises.

Teacher Spotlight: Miss Zerbe

By Maggie Casale and Stella Kuri

1. What do you like to do in your free time?

I like doing genealogy research. I like learning about where my family came from and how I am here where I am today.

2. What's the biggest challenge in the classroom and how do you overcome it?

The biggest challenge in my classroom is students talking. I overcome this by creating activities that include talking to each other.

3. What's your favorite topic to teach?

I like to teach how our government works because I like showing students how to get involved with their community. I also want them to know that they can change the world.



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