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CAPTain's Update

As you have seen over the past few months, CAPS students have been involved in a design project for Norris Middle School in OPS through the ACE Mentor Program.

The ACE Project is wrapping up soon. This Saturday, April 29th, our Lead Mentor, Molly Macklin of Schemmer, will again host our students in her office for an afternoon of intensive work using Revit software for their designs. Thank you, Molly and Schemmer, for going above and beyond with our CAPS Students! Opening your doors to this real work space has made such a difference.

On May 11th, the students will present their final plans to a variety of community members for evaluation. That evening there will be recognitions and scholarship awards. We are looking forward to the event and sharing the accomplishments of our Westside students. Teams from Omaha North, South and Benson will also be in attendance. Go Warriors!

Thank you to all of our mentors for your time, commitment, and expertise:

Audrey Buckley--Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture
Kristopher Montgomery--McCarthy Building Company
Joel Peterson--Morrissey Engineering
Mitch Kennedy--Lamp Rynearson & Associates Engineering

Special thank you to Mike McMeekin, Lamp Rynearson and ACE Mentor President, for agreeing to involve and mentor our Westside students in this amazing project.

~Dawn Nizzi, Program Director

Upcoming Dates

- April 25 —Club CAPS
- April 25-28 —National DECA Competition, Anaheim, CA
- April 26 —Health Screenings, Paddock and Loveland
- April 28 —Club CAPS
- April 29 —CAPS/ACE Revit training
- May 1 —CAPS/ACE Mentorship
- May 2 —Final Design Planning Meeting with Principal Jagels, Oakdale.
- May 2 —Media Desk
- May 2 —Club CAPS
- May 5 —CAPS Senior Farewell, 1:30-3:00 PM @ CAPS Garage
- May 5 —Club CAPS
- May 8 —CAPS/ACE Mentorship
- May 8 —Oakdale Team Presentation, WCS Board of Education, 6:30 PM
- May 9 —Club CAPS
- May 11 —ACE Mentorship Finale Event
- May 12 —Club CAPS

● Did you know that Westside students have Dual Enrollment & Certification opportunities at UNO, MCC & NMC?
● Click a link for more information

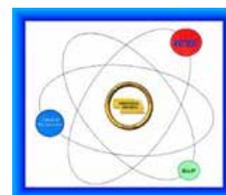


Congratulations!

Thank you to **Judy Stucky** for her time and commitment to Westside and Westside CAPS Students!

Under the guidance and facilitation of **Judy Stucky**, **Eleven Westside CAPS** members competed in the [State Science Olympiad](#)

Andrew Y.
Colton W.
Jordan R.
Katrina M.
Zander O.
Lukas D.
Oliver D.
Maryam A.
Komlan B.
Mazin M.
Talon I.



Lukas D. and Mazin M. placed 4th in Astronomy.
Colton W. and Zander O. placed 3rd in GPS.

Student Spotlight



"CAPS is cool because it has jump started my career easily by more than 5 years. Now, not only will I be going into college as a sophomore, I am also running my own software development startup, while gaining professional experience out in the corporate world. None of this would have been possible without the assistance I've gained from the CAPS program and the staff associated with it."

Colton, Senior
CAPS ET/BS

Please visit the new Westside CAPS website!!

westsidecaps.yourcapsnetwork.org

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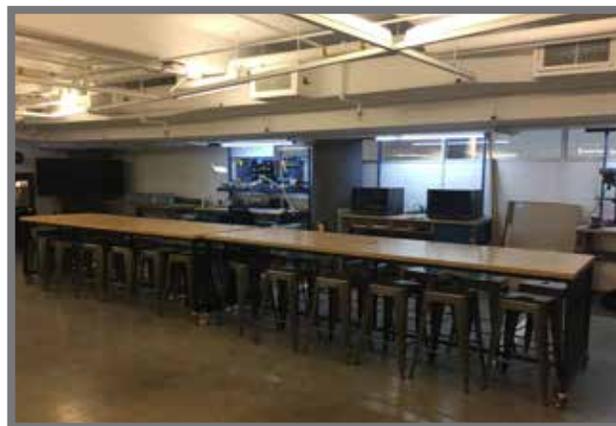
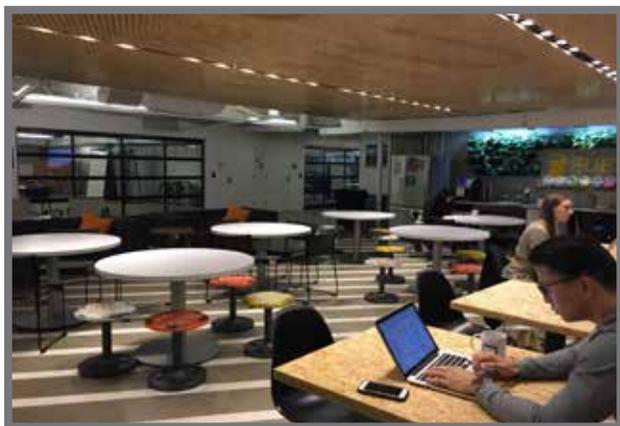
STEM



[Acieta STEM I/2 Gallery](#)



STEM I/2 Instructor Leah Dreckman took her students to Acieta Robotics on April 20, 2017. The students learned more about the different career paths offered in the robotics industry and gained hands-on experience operating the robotic units at Acieta. Click on the Gallery to see a few short videos of the students in action



Chicago, IL was host to the regional meeting of **A4LE (Association for Learning Environments)** April 20-22. **Lee Kallstrom, STEM facilitator**, attended the meetings to gain insight into new technical advances in educational spaces. The conference included five tours of new and innovative school designs in a city where space is a premium and many schools have learned to build up instead of out. **Northwestern University** provided a rewarding look at **"The Garage"** (photos above), **Northwestern's Hub for Student Entrepreneurship and Innovation**. It was most rewarding because their space is, although much bigger, nearly a copy of the **CAPS** program at **Westside**, which reinforces that we are heading in right direction. Other tours included the **University of Chicago's** laboratory schools **Gordon Parks Arts Hall**, a **GEMS World Academy**, and the **Gary Comer Education Campus and youth center**. These tours provided a wide variety of educational philosophies and student led environment. This conference was a most exciting and rewarding experience and will serve our students well as we travel into a new school year.

[A4LE Chicago Gallery](#)

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All CAPS

Thank you to all who attended the fundraiser at **Goldbergs on 132nd & Center**

Goldbergs generously donated **20%** of the day's sales to **Team CAPS-Project Purple**. Donation jars were also placed around the restaurant. Thanks to all who participated we raised **\$1924.33** for **Team CAPS-Project Purple**.

If you would like to make a cash donation to **Team CAPS-Project Purple** while you dine at **Goldbergs on 132nd & Center**, donations will still be accepted through this week.

[Giggling Canvas and Goldbergs Gallery](#)



Thank you to [The Giggling Canvas](#) for hosting a painting party to fundraise for **Team CAPS-Project Purple**. Thank you to all who participated in the fundraising event and created a beautiful artwork in the process! Thanks to the participants we raised **\$150.00** for **Team CAPS-Project Purple**.

Team CAPS will participate in the **40th Annual Lincoln Marathon** on May 7, 2017 to support **Project Purple** and their efforts to eradicate pancreatic cancer.

In preparation for the marathon **Team CAPS** has been training for the run. Our training efforts are seen in the photos to the right.

It is our goal to raise at least **\$5,000** for the cause. Please help support **Team CAPS** and [donate today](#).



Project Purple Fundraiser

Click here to donate



FUNDRAISING EVENT:

Eat at 11-Worth Cafe, 2419 Leavenworth St., any time between April 17 through April 30, 2017. Just mention Team CAPS to have a portion of the sales donated to Project Purple

Team CAPS Supports Project Purple

Team CAPS fosters the spirit of teamwork and the importance of giving back - both for our communities and our own souls. This year, we have participated as a group in the Corporate Cup Run and the Monster Mash Run as well as volunteered at the Food Bank for the Heartland. Our big cause right now is to help fundraise for [Project Purple's](#) efforts to eradicate pancreatic cancer. We have all been touched by cancer in some way, either personally or through our loved ones. Many in our community have lost loved ones to pancreatic cancer in particular.

Team CAPS members will be participating in the Lincoln Marathon on May 7th in support of Project Purple. **It is our goal to raise at least \$5,000 by April 30th, 2017** for the cause.

Please help support **Team CAPS** and donate today.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Love,

Team CAPS

[DONATE HERE](#)

or copy this link <https://www.crowdrise.com/40th-annual-lincoln-marathon/fundraiser/teamCAPS>