



NEWARK TECH

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Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Center

The beginning of this school year marked an exciting chapter for students and staff at Newark Tech. With the unveiling of the new four million dollar expansion project at the school, which includes the Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Center, we have every right to be ecstatic. TEAL, dubbed the classroom of the future, is a brand new learning experience that prepares student for 21st century learning. TEAL has five learning zones that allow students to pursue independent studies in a college-like setting. The main learning zone is used for small group instruction, that occurs mostly twice a week for each subject area. Booths that surround one side of the small group instruction area allow students who are working on small group projects to meet up and project their work for the group to see. On the other side of the small group instruction zone are café style seating arrangements that truly allow for students to get an intimate discussion going for really small groups. Towards the end of the room, you can find individual seating for students who wish to work in seclusion on certain assignments. The last learning zone is set up like the booths but has chairs instead. This area has the flexibility to be used as a small discussion area and a large discussion area so students take the opportunity and use it as both.

Our Mission
To ensure that
every student
strives to achieve
excellence

Our Goals
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Unlike the set schedule of classes that Seniors are required to take, TEAL students have the opportunity to take on classes that aren't normally offered, including four college level courses offered by Essex County College that grant college credit upon completion. In an age where college tuition is historically high, the ability to earn up to 14 college credits for absolutely free is something that all students wish they could have. TEAL fortunately provides students with this opportunity.

One of the qualities that make TEAL appealing to not only educators but also to students is its flexibility. When faced with constant deadlines flashing in your face for multiple classes and the inability to negotiate with teachers on projects, TEAL is a breath of fresh air that not only takes the burden of deadlines away but creates an open environment where teacher and student can really communicate on anything and everything and create personalized learning plans that maximize learning for both parties. Senior Sagen Araya exclaims, "TEAL is amazing and beneficial. I can't wait until it's available for the entire school to access." Everyone has different learning styles and TEAL allows students to truly learn the way they want to learn; but, TEAL isn't just a classroom experience.

Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Center (Continued)

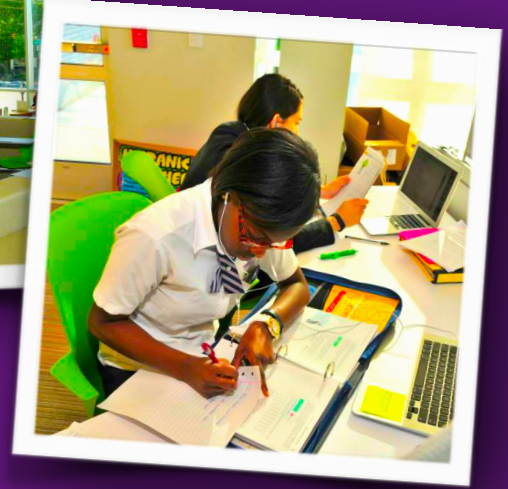
by Mamasa Dukureh

Senior

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TEAL introduces a project-based learning style, in which the projects that students partake in actually allow students to gain first-hand real life experiences. During the summer the 40 students and their five teachers participated in a 6-day intensive program spread over a course of three weeks in which they helped develop a marketing plan for the new Built-to-Order (BTO) product line for IRONBOUND USA, a retail company based in Newark that sells Made in the USA clothing. Students were split into five business groups: web, social media, ideal customer, competition, and financial. Each group had to research those five target areas and create a business proposal that would be presented to the IRONBOUND Board of Directors. The ideal customer group, specifically, was faced with the daunting task of creating one person whose likes, dislikes, personally traits, spending habits, and etc., represented everybody. They created Sam, a customer whose symbolically unisex name was deemed true enough to represent everyone. If you walk into TEAL today you will see pictures all around with students

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holding whiteboards reading, "I am Sam" as they truly embodied the role. Details of the IRONBOUND/TEAL Summer Program are now live on the IRONBOUND website at, ironboundusa.com. Newark Tech continues to *pursue excellence* yet again.



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR HEALTH:

- Always wash your hands.
- Dispose of tissues after use.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cough into the sleeve of your shirt instead of your hand.
- Coughing into your hand makes it easier to transmit germs to another person.

NEWARK TECH'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOOK



TEAL was only the beginning as the Newark Tech administrative offices all received a new look. The main office is now more spacious and stocked with high-tech equipment for continued productivity and professionalism. The guidance hub is also now expanded to include state-of-the-art equipment and space for large or small conferencing. The new administrative offices add to the phenomenal appeal of the TEAL Center as visitors, students, and curious minds come into the new school of the future.



Robotics Update...

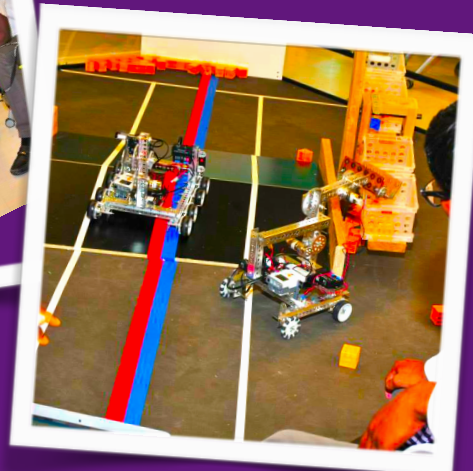
by Israel Alford

Sophomore

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The new TEAL Center was completed this September; yet, it also came with a new lobby and a new robotics lab. Freshman, sophomores, and seniors use this lab instead of the learning lab in Room 205. The new expansion comes with a new glass front Robotics Testing Lab and a Robotics Design Lab. A new program was also introduced into the sophomore robotics class called One-To-One Laptop's. The program grants each student access to laptops. The laptops are MacBook Airs that come pre-loaded with various software to help students build and design robots. Anybody can come through the lobby to see what we are up to in the new state of the art Robotics Lab.

ROBOTICS LAB



Student Tech Update...

- Students will now be able to use their essextech.org domain name as opposed to g.essextech.org.
- The new domain allows student mailboxes to be in the cloud giving students 99.9% availability to all of their documents.
- Students can login in using their student ID network credentials, which prevents separate login information.
- The Microsoft Link allows staff and students to be able to instant message, voice and video chat, start online conferences and desktop share.

FROM THE DESK OF MS. WALLACE

(PARENT COORDINATOR)

The Newark Tech PTSA held their first meeting and it was a great success with over 50 parents attending the meeting along with Principal Denis, Vice Principal Ingram-Robinson, Supervisor Mr. Lomba of ESL and World Languages, Ms. Wallace the Parent Coordinator, and Parent Volunteer, Mrs. Kienast White. The parent meeting was held in the new TEAL Center. The PTSA is looking for serious, motivated parents, teachers, and students to become members of the PTSA. The yearly fee is \$10.00 for parents/teachers, and \$3.50 for students.



SCRAPBOOK

Hispanic Heritage Month

Newark Tech is a multicultural environment and the Hispanic Heritage program was a great example. The program was not only colorful but variety filled with knowledge and various levels of talent. With a professional dancer, student presentations, and translations recognizing the multicultural diversity of the campus, why wouldn't it be?

Beginning with a ceremonious display of flags representing the Spanish-speaking countries, spectators could see diversity. Mr. Santana was surrounded by Nidia Plaza, Maria N. Jones, Lynsdy D. Bright, Jennifer Ramos Callado, Maria Mayer, Denise Calimano, Irma Gonzalez and Merlisse Medina as he entered the gym among the parade of red, blue, white, yellow and black colors. The women who accompanied him entered with beautiful white skirts and coordinating tops. The flavor and color of the Hispanic culture was quite evident.

Senior Matthew Maxfield read the history of the Flamingo dance as



Senior Diana Valdez translated.

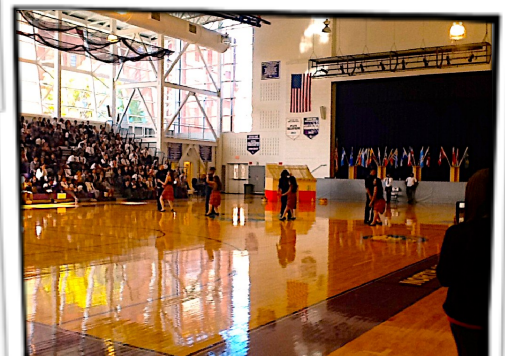
A professional dancer wore a black and white skirt accentuated with a red flower as she used a hand fan to initiate the first dance presentation. We couldn't help but be left speechless as the gym was turned into a gymnasium. Junior Alexis Green from the Music Production shop performed "The Promise Song" in Spanish. As the program progressed Sophomore Terrance Hyman presented a short prose selection in English as a prelude to the next presentation.

Newark Tech's favorite dance the Bachata was explained and presented by students. Originating from the Dominican Republic the music represents romance and sadness. The eight Bachata dancers were performed wearing red and black. The program continued with a mixture of dance and history as ten more students performed to a captivated student audience.

Students wore blue and black while performing the Merengue dance. We even received a performance of breakdancing by Vogue of the African Bombata and Grand Master Fresh. Did you know that break dancing in America is referred to as Demboa, or rap music?

But this wasn't just a celebration commemorating the beautiful Hispanic culture but also one recognizing and giving kudos to the "contributions of Hispanics in science." Biographies of famous scientists were also read as the student audience enjoyed science, music and history as they learned more about Hispanic society.

In all, it was a great performance and represents Newark Tech's commitment to diversity. The following student participated and contributed to the programs success: Kemely Lopez, Yarissa Escanio, Pedro Sotomayor, Emelyn Made, Onelys Santiago, Papio Matos, Cesar Hernandez, Christian Anjunachi, Janelyn Lopez, Cassandra Matos, Stephany Pulido, Silvia Chicaiza, Ohany Garcia, Ismael Mercado Natalia Cordero. We are all excited to see what the upcoming months have in store for us!



SENIOR CORNER

Remember to pay for the Senior Packet to be able to participate in all senior events.

<http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/prefreshmen.html>

Remember scholarships can reward you up to \$1,000,000 towards your college tuition. For more information on what you have read please log in to your College Board account at www.collegeboard.com. For more information on the ACTs you can go to the www.act.org which provides you with registration information as well as information on sending test scores to colleges.

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**"GIVING TEENS THE
POWER TO MAKE
POSITIVE LIFE CHOICES"**

**WE LISTEN TO TEENS
AND PROVIDE
INFORMATION AND
SERVICES SO THAT
YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE
THE POWER TO MAKE
POSITIVE LIFE CHOICES.**

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"The Lonely Cupid"

BY: DOMINIQUE .T. CAMPBELL

She sat in silence, contemplating the way she was. Was she not good enough to be loved?

"I want to be loved," she said to herself as she sat in her basement, alone in the darkness. Running her fingers across her skin, she felt uncomfortable in it.

"I want to be loved." The tears rolled down her face. "Someone please, take me as I am."

Tip-toeing across her dusty floor, the whole room seemed to be engulfed in grey. Tiny fingers tapped on the glass of her window as she stared out onto the streets---just watching young couples enjoy their day the way she wished she could. The fairy tale prince she dreamed of never came, but she too was young. Her life was far from over. There was time left--time to meet that special someone.

Why rush the thought? Outside was beautiful. Why waste the days away dreaming and wishing? Why not go outside and experience the world? In that moment she changed her mind. She realized waiting on someone to come and rescue you is old school; you don't need someone to make you happy.

She got up and went out into the world, to make herself happy--becoming someone who loved herself, without the love of another.

**WELCOME NEW NEWARK
TECH TERRIER STAFF**



Ms. Sherri Axelrod

How do you feel about the Newark Tech environment so far?

Ms. Axelrod: "I love my position here as a Newark Tech guidance counselor."

What inspired you to become a guidance counselor?

Ms. Axelrod: "Caring for young people, encouraging them, nurturing them, helping them reach their goal has always been my plan."

How long have you worked as a guidance counselor?

Ms. Axelrod: "I've had my license since 1991 and have worked in this district since 2009."



Ms. Maria N. Jones

How do you feel about the Newark Tech environment so far?

Ms. Jones: "I'm really excited to be here. I am really enjoying the experience so far. I have taught in other places before, but it's nice to be in an environment with consistent high standards and great expectations. I enjoy the students, Newark Tech culture, and morale."

How long have you been teaching?

Ms. Jones: "This is my fifth year teaching."

Did you plan to become a teacher or was it something you discovered?

Ms. Jones: "Initially I went to high school out of the United States. While attending school out of the United States I realized I had some barriers to overcome and decided to pursue a career in ESL. I actually studied technology and wanted to be in the corporate world after I went to college. I am glad my career path changed to ESL instruction."

What are your impressions of Newark Tech so far?

Mr. Santana: "My impressions of Newark Tech, I am honored to be part of a community of lifelong learners with high expectations. I was impressed by the dedication and scholarship of its staff and students."



Mr. Wilkin Santana

How long have you been teaching?

Mr. Santana: "This is my 10th year as a Teacher of Spanish."

What do you enjoy about teaching Spanish?

Mr. Santana: "I enjoy the availability of instructional technology, clear expectations for student conduct and support from the administrators. The students are very motivated and eager to learn a new language and culture!"



Mr. Edward Finnis

How do you feel about the Newark Tech environment so far?

Mr. Finnis: "So far I love the Newark Tech environment. I am very excited to be here working with the children and administration."

How long have you been teaching?

Mr. Finnis: "This is my first year teaching."

What inspired you to teach auto tech?

Mr. Finnis: "I decided last year to make a career change. I decided that I could help the students develop their content knowledge in the area of auto tech. I want the students to learn as much as possible from me as I also learn from watching their growth in the field of auto tech. I want the students to be successful."

What are your impressions of Newark Tech?

Ms. Grimes James: "I am trying to adjust to it the commute right now. I travel from North 13th everyday. I have worked at North 13th for many years. However this year I am at West Caldwell and Newark Tech."



Ms. Mary Grimes James

How long have you been teaching?

Ms. Grimes James: "I started out years ago as a business teacher. I worked for many years before beginning to teach a career shop."

How do you feel about the change in jobs?

Ms. James: "I enjoy the change."

How do you view your role as a teacher in the classroom?

"I believe my role as a teacher is to inform students and help guide them to work hard."

WELCOME NEWARK TECH TERRIER STAFF

Sports

Newark Tech is proud of it all the fall and winter sport teams .

Thank you for supporting the fall teams.

Please come out and support the winter athletes as they pursue "athletic excellence!"



Ms. Benita Negron

What are your impressions of Newark Tech?

Ms. Negron "Although its barely been 3 months here at Newark Tech, I already feel like its my home away from home. All staff, faculty, and students have made me feel like part of the family."

How long have you worked as a secretary?

Ms. Negron: "I have worked as secretary for over 10 years, started as a medical secretary during my senior year at Bloomfield Tech and my journey has brought me here!"

What do you enjoy about your position here at Newark Tech?

Ms. Negron : "What I enjoy most about my position here at Newark Tech is being able to help teachers, students, parents, fellow co-workers to the best of my ability and it does not go unnoticed."

Mr. Douglas Pepe

What are your impressions of Newark Tech so far? "Newark Tech is a great place to teach. The administration is supportive and the other teachers are incredibly helpful . Overall, we do things a little differently here, but it's good for our staff and students."

How long have you worked as a teacher? "I have worked as a social studies and percussion educator for 11 years"

What do you enjoy about teaching history here at Newark Tech? "I enjoy that the students are mostly willing to try new things and think outside the box. They also are more than willing to share their opinions, which helps in social studies."



Ms. Amor M. Ausan

What are your impressions of Newark Tech? Three things - grades, uniforms and detention. I have observed that the students really care about their grades - they are always on top of me about PowerSchool, especially when it comes to zeros and having their tests graded the next day! Also, our students have style and guts. Even with the strict dress code policies and Mr. Denis' announcements, some students will still take their chances and risk getting detention just to show a little flash and style with their uniform. Lastly, the key to a well disciplined class is morning detention - nobody wants to be here at 7:30am for detention on a Wednesday, especially the juniors!!"

How long have you worked as a teacher?

Ms. Ausan:"3 years, junior all the way!"

What do you enjoy about teaching math here at Newark Tech?

Ms. Ausan: "I just like math period and I love teaching the students here at Newark Tech. And I love that students get my ridiculous math jokes. I also enjoy that even with Moodle and all the technology the students are surrounded with; they would much rather sign out a textbook."

National Honor Society 2013 Induction Ceremony

On Tuesday November 26, 2013 Newark Tech inducted forty students into the National Honor Society. Acceptance into the society is selective and competitive. The traditional ceremony was characterized by each honoree lighting a candle, receiving a certificate from the current officers and then being bestowed the traditional NHS medal by Mr. Denis. Newark Tech is extremely proud of the 2013 honorees who are truly in "the pursuit of excellence". Next year, Mrs. Ann Steinbach expects to see even more students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

"IN CHARACTER, IN MANNER, IN STYLE, IN ALL THINGS, THE SUPREME EXCELLENCE IS SIMPLICITY."
HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW



- 1 SALIMAH BROWN
- 2 GIOVANA BURGESS-HUMES
- 3 EVELYN CALLE
- 4 WHITNEY CORT
- 5 EMMANUEL CUDJOE
- 6 SENDES DHAITI
- 7 SARAH DIAKITE
- 8 BRYAN FLAMENGO
- 9 STEVEN FREEMAN
- 10 TAMERA GORDON
- 11 SIARA GRACE
- 12 ALEXIS GREEN
- 13 JALISSA HAYES
- 14 SHONTEL HUNTER
- 15 TERRANCE HYMAN
- 16 BRIELLE JONES
- 17 ASIA KING
- 18 MIRELLA LASSO
- 19 CAMILA LEMES
- 20 JADA LEWIS
- 21 CARLOS MARTINEZ



National Honor Society Toy Drive

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Our Vision

Newark Tech will become a national model of educational excellence.