

The Academies at Romeo offer a small learning environment with each student choosing their own career pathway. Our district is one of only a handful to offer this curriculum.



BEI Mock Interview Fair

The Business, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Academy hosted its first mock interview fair this spring. The goal was to create an authentic experience for all juniors to help prepare them for the job market. The team invited business partners to participate in the mock interviews in what BEI Principal Amber Fountain called “speed dating” style. To prepare for the event, students worked on their resumes with their business and marketing pathway teachers and the juniors had the opportunity to participate in a resume critique session led by a business partner. The third session was an alumni panel, during which recent alumni answered questions and shared tips on how to stay motivated and set oneself up for success.



Cakes for Blake's

The BEI Academy's partnership with Blake's Apple & Cider Mill reached a new level when students brought their Hometown Apple Cakes to sell at the Blake's in Bloom event on May 10. While manning the sales station, students shared their journey with customers. The long-lasting impact of this project, now in its second year, is that students learned what it takes to build a partnership with a company while creating a product they can be proud of.



New Partner Signing

The Academies at Romeo celebrated new partners (clockwise from upper left) Northwood University, Orthopedic Edge Physical Therapy, Velocity and The Pond Guy on April 23 with a breakfast reception and signing ceremony. Among the speakers were students who spoke about how their experiences with these organizations created learning opportunities and opened doors for them. Logos for these businesses are now featured on The RHS Partnership Wall.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Data	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
10 Industry tours	93%	85%	80%	81%
11 Job shadows	35%	60%	68%	
12 Co-ops	30%	34%		

CLASS OF 2028 STUDENT PATHWAY CHOICES

- **Business, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (BEI)**
 - Business - 98 students
 - Hospitality & Culinary Arts - 17 students
- **Design, Engineering and Manufacturing (DEM)**
 - Media Production - 21 students
 - Architecture - 17 students
 - Construction - 28 students
 - Advanced Manufacturing - 17 students
 - Engineering - 41 students
- **Health, Human and Public Service (HHP)**
 - Education - 21 students
 - Law and Public Safety - 39 students
 - Health Services - 95 students



L&L Chemistry Experience

Team members from L&L Products visited chemistry classes at Romeo High School to provide an overview of the company, explain how they use chemistry in real world applications, and introduce a student chemistry experience project featuring a new product L&L is developing called Phaster.

Students had an opportunity to sign up for a job shadowing experience. This began with a tour and innovation session at L&L on April 16, during which the students explored the company's research and development, product development and process departments, then participated in a brainstorming session.

In the next session, L&L representatives returned to RHS on April 30 to give the students an opportunity to work alongside construction students to apply the product in RHS's construction shop. This experience included discussions, product preparation and installation, providing a real-world application of industry concepts and teamwork.

In the third and final session, L&L representatives offered another collaborative session at RHS on May 15 to discuss, review, test and provide feedback on the mock-up project. This evaluation involved chemistry, construction trades and architecture students, fostering cross-disciplinary learning and real-world problem-solving.

A Celebration of Future Educators

Fourteen seniors successfully completed the Education Pathway in the Health, Human and Public Service (HHP) Academy and committed to pursuing a postsecondary degree in education. These students participated in the National Educator Signing Day on May 6, coinciding with Teacher Appreciation Day.

College and universities represented by the group include Central Michigan University, Cornerstone University, Grand Valley State University, Macomb Community College, Michigan State University, Oakland University and Wayne State University.

During the signing ceremony attended by the students' families, Superintendent Dr. Todd Robinson reiterated what he referred to as The Bulldog Promise and the opportunities open to these students as graduates of RHS in the Education Pathway. The Bulldog Promise is a guaranteed field study placement or student teaching experience; support of summer employment at Romeo Community Schools based on positions available; and the guarantee of an initial interview for any posted position they are certified and qualified for after they obtain their teaching certificate.



GOVERNOR WHITMER TOURS THE ACADEMY PATHWAYS



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Dr. Michael Rice, State Superintendent, visited The Academies at Romeo High School on March 20 to learn about the district's unique approach to Career and Technical Education (CTE) through the Academies model.

The tour included visits to the architecture, construction and video production studios.

"There are so many options for people to explore what a career might look like," she said. "We didn't have offerings like this when I was growing up. It's something that I hope we can emulate because every student deserves the opportunities that you guys have here at Romeo."



Gov. Whitmer's last stop was in the broadcast studio, where she was greeted by video production teacher Stephany Harbison and her production crew, each of whom played a role in interviewing the governor for the Bulldog Broadcast.

The governor said she anchored the morning news when she was in high school and wanted to be a sports broadcaster.

At the conclusion of the interview, senior McKenna Milne presented the governor with a Bulldog Broadcast Crew T-shirt.

"Thank you for your visit, and on behalf of The Academies at Romeo High School and the video production pathway, we would like to make you an honorary crew member," McKenna said.