

“Communication in Autism – Success with the Push-in Model”

This article in **Advance** (magazine for Speech–Language Pathologist and Audiologists) featured *Melissa Clark and Melonie Melton along with the Center For Autism (CFA) teachers and students*. The article demonstrates the success CFA has achieved through speech therapy being provided in the classroom using a collaborative approach between the speech therapists and teachers. CFA, daring to be a leader and implement new practices deserves this national spotlight.



2008 State Fair Competition Winners: Robotics Team Wins at State Fair



Congratulations to New Horizons’ NASA Langley Knights, Team #122! What a powerful win at the State Fair! Team #122 was a sight to see each time a match began. Our shiny hats and tie dyed shirts were very noticeable as was the team's attitude. Together

with our partners, we won every match from quarter finals until finals. Teams included: *David Hollaway, Julia Thompson, and Jordan Marlin – home schooled; Ryan Barbrey and Paul Hedrick – Christian Academy; DJ Wu – Gov. School and York HS; Samantha Bly – Tabb HS; James Barton – NHREC Electronics and Bethel HS.*

HVAC 5th place (*Patrice Maitret – Warwick HS and Eric McDonald – Grafton HS*)
Auto Tech 5th Place (*Nathan Fox – Menchville HS*)

Skills USA Officers - Congratulations to *Sarah Bailey (Tabb HS) and Madeline Bushey (Phoebus HS)*

Jewel Pothen, Tabb HS Graduate, attending Carnegie Mellon University
Letter Excerpt:

Dear Mrs. Wismer,

The GSST statistics class was really the first year of college statistics and even though it was not an AP class, it prepared me well enough to take the AP statistics exam. My first semester biology course was a breeze for me while the other students, even the ones who had taken AP biology, struggled. GSST tests and labs were hard but demanding. The techniques that I learned such as, titration, bomb calorimetry, chromatography, and spectrophotometry are the same ones that we are currently using in my chemistry lab. Both my biology and chemistry courses were the best preparation I could have done for college and for a future career in science. I count taking them as the best decision I made in high school. During my time at GSST, I participated in two research projects which were connected to my mentorship at Poquoson Veterinary Hospital. I have been pursuing research in college and plan to include it in my career by entering a combined PhD/DVM program in graduate school. I took my first step toward that by applying for and getting into the Summer Research Institute (SRI), a freshmen only research program, at Carnegie Mellon. I am grateful to GSST for its teachers and the opportunities it allowed me, which I have no doubt enabled me to be selected for this great summer experience.



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