

November 15, 2021 Spring High School CTE Business Teachers and Future Business Leaders of America host American Enterprise Day Speaker Symposium

Recognized on November 15 across America, U.S. residents celebrate the free enterprise system. Today over 200 Spring High School students were able to attend a very special program where they not only learned the importance of free enterprise, but also that they live in a country that allows its citizens to operate businesses under a capitalistic economy from very important Houston Community leaders.

Ms. Marsha Murray, Director of the City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity appointed by Mayor Sylvester Turner and **Ms. Allison Booker Brooks** who is the Chief Program Officer for Northwest Assistance Ministries and is responsible for all NAM client service delivery both offered guidance, encouragement, and internship opportunities for our students interested in not only entrepreneurship but volunteering as well. They spoke on how small businesses are the backbone of our society and how youth can be involved. Our distinguished guests

were able to speak to us about our Houston economy and the role of the City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity, profit and non-profit businesses impact not only how customers purchase goods and services, but our financial well-being as a city and country.



[Dr. Grace Nickerson, Associate Principal Spring High School] welcomed our guests and encouraged our Spring High students to listen with open ears and absorb the knowledge given today with this wonderful opportunity to be able to speak directly with Houston leaders. Dr. Nickerson reminded students that they will soon realize how this very system impacts your daily financial choices.



“I am very proud of our Senior Business Practicum students and FBLA members for not only coordinating this event but showcasing their leadership skills. Our CTE teachers at Spring High work very hard to provide our students with experiences inside and outside of the classroom. We want our students to be exposed to as many real-world experiences that reinforce the academic concepts and rigor we are teaching in the curriculum.” We also wanted to present this topic to students in Social studies and journalism classes, which allowed for a great opportunity of cross-curriculum design between CTE and core subjects” said **[Dr. Christina Hinkson, SHS Business Teacher]**. Another SHS business teacher in attendance, **Mr. Roddrell Stewart** was excited students had this opportunity because he felt our students really need to understand that the American free enterprise system gives them the right to choose their own future and will allow them to follow their own dreams with the goal of making a comfortable living along the way.



[FBLA members led by senior Angelica Castillo Cruz] gave Ms. Murray and Ms. Brooks a small token of appreciation with certificates and gifts for taking their time out of their busy schedules to speak to SHS students. **Ms. Holly Smith, CTE Academy Specialist** works with our workforce community members to give students more hands-on experiences, was present to assist FBLA members in making connections to set up internships and fieldtrips.