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Media Release

Students and their parents are encouraged to attend the High School Programs of Interest Showcase from 3:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th at the St. Johns County Convention Center, located at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

Programs of Interest are offered to support a student's interests, career plans, or advanced academic needs. A student who enrolls in a Program of Interest participates in themerelated classes over a multi-year period. Approximately 63 percent of high school students in St. Johns County are enrolled in various career and technical education pathways which include the Early Career Program and 29 Career Academies. Additionally, students may participate in other Programs of Interest options such as Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts, Advanced International Certificate of Education, International Baccalaureate and the Early College Program.

Students and staff from each high school will be available at the Showcase to provide information and answer questions about the Programs of Interest offered at their schools. Information about program requirements and registration will also be available. Any student who meets an individual program's requirements and who can provide his/her own transportation may be approved to attend any high school, on a "space available" basis.

Program of Interest applications will be accepted online from eighth- and ninth-grade students residing in St. Johns County following the Showcase. Space is limited in all programs, and a lottery system is utilized to place applicants. Priority is provided to students zoned for each school. Priority is also provided to active military families who have provided their status with their current school. <u>Active military families should</u> verify that their status is current by contacting their student's school.

For additional information about SJCSD Programs of Interest, please visit the Career and Technical Education website: https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/.