

Start of NCSSM Agriculture experience

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The agriculture experience offers new opportunities and aspirations for NCSSM students. Agriculture classes can open up new possibilities for all students since agriculture is a field that affects every aspect of society.

The Agricultural experience is comprised of three main

experience (SAE). NCSSM does not currently offer agricultural classes to students, but this is predicted to change.

"Agriculture affects our lives more than you will ever realize. There are hundreds of stops that food will make just to reach your table and the

Agriculture is a vital part to any community. Incorporating agriculture classes into the curriculum would further expand the wide range of sciences classes at NCSSM and appease student interest.

A survey on agriculture classes and related topics revealed that over one fourth of NCSSM students have an interest in agriculture and the FFA.

One student responded, "I would be super interested, because I want to major in Food Science and Nutrition, so this club would directly supplement my future goals."

Chancellor. Todd Roberts stated that, "Other Science and Math schools in the country have been offering Agriscience classes."

STEM oriented schools are prospering with the agriculture experience in their community and NCSSM now has the opportunity. Science and mathematics are directly related to agriculture and

agriculture-related jobs have encouraged progress in science and mathematics for centuries.

The National FFA Organization is an important part of the agriculture experience and offers many possible opportunities for students. FFA members can participate in career development events including Environmental and Natural

are focused projects on agricultural topics that allow students to develop skills in the area that they choose. The project could be as simple as nurturing and observing a plant through its growth or as complex as creating a new device that could assist in agricultural processes.

The National FFA Organization approves SAE projects in categories like Emerging Agricultural Technology, Veterinary Medicine, Wildlife Production and Management, and more. Having projects like these would benefit the NCSSM community by alleviating stress and making our campus beautiful and inviting.

A seminar, "Agriculture Experiences and the FFA", will be offered second and third trimester of this year. The seminar will teach students about agronomy, forestry, the National FFA Organization, soil science, among other topics. This marks the beginning of agriculture into the NCSSM experience.

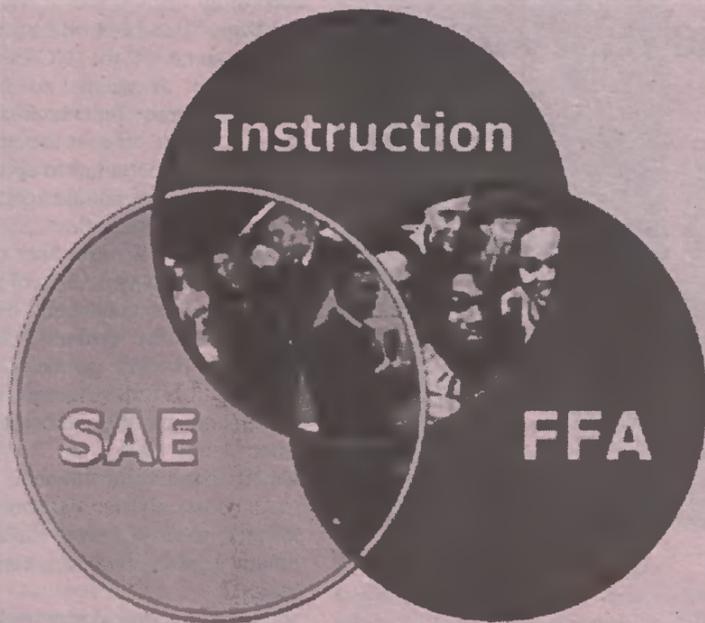
Through the support of the students and faculty, this start has the opportunity to prosper in the community.

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Resources, Forestry, and Marketing Plan.

Students would also get to take part in chapter meetings, conventions and rallies. The FFA also offers leadership camps at White Lake during the summer.

Another aspect of the agricultural experience is SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects. These



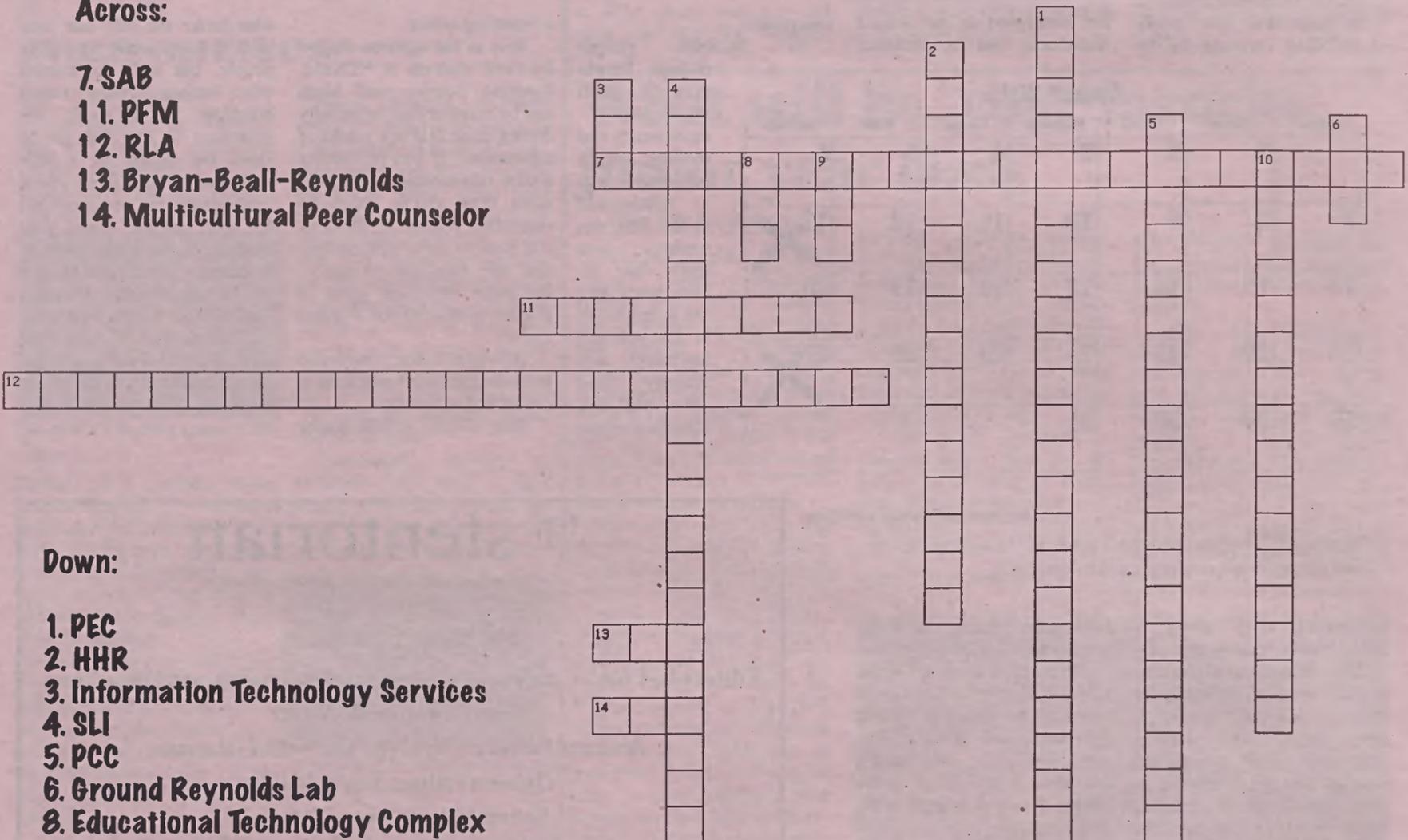
aspects which are agriculture classes, a FFA chapter, and a supervised agricultural

agriculture industry controls all of that," Roy Abernathy, class of 2011, stated.

Three Letter Acronyms

Across:

- 7. SAB
- 11. PFM
- 12. RLA
- 13. Bryan-Beall-Reynolds
- 14. Multicultural Peer Counselor



Down:

- 1. PEC
- 2. HHR
- 3. Information Technology Services
- 4. SLI
- 5. PCC
- 6. Ground Reynolds Lab
- 8. Educational Technology Complex
- 9. Three Letter Acronym
- 10. OLL