# [Academy] at [High School] Joins National Network

*NAF’s Newest Network Members Will Be a Part of a Transformative Movement to Ensure That All*

*High School Students are College, Career, and Future Ready*

[date, location] – [name of high school] has completed [NAF’s Year of Planning (YOP) or Fast Track] program and is ready to open its doors as a NAF Academy of [insert career pathway] in the [fall of 2024].

The (YOP or Fast Track) process is designed to align high school programs and resources to successfully start a career academy. NAF works to ensure all stakeholders develop a lasting relationship with academies and are well-trained and confident in implementing the NAF design.

The process establishes a sustainable foundation for a high-quality academy by creating a shared vision and mission to fulfill the school and community goals. It also ensures NAF’s standards of practice are in place before an academy opens in its Launch Year.

High schools enrolled in NAF’s [YOP or Fast Track] program gain access to an assessment process that informs and directs the work of advance program planning and development. NAF provides guided technical assistance, professional development, a full suite of resources, and NAF-developed, industry-validated curriculum to support the academy development process.

**\*\*Please review the career pathway descriptions below and insert any that are relevant to your program.**

The [**Academy of Engineering**](https://naf.org/our-academies/career-pathways/academy-of-engineering/) curricula explores principles of engineering and provides content in the fields of electronics, biotech, aerospace, civil engineering, and architecture. NAF’s engineering academies implement third-party curricula, by Project Lead the Way, STEM 101, Paxton/Patterson, and Intelitek.

The [**Academy of Finance**](https://naf.org/our-academies/career-pathways/academy-of-finance/) curricula align with competencies essential for success in college through collaboration with industry partners, professional organizations, and postsecondary institutions. It includes courses focused on Finance, Accounting, and Entrepreneurship, as well as student-centered, career-focused projects called NAF Expeditions, developed in partnership with industry experts like KPMG.

The [**Academy of Health Sciences**](https://naf.org/our-academies/career-pathways/academy-of-health-sciences) offers rigorous and comprehensive program of study designed to prepare learners with the content knowledge and transferable competencies necessary for success in college and career. Our curricula include: Anatomy, Physiology, Biotechnology, Global Health, and Health Careers Exploration.

The [**Academy of Hospitality & Tourism**](https://naf.org/our-academies/career-pathways/academy-of-hospitality-and-tourism/) curricula expose learners to the essential components of the industry, including foundational principles, customer service, event planning, and marketing, with a global perspective on the geography and sustainability of tourism.

The [**Academy of Information Technology**](https://naf.org/our-academies/career-pathways/academy-of-information-technology/) explores various aspects of IT, including coding, computer systems, graphic design, and web development. Our curriculum collaborators include Verizon, Code.org, and Cyber.org.

\*\*Include an optional quote here from teacher, principal, academy lead on what the academy will contribute to the school experience and offer to the students.

NAF Chief Executive Officer, Lisa Dughi, said, “Congratulations to the newest members of the NAF family – our YOP and Fast Track academies! We commend you on your hard work, commitment, and passion for helping students to become future ready and putting them on a path to achieving their full potential. We look forward to supporting your journeys and sharing in the exciting impact and successes of your students to come!”

**About NAF**

NAF is a national education non-profit that brings schools and businesses together to better prepare students of all backgrounds. Since 1980, NAF has led a movement for immersive, career-focused teaching and work-based learning. With the support of NAF community-based advisory boards, schools connect with the workforce to fuel shared progress—from creating culturally responsive curriculum and paid internship opportunities, to fostering innovation and building future-ready businesses. NAF helps students explore career options, create a plan for the future, and take part in hands-on, work-based learning unlike anything traditional public education systems can offer. NAF puts students on a path to achieving their full potential.

NAF has grown from one NAF Academy of Finance in New York City to hundreds of academies across the country focusing on growing industries, including finance, hospitality & tourism, information technology, engineering, and health sciences, and support programs of study that are aligned with the National Career Clusters Framework. During the 2023-24 school year, over 113,000 students attended over 600 NAF academies across 34 states and territories. In 2023, NAF academies reported 99% of seniors graduated with 89% of graduates planning to go to college. [www.naf.org](http://www.naf.org)