# [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 2023].

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

The process establishes a sustainable foundation for a high-quality academy, creating a shared vision and mission to fulfill the school and community goals and ensure 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 see below for career pathway descriptions and insert the appropriate one (or more) based on your high school.**

The **Academy of Engineering** curriculum includes authentic learning projects that address real-world issues in partnership with career experts, including Engineering Expeditions, Tech Expeditions, and National Engineers Week challenges. Also offered are on-demand resources from national institutions, such as Code.org and Prologis Essential partners supporting NAF’s Academy of Engineering curriculum include PLTW, Code.org, CYBER.org, Raytheon Technologies, DiscoverE (Discover Engineering), Grow with Google, Verizon, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). NAF endorses engineering curricula by Project Lead the Way (PLTW), STEM 101, Paxton/Patterson, and Intelitek.

The **Academy of Finance** curriculum includes courses in Finance, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, and Insurance authentic learning projects that address real-world issues in partnership with career  
experts like Finance Expeditions. Also offered are on-demand resources from the Council for Economic Education and Next-Gen Personal Finance. Essential partners supporting NAF’s Academy of Finance curriculum include KPMG, Truist Bank, Florida International University - College of Business, American Accounting Association (AAA), Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA), Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), and Council for Economic Education.

The **Academy of Health Sciences** curriculum includes courses in anatomy and physiology, biotechnology, global health, and health careers, on-demand resources from Harvard LabXchange, and authentic learning projects that address real-world issues in partnership with career experts, like Health Sciences Expeditions. Essential partners supporting the NAF Academy of Health Sciences curriculum include Harvard LabXchange (LXC), National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE), HOSA - Future Health Professionals,  
Optum, and Grow with Google, Amgen and Optum.

The **Academy of Hospitality & Tourism** curriculum includes courses in tourism, hospitality, customer service,  
marketing, event planning, on-demand resources from the Global Travel Tourism Program (GTTP), and authentic learning projects that address real-world issues in partnership with career experts, like Hospitality & Tourism Expeditions. Essential partners supporting NAF’s Academy of Hospitality and Tourism curriculum include GTTP, Grow with Google, BevLaunch, and Real Estate Empire Group.

The **Academy of Information Technology** curriculum includes courses in information technology and computer science principles, coding, graphics, web, and digital design, computer networks and systems, and programming. Also offered are authentic learning projects that address real-world issues in partnership  
with career experts, including Tech Expeditions, Engineering Expeditions, and Computer Science Education Week challenges and on-demand resources from Code.org. Essential partners supporting NAF’s Academy of Information Technology curriculum include Code.org, Cyber.org, SAP, Verizon, Lenovo, World Wide  
Technology, Mastercard, Computer Science Teacher Association (CSTA), Google for Education, and Grow with Google.

[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 2022-23 school year, over 112,000 students attended over 600 NAF academies across 35 states and territories. In 2022, NAF academies reported 99% of seniors graduated with 88% of graduates planning to go to college. [www.naf.org](http://www.naf.org)