CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

OUR MISSION

To expose students to Business fields through curricular enhancement, mentoring relationships, and educational experiences – providing insight to His calling in their lives

THE PROGRAM

The School of Business and Entrepreneurship (SOBE) at CVCA is a two-year curriculum designed to groom high school students to be successful, impactful Christians in an under-graduate Business program. The curriculum touches on the major business disciplines and allows students to dive deeper into areas of interest through individualized projects, guest lectures, Jterm or Mterm internships, and mentoring relationships with area universities and companies.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply for acceptance into the SOBE during the first semester of their sophomore year.

- 1. Submit a SOBE application with teacher references.
- 2. Interview with the SOBE Chair.
- 3. Once accepted into the SOBE, schedule classes with the Guidance Office.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass each class with a C+ or higher to continue in the program.

- Introduction to Accounting and Business Junior Year (0.5 credit)
- Principles of Marketing Junior Year (0.5 credit)
- Strategic Entrepreneurship Senior Year (0.5 credit)
- Business Management Senior Year (0.5 credit)
- Experiences (3 credits)

Students participate in student-choice experiential learning opportunities that are exploratory, college-focused, and career-oriented in order to build relationships, gain hands-on skills and competencies, and prepare students for college and career. Students need to earn three credits or experiences in order to graduate with distinction.

Schools of Distinction provide an innovative opportunity for CVCA students.

Designed for juniors and seniors, the two-year curriculum exposes students to professional fields and potential majors.

This program is in addition to CVCA's already rigorous college prep curriculum.

The Mission of all Schools of Distinction is "To expose our students to professional fields through...

- Curricular enhancements (extra classes in a specific field)
- Mentoring relationships and community partnerships (mentoring, community projects, field trips, etc.)
- Experiential learning (internships, shadowing, competitions, guest lecturers, projects, etc.)

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JTERM/MTERM

Students have opportunities to spend time in their desired field of business through partnerships with local companies. Opportunities for Business classes, trips, and leadership experiences will also be offered to SOBE students.

FEES

SOBE is \$300 per year. Once accepted into SOBE, a student's position is confirmed when the automatic payment is completed through their FACTS method of payment on file. Unconfirmed positions may be offered to other candidates on the list. Fees include mentoring, internship program, guest speakers, specialized instruction, materials, and one-on-one training.

DISTINCTIONS

Students who complete all SOBE requirements receive the following distinctions:

- Business Cord at Graduation: Students receive a traditional drab cord for graduation.
- Transcript Designation:
 Students receive a special distinction on their transcript.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Each student has the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of experiences in and out of CVCA that can be customized to their interests and goals. These *Experience Schools of Distinction* opportunities are available in three categories:

- Exploratory
- College
- Career

Through *Experience*, students have the opportunity to chart a path of highvalue, customized experiences that maximize the impact of their participation in their School of Distinction. Experiences include mentoring, shadowing, internships, college visits, problem-solving challenges, attendance industry guest speaker programs, and many more. Each experience earns students credits. Each student is required to complete three credits in order to achieve distinction. They are encouraged and welcome to participate in even more.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES and COMPETITIONS

The School of Business and Entrepreneurship provides unique hands-on learning opportunities for its members. This includes creating and pitching marketing plans to local businesses with the potential to have their marketing materials adopted and displayed, creating their own businesses from idea to prototype and pitching to potential investors with the potential to have their own start-up businesses funded, and serving in an executive role to run one of our three businesses that have local, national, and international reach.

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