

The
STARS
Saga
2024-2025





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LASTING CONNECTIONS

Bella Bozied and Ashari Penerton leading their 'Green Team' of high schoolers.

Betty Phipps, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Owen Van Lenten, Orion Qualls, Ashari Penerton, Bella Bozied, and Jai Reed with CCI Leadership Board Member Paul Weaver.



Bella Bozied and Ashari Penerton hyping up their team during competitions.

Orion Qualls, Khylle Valle, Betty Phipps, Bella Bozied, Owen Van Lenten, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, and Ashari Penerton, in a late night meeting preparing for the 2 day event.



Khylle Valle helping his TSA team come up with poster ideas.



Betty Phipps working with her team members on card game ideas for the TSA project.



The STARS team at dinner with an unexpected music trivia competition.



Owen Van Lenten and Orion Qualls setting up their team for success in the TSA card game making challenge.

BUILDING INNOVATORS

Orlando Technology Student Association



Orion Qualls, Betty Phipps, Jai Reed, Bella Bozied, Owen Van Lenten, Ashari Penerton, Khylle Valle, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, and Ebe Randeree ending the TSA event with a team breakfast.



Maggie Martin-McKinnie and Betty Phipps in a team group picture.



Khylle Valle and Orion Qualls listening to a leadership presentation.

- Jai Reed encouraging and guiding TSA students. Reed's team went on to win the total competition at the final ceremony.

STARS Take *Tampa*



Fun at the Bay

Khylle Valle, Owen Van Lenten, Vedant Satwik, Tanya Raphael, Julia Sveen, Bella Bozied, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Javin Vance, and Ashari Penerton having dinner by the water after a productive day.



Innovative Days

STARS visited Citi and listened to a STARS alumna recount her hiring experience and how she's grown at the company.

Maggie Martin-McKinnie and Ashari Penerton having fun networking at the Synapse Florida 2025 Summit



CEO Status

Tampa STARS members with ReliaQuest CEO after his opening fireside chat at the Synapse Summit on leadership and cybersecurity in financial services.

Innovators, Entrepreneurs, and Leaders

STARS second company of the day was A-Lign where they spoke about company opportunities and the 5 panelists individual journeys into and within the A-Lign space.



Powerful Partnerships



Alumni Forever

The STARS were lucky enough to sit down with alumni from different graduating years and CCI clubs and talk about what comes next after graduation.



The final company of the trip was ReliaQuest where students learned about their initiatives and company visions.

What are the STARS up too...

Paige Elkin, Sophia Ferraro, Tanya Raphael, Julia Sveen, and Bella Bozied after a game of IM dodgeball.



Javin Vance levitating at the Mag Lab open house.



Erin Shi, Ashari Penerton, and Ninah Gibson at the 2025 Shores BBQ.



Javin Vance, Owen Van Lenten, Bella Bozied, and Maggie Martin-McKinnie at the Mag Lab open house.

Elyse Walcott, Arianna Nicolas, Ninah Gibson, Khyllle Valle, Bella Bozied, Leah Exelbirt, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, and Zac Bryan starting their Friday off with a Suwannee breakfast.



STARS Studio

Ebe Randeree's hat, Heath Davis, Vedant Satwik, Tanya Raphael, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Bella Bozied, Ashari Penerton, and Leah Pagan moving a Wednesday STARS Studio outside to enjoy a nice day in front of the Shores building.



REPLACE

Vedant Satwik, Ashari Penerton, Bella Bozied, Dean Michelle Kazmer, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, and Ninah Gibson celebrate the CCI community before spring break.



HW Party

Kayla Cardenas, Heath Davis, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Vedant Satwik, Tanya Raphael, Tanushree Dhage, Ava Downes, Javin Vance, and Ivy Ercoli.



Great Give

Tanya Raphael and Eldaneka Rolle promoting FSU's Great Give at the CCI Spring BBQ.



Robot Time

Maggie Martin-McKinnie coding the path for a robot in a 'space like' terrain at the Mag Lab open house.



Tanya Raphael, Vendant Satwik, Kayla Cardenas, and Leah Pagan pulling some weeds in a local garden.



Bella Bozied, Tanya Raphael, Owen Van Lenten, Vedant Satwik, Kayla Cardenas, Abby Martin-McKinnie, Leah Pagan, and Maggie Martin-McKinnie showing off their gardening tools.

Kayla Cardenas watering a newly weed-free community garden.

Sisters Maggie and Abby Martin-McKinnie admiring their work after pulling weeds,



MONFORD STEM NIGHT



Elyse Walcott working the AI table.



Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Tanya Raphael, Leah Pagan, and Jennifer Sterling taking a selfie with Ebe Randeree.

Khylle Valle, Owen Van Lenten, Orion Qualls working at the AI table.



Ava Downes and Vedant Satwik at the Old Tech table.

Jennifer Sterling and Andrea Colon-De Fera at the 3D prints table.



Sophia Ferraro and Bella Bozied at the Journalism table.



Students proudly representing CCI at the philanthropy event.



Hands in for raising money for cancer research!

STARS members Sophia Ferraro and Olivia O'Hay selling bundt cakes to students.



Ebe Randeree, Owen Van Lenten, Erin Shi, Bella Bozied, Leah Pagan, Fioana Froggett, and Vedant Satwik at one of the last Relay shifts after a whole event day.



Reaching for the STARS *Community Outreach*

LEADERSHIP AWARDS



Javin Vance, Kayla Cardenas, Bella Bozied, Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Sophia Ferraro, Vedant Satwik, Ava Downes, Ashari Penerton, and Paige Elkin with the STARS Impactful Partnership Award from the FSU Leadership Awards. STARS was awarded for the organization's exceptional teamwork, collaboration, and partnership across various entities within and outside FSU.



STARS proudly accepting the organizations award.



Sophia Ferraro winning the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award for her outstanding leadership and service within the university and community.



Ruthie McNeil, Elyse Walcott, Ava Downes, Bella Bozied, and Maggie and Abby Martin-McKinnie on a hike around Elinor Klapp-Phipps Park.



Ruthie McNeil, Elyse Walcott, Bella Bozied, Ava Downes, and Maggie and Abby Martin-McKinnie making their way to the lake on their Saturday trail.



Maggie Martin-McKinnie, Ebe Randeree, Arianna Nicolas, Ruthie McNeil, Jai Reed, Ninah Gibson, Elyse Walcott, Olivia O'Hay, and Bella Bozied on the trails of Lake Overstreet.



STARS enjoyed being together in different outdoor settings and trails all year long!



Red Carpet Trails:

Hiking with the Stars

STAR Clubs!



AITP

Association of Information Technology Professionals

CodeEd

Code Education



CCGS



Connecting Girls to Stem
Recipients of the Outstanding Student
Organization Group Award at the CCI Honors
and Awards

HISA

Health Informatics Student Association





WISE

Women in IT and ICT Sharing Experiences

WW

Women Wednesdays



ThinkAi

SS

Social Spear



UXC

User Experience Collective

THE OSCAR GOES TO

Class of Spring 2025



Reagan Bourne

Most likely to be juggling multiple organization roles



Andrea Colon-De Feria

Most likely to be INNOVATING at the Hub



Ninah Gibson

Most likely to teach a class on how to be the best RA



Maggie Martin-McKinnie

Most likely to be a world traveler



Ruthie McNeil

Most likely to start her own law firm



Arianna Nicolas

Most likely to have the best website



Olivia O'Hay

Most likely to be an actress or singer



Ashari Penerton

Most likely to start her own Matcha store



Sri Harshini Puduri

Most likely to run an AI cooperation



Lauren Rattray

Most likely to teach others about multitasking



Laura Saravia

Most likely to run coding bootcamps



Vedant Satwik

Most likely to go to a corporate meeting on a skateboard



Jennifer Sterling

Most likely to be out at a conference or traveling



Julia Sveen

Most likely to give a cyber talk



Khyll Valle

Most likely to move to Japan to work with an Anime company



Elyse Walcott

Most likely to be building a new wireframe



A Year of Shining Bright

As we close the 2024-25 academic year, WOW! It has been a year of showing resilience! I want to thank each of you for the incredible impact you have made on our campus and in the community. Thank you for your dedication to the STARS Mission, to building community, to lifting others, and to being LEADERS!

You ALL did this as a STARS Community. #STARS4LIFE

Your outreach efforts were nothing short of stellar:

- The Killlearn Lakes Fall Festival, where you connected with 800 community members
- The Challenger Center EXPO, where you connected with 300 community members
- Supporting TSA Leadership Conference, impacting 400 future leaders
- Hosting SCIGirls STEM Night at Montford Middle School, inspiring 300 young minds
- Participating in the Leadership Conference, which reached 170 community members
- Organizing multiple Women/Girls in STEM events that reached over 200 participants

Building Community:

- Hiking as a team
- End of Semester Celebration events
- Stress Relief, Yoga, Painting, Mental health breaks!
- Creating spaces where everyone felt welcome
- Pizza (and lots of it), The STARS Breakfast, and many socials!
- Helping students GET INVOLVED and FINDING THEIR PASSION!
- Several study nights and the weekly STARS STUDIOS
- Relay for Life Team, CCI BBQ

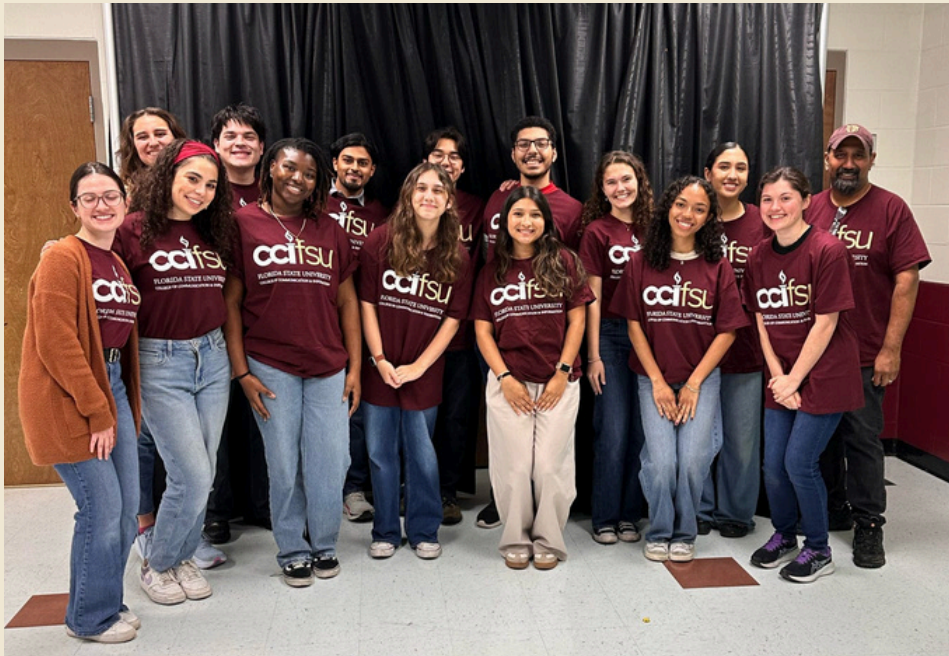
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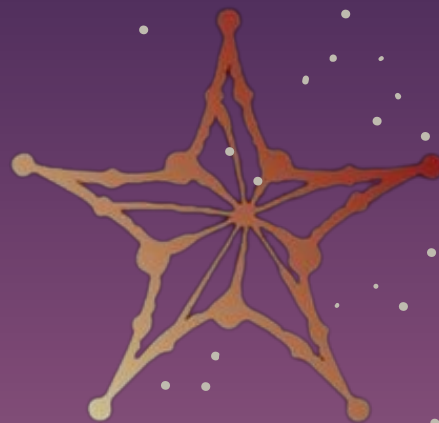
- Career Fairs in the Fall and Spring
- Hosting several employers on campus
- Traveling to Atlanta, Tampa, and Orlando to meet employers
- Supporting career preparation through resume/LinkedIn workshops
- Hosting a Leadership Conference

This year, we dedicated 268 hours over 130 events, reaching 5275 people (and the year is not over yet!). As I think about the future - I am excited to see what our new grads (STARS ALUMNI) will do as they continue their leadership in their new roles and in the community. Thank you for your service, passion, and your commitment to excellence. Each one of you has contributed to making this organization truly stellar. You are my COMMUNITY! Your passion and motivation is what INSPIRES ME TO GET UP EVERY DAY AND DO MORE!

Ebe

"Reaching for the stars, together."





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