

### Mr. Scales Interview

1. How did you become involved with the academy of E-commerce?
  - a. We started the process of trying to get a business academy here back in 2002. I was in the initial planning process and now everyone else is retired so now I oversee it all.
2. How long have you worked with the academy?
  - a. We started the process in 2002, but we did not get county and principle approval until 3 years ago.
3. In your opinion, what makes this academy better than other academies?
  - a. I wouldn't say the academy is better than the others, but it is perfect for the kids interested in technology.
4. What parts of the academy make you most proud to be involved?
  - a. For one, the comradery of students involved in the academy. The establishment of FBLA and what we've accomplished in the last few years.
5. How would you sell the academy to an incoming freshmen and their parents?
  - a. If their child is interested in business and technology and wants to feel as though they belong to something then that's what the academy is for.
6. How many other schools currently have business or career technical academies?
  - a. All area 3 middle and high school academies.
7. How do you and your students feel about being recognized for this award?
  - a. We're thrilled because it's the first time in three years that Seminole's business academy has been recognized. It is especially exciting since the academy is not application based like most others.
8. What do you plan on putting the money towards for the academy?
  - a. First a celebration for the students (They earned it), then I'll put some aside for a field trip and lastly, I'll put some aside to start a scholarship fund.
9. What are your goals for the future in the academy?
  - a. To continue to expand the enrollment, to take learning outside the classroom (For example, Seattle, Boston and San Francisco.), and to expand our course offerings.
10. How do you plan on achieving these goals?
  - a. First we'll market and promote the academy to incoming freshmen, encourage more learning opportunities outside the school both locally and throughout the country, add more classes. We already have some classes ready for next year.
11. How are you going to celebrate the win?
  - a. A big pizza party for all the academy kids.