

# CAICC

## IS AN AWARD-WINNING ACADEMY

CAICC has been a part of Clearwater High School for over twenty years and is one of the longest operating Career Academies in the district. CAICC has been selected as an Academy of Distinction by the Pinellas County school district and the Pinellas Education Foundation. It has also been recognized as a Model Academy, a highly competitive national award bestowed by the National Career Academy Coalition. With both of these designations, CAICC has met and maintains high standards that include work-based experiences, industry certifications, strong community involvement, and an active and purposeful Advisory Board.

CAICC proudly offers our students the following:

- A strong integrated curriculum that prepares students for college and career.
- Numerous opportunities for students to attain highly valued industry certifications.
- Valuable partnerships with community members, including business representatives and local college personnel, who serve on our CAICC Advisory Board and offer resources and opportunities for student engagement and achievement.



### Recognized as an Academy of Distinction

by the Career Education Board and the Pinellas Education Foundation

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## Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL



CERTIFIED AS A MODEL ACADEMY BY



**Vision:** 100% Student Success

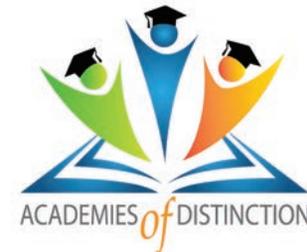
**Mission:** "Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

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A multicultural approach to meeting the needs of a global society



*“The magic . . . is in the combination of linking academics to job prospects and the intensive involvement of adults.”*

*William Raspberry, Washington Post*

# program of study

## OUR APPROACH

The Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce (CAICC) functions as a small learning community and offers our students a multi-faceted blend of academic and career technical classes.



## ADVANTAGES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Through an integrated and rigorous curriculum, CAICC students receive the following benefits:

- A Small Learning Community environment within a larger school
- Cross-curricular teaching teams who work together on projects and certifications
- Comprehensive training and testing for highly sought-after industry certifications, including Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), Microsoft Expert Levels, CIW Internet Business Associate, Entrepreneurship and Small Business.
- Preparation for major Florida scholarships such as Bright Futures, specific preparation for Gold Seal
- Exposure to a wide variety of career paths particularly in the field of international business
- Integration of academic classes and academy-themed classes
- Dedicated guidance counselor who stays with students all four years

## EDUCATIONAL/ CULTURAL FORAYS

Our CAICC students experience one field trip each semester. These educational journeys are linked with the CAICC curriculum and allow students to observe events outside their traditional classroom and, with emphasis on technology and communication, provide students with the tools needed for global understanding and tolerance.



The culmination of our program is a four-day trip to **New York City**, where our students experience the city's abundant examples of international culture and commerce. Other CAICC field trips include:

- Universal Studios to participate in Business Learning Series workshops on Leadership Skills and Personal Development and Marketing/Sales
- Ybor City for an immersion in this city's rich culture and heritage
- University of South Florida to meet with professors and students in its International Business Department
- Port of Tampa to tour this major international Port and learn how it operates

## INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

We challenge our students with creative projects that enhance our curriculum. Many of these projects are cross-curricular, allowing two or more subject areas to work together.

- Partnership with VEI (Virtual Enterprises International), converting the traditional classroom into a virtual business through a live, in-school global business simulation program.
- In-depth research projects on foreign countries and their cultures
- *CAICC International Trade Show* - students create businesses and present them in a real world expo setting
- *Next Generation Entrepreneurs competition* - CAICC students were finalists
- Strong partnership with *Future Business Leaders of America*
- Practice with resumes and interview skills

*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” — Benjamin Franklin*