

# Southland CAPS

Looking Back at 2017-18  
Planning Ahead for Future Years



# Data from 2017-18

- ❖ Number of students:
  - First Semester: 31 (25 Animal Health & 6 Tech Solutions)
  - Second Semester: 29 (23 Animal Health & 6 Tech Solutions)
- ❖ Number & % of internships earned
  - Animal Health: 19/23 (83%)
  - Tech Solutions: 6/6 (100%)
- ❖ Number & % of internships resulting in an employment offer
  - Animal Health: 9 offered/6 accepted
  - Tech Solutions: 4 offered/3 accepted
- ❖ Four students earned National Technical Honor Society recognition
- ❖ Two students earned scholarships for \$500 each
- ❖ Dual credit offered to students in both programs



# Industry Partners

## ❖ Animal Health

- Partners: KC Zoo, Wayside Waifs, Bayer Animal Health, KC Pet Project, SeaLife, Heartland Therapeutic Riding Center, American Royal, Cave Springs, Burr Oaks, Missouri Conservation, Hills Nutrition, Lakeside Nature Center, Maple Woods Vet Tech, Mizzou Vet School, Chris Meyer, Whole Pet Health, Lee's Summit Animal Hospital, Polar Bear International
- Events: World Rhino Day, World Polar Bear Day, Culinary Collaboration (Wayside Waifs), Bayer Research, SeaLife presentations, KC Zoo Exhibit Proposals, KC Zoo Nature Play Display Boards
- Internship Sites: Man's Best Friend, KC Pet Project, Saddle & Sirloin, Raytown-Gregory Animal Hospital, KC Zoo, Plainview Stables, Burr Oaks, Lakeside Nature Center, Belton Veterinary Center, Heartland Therapeutic Riding Center, Kennedy's Animal Clinic, Grain Valley Animal Hospital

## ❖ Tech Solutions

- Partners: RQS Technology, Ravenii, Fishtech, Cerner, Centriq, Nonstop Network, Stoneamp, Northwest Missouri State University, KC Source Link, H & H Color Lab
- Events: Digigirls, Codefest, Hour of Code, Computer Forensic Science
- Internship Sites: Cerner, RQS Technology, Ravenii, Nonstop Network



# Comments from Year One

## ❖ Animal Health

### ➤ Parent:

- She's introverted by nature and not a huge fan of school in general, so this forced her to step up her game and step out of her comfort zone, get more engaged with school and other students while it provided her with exceptional professional experiences.

### ➤ Student Comments on the Advantages of Being in the Program

- Be prepared to work hard and be pushed out of your comfort zone in the best possible way.
- Learning how to be professional and working with others in a group setting.
- The projects we have done engage us in expectations for business experience in deadlines and business expectations and the workload was similar to that of a real job.

## ❖ Tech Solutions

### ➤ Student Comments on the Advantages of Being in the Program

- This program has made me take steps to build my future into technology.
- The trips to other companies/businesses were really useful. These trips helped us look into the best working places and environments that we could potentially be working for.
- The ability to get real world experience: industry experience and professionalism.



# Planning for 2018-19

- ❖ Animal Health
  - Location: KC Zoo
  - Numbers: 33
- ❖ Education Exploration
  - Location: RQS Elementary School
  - Numbers: 13
- ❖ Tech Solutions
  - Location: TBD
  - Numbers: 4
- ❖ Still encouraging additions from each school



# Lessons Learned...Going Forward

- ❖ Students advocating for industry involvement encourages industry to act
- ❖ Enrollment decisions are different for each district
- ❖ Transportation limits participation
- ❖ Behind the scenes opportunities provide a more realistic view of careers
- ❖ Student growth is amplified when decisions and consequences are evident
- ❖ Promoting the programs early on should serve us well in the future
- ❖ Technology is a hard sell even though it is in demand

We have a lot to celebrate! A look at the year in pictures can be accessed by clicking: [CAPS Year in Review](#).

