

OLD friends, NEW faces

making CONNECTIONS at SIPA

SIPA 2019 is an opportunity for many to meet new people and learn new things, while also having fun. The smiles on students faces are irreplaceable, especially when coming from linking with new personalities. Different class sessions allow the students to interact with each other, as well as learn different techniques on writing and designing. Students from First Flight High School, Clarke Central High School, Sparkman High School, and many more look forward to SIPA every year.

VOTING FOR A VOICE

Alexander Robinson (11) answers questions asked to him regarding his plans for the future of SIPA.

Robinson, a student at Clarke Central High School ran as a candidate for SIPA president, and from his speech to his campaign, he pushed to engage with other people to create a feeling of comfort and trust, and made his intentions and plans open. "I want to pivite SIPA more towards a multimedia angle...we can go further," **Robinson** said.



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CONVIVIAL CONVENTION

While waiting on the opening ceremony, **Emily Olson (12)** cannot help but burst out laughing after a joke from **Lindsey Owens (12)**. Not only was SIPA a great place for students to interact with others from different schools, but it was also a great place for students to bond and become closer with their own staff, as is what happened with Clarke Central High School. "Most of my best friends are on staff. I never thought I could even get any closer to them, but I was wrong," **Olson** said.



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SWEET SPIN

Taylor Douglas (12) and Julie Edwards (11) from Ola High School stop to grab a piece of candy while heading to class. The two students got to spin a wheel for the chance to win a prize, and upon spinning the wheel, both of them received candy. "It was really fun," Edwards said. "Me and Taylor couldn't stop laughing, it was great."

ADVICE FROM AN ADVISOR

Mark Murray (speaker) leads his session "Creating A Photo Story Package" while interacting with everyone and making all students and advisors feel welcome. **Murray** not only looks forward to teaching this subject, but also making sure the students leave with greater knowledge on putting images together to tell a great story. "Follow through with your images. When interviewing people, allow them to direct you and tell the full story. Always be observant," **Murray** said.



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SEAT AND MEET

Before class, **Justin Hill (12)** from Oxford High School turns to speak to **Thomas Smith (12)** from First Flight High School. The two met in a class the previous day, and have quickly gotten to know each other. "I have been able to meet Thomas and so many more amazing people at SIPA," Hill said.



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NEW FRIENDS, NEW TRENDS

Before the first class of SIPA, **Emily Hancock (9)** and **Gracie Muse (9)** from Oxford High School discuss the different options they have to choose from. With there being so many options to choose from, multiple students split up from their school groups so they could learn what they wanted to. "I really did not want to leave my best friend, but I had to because she was interested in a different class than me," Hancock said. "I was able to meet some very nice students from Ola High School though."



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A THOUSAND WORDS

Christina Jones (10) from Clarke Central High School and **Abby Jackson (11)** from First Flight High School look at all the different books offered at SIPA's used book sale. The two went up to the table to look at the selection of books, but got distracted as they spent half an hour talking about their favorite books. "It was really cool to meet someone who loves reading as much as I do," Jones said.



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LOGAN LEADS

While campaigning for SIPA president, **Grace Logan (11)** smiles, engaging with some other students from Oxford helping her with her campaign. Logan is an ambitious junior at Oxford High School who ran for SIPA president under the intention of bringing the community together through team bonding. "I will do what no other will, and make sure all voices are heard," Logan said.



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END OF DAY SHENANIGANS

After all the classes are over, **Chase Sumter (11)** from Ola High School stops to brag to some students from Oxford High School on some of his many talents. Sumter knew how to juggle well, and to demonstrate his juggling abilities, he juggled rolls of paper towels. "I've really known how to juggle since I was young," Sumter said. "It was a little bit trickier juggling paper towel rolls though."



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CHILLING OUT

Kate Thompson (10) from Wando High School and **Maiya Jenkins (11)** from Sparkman High School stop to talk after they both went up for chocolate syrup on their ice cream. The ice cream meet and greet allowed several students to meet each other and interact. "I really enjoyed it," Jenkins said. "All I intended to do was get some chocolate syrup, but then I stayed there and talked to Kate for half of the meet and greet."

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