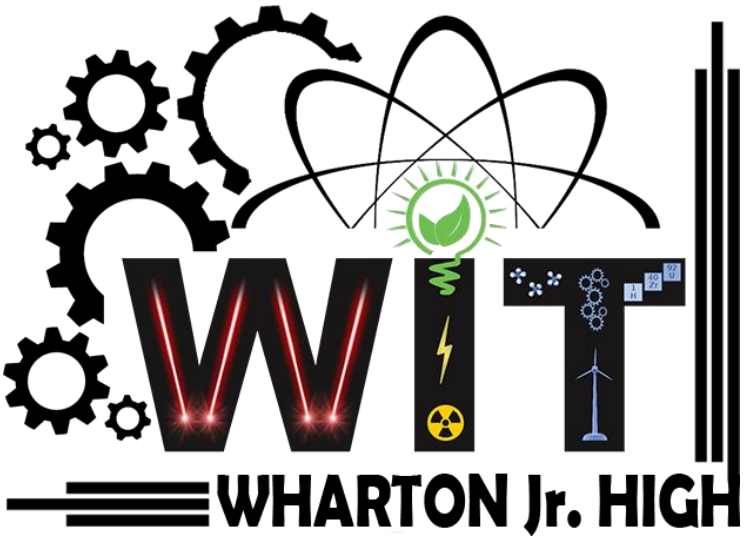

Workforce Industry Training Jr. (WIT Jr.)

Stemming from continued interest and requests from NPI partners, WIT Jr. helps NPI's efforts of expanding its network, while bridging the gap between NPI's elementary and high school programs. WIT Jr. bridges this gap by specifically serving the junior high/middle school age group, while also encouraging students to join the original WIT program upon entering high school.

All WIT students can participate in activities such as:

- Enjoy mentoring activities by industry professionals.
- Visit STEM industries to gain awareness and develop preparation.
- Hear from and meet professional guest speakers.
- Take part in professional development activities.

- Visit universities and community colleges.
- Participate in community engagement and mentoring activities.

2020-2021 Members

Adian	Charlesia	Ja’Corric	Masiah
Alanah	Christopher	Ja'Carious	Matthew
Alejandro	Damian	Jadin	Messiah
Andrea	Di’Angela	Ja'Myran	Muy
Antonio	Erin	Juan	Paul
Areli	Evelin	Kayla	Reagan
Ashley	Harley	Lane	
Barbara	Hilliard	Lizbeth	
Caydence	Isabel	Ma’Kell	

Workforce Industry Training

School Name:

- Wharton Jr. High

Sponsor Names:

- Shirley Williams

Program Activity Calendar

Date	Event Type	Name of Event / Description
12/10/20	Introduction to WIT, Jr.	Introduction - Parent Sign Up Information - TEES Media Release Form
1/28/21	Virtual Industry Tour	Interview with Elon Musk Tesla Factory Tour with Elon Musk
2/11/21	Virtual College Tour	Texas A&M University
3/11/21	Virtual College Tour	University of Texas at Austin

WIT Bracelet Story

The WIT bracelet is made of leather and steel. Because we are training for the workforce, it is important to take this opportunity to talk about the history of these two materials. Leather has been in use for thousands of years. The Egyptians were using leather in 5000 B.C. for sandals, gloves, and military equipment. such as in saddles for horses or the reins for an ox pulling a plow. Today leather is still used for gloves and boots as a means of modern protection and remains a vital part of our culture. Leather represents something that is durable, but also incredibly adaptable that has stood the test of time. Fellow students, when you see the leather of your bracelet, remember that you too must be durable and flexible. While things in life might not go as planned, if you are durable and flexible you can get through it.

Steel is a combination of iron, carbon and small amounts of other elements. This mixture has also withstood the test of time. It revolutionized our country as we transitioned from primarily wood to steel in the early 1800's as we began the industrial revolution. It was used to build railroads, bridges, structures and to improve shipping vessels. Steel continues to be used throughout our industrial world. Steel is designed to be strong, yet moldable and adaptable. Made up of elements that by themselves are weak, when put together, they are strong. So, my fellow students, when you see the steel of your bracelet remember that you also need to be moldable. Alone we may falter, but together, we are strong. You all represent this organization and your school with pride.