

LEARNING FROM LEADERS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP GUEST SPEAKERS

Our middle school entrepreneurship students have had an incredible opportunity this year to hear directly from leaders who are living out their callings in business and ministry. Recently, we welcomed Sam Szantos, a 21-year-old world-class designer and clothing entrepreneur. Sam, who has multiple clothing lines including his original brand EXCESS!, shared his creative journey and even brought some of his clothing pieces to show how he designed and sewed them. Students were inspired to see how perseverance, creativity, and faith intersect in building a successful career.

This month, we also had the privilege of learning from Anita, Founder and President of Inspire Women in Houston, Texas. Anita leads a ministry with seven staff members and over 600 volunteers, empowering women to heal from past trauma, discover their God-given purpose, and step into leadership. Celebrating 25 years of ministry, Anita showed students that leadership is not just about success but about impact-changing lives for Christ.

These guest visits connect directly to our CALLED values. Through Challenging Case Studies (C), students examined real-life stories of entrepreneurs and ministry leaders, seeing both the challenges and victories. With Lifelong Reflection (L), they were encouraged to think about how these stories apply to their own lives and future callings. By asking questions, writing reflections, and discussing as a class, students are learning that they too are called to step out boldly, lead with purpose, and use their gifts for God's glory.

