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## **SCHS JROTC Knight Battalion tours Panasonic Energy**

**LUMPKIN, GA** – Recently, the Stewart County JROTC Knight Battalion had the pleasure of touring Panasonic Energy. As our society becomes increasingly technological, STEM education must evolve and innovate to ensure we are launching effective future leaders. Collaborative partnerships between industries and High Schools are also very important. Educational partnerships with corporations like Panasonic Energy benefits students and the company as well.

First, Ms. Antionette Figueroa gave the cadets a very formal introduction of Panasonic Energy and briefed the group on the various job opportunities and the possibilities to advance within the company.

Next, Mr. Weeks gave a very informative briefing on the daily operation of the Energy Division. The cadets were informed that Panasonic supplies cylindrical lithium-ion cells and is one of the world's largest lithium ion battery cell producers.

On this field trip, the cadets learned that Panasonic Energy works towards the vision of affordable electric vehicles and a clean energy society by producing the world's safest, high quality, and lowest cost batteries. Mr. Weeks also shared with the cadets that Panasonic Energy makes the electrical batteries for the ever-popular Tesla Corporation and that Panasonic Energy provides a wide range of service to include automotive and avionics systems, industrial systems as well as home renovation appliances, HVAC lightings, electrical equipment and construction equipment. Finally, Mr. Stacy Ellis, Plant Production Manager gave a tour of the operations of the plant. Mr. Ellis has a wealth of knowledge with regard to the plant operations.

Collaborative programs such as these are an effective way to ensure that students have an opportunity to learn about the company and learn about internship/jobs/careers that will be available after High School. These collaborations offer alternate pathways for students who are not college bound while providing skill sets that can result in careers.

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