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MAST students examine 'green' opportunities for growth

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When it comes to making our world a healthier place, Energymaster's president Kent Crook thinks it is important to stay on top of cutting edge "green" technology. In order to offer his electrical customers energy saving alternatives, Crook consistently educates himself on innovative, technological options to address customers' concerns and offer them "green" solutions.

One of his latest forums, Contemporary Issues in Science — Sprint Toward Sustainability, was held by the MAST (Marine and Science Technology High School) Academy in February at Tropical Fairchild Gardens.

"I really feel that it so important for the future leaders of tomorrow to be involved in any organization that promotes sustainability," Crook said.

Crook is trained in the use of solar energy and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and the National Green Energy Council.

Ralph Avallone, President of IGEC, came from his Washington, D.C headquarters to inaugurate and pin 10 students, the newest members of the nationwide IGEC chapters.

In its 12th year, the CIIS program encourages students at MAST, a magnet school with an emphasis on science and technology, to share ideas, communicate, think analytically and critically, and learn how to be responsible and educated citizens. The students experience the intertwined nature of sustainability issues and learn about their implications on moral development, economy, politics, environment and society as a whole.

This year's topic, "Green Waves: Opportunities for Sustainability," encouraged students to examine the importance of sustainability and planning for the future, being mindful that the resources we use now need be available for the future generations. CIIS participants joined in various panel discussions such as Alternative Energy for Transportation: Think Outside the Barrel, Global Warming is Not Cool, Politics and Economics: Capital Issues at Capitol Hill.

"It's about a philosophy on life," said program director Dr. Wafa Khalil. "It's way of thinking long-term. We are so used to immediate gratification, thinking only about what can we do to solve the problem now, hence compromising our future. The key is to find alternatives to provide energy for now and for the future."

During the program, students voiced their concerns and examined cutting edge technology.

"They discussed issues from their point of view and research, and then heard different perspectives and ideas from teachers, professors, politicians, physicists and people in the industry like Mr. Crook," Khalil said.

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Ralph Avallone (left), president of the International Green Energy Council, and Kent Crook, president of Wiremasters, address students during MAST Academy science forum held recently at Tropical Fairchild Gardens.

Ultimately, the goal of the MAST program is to teach people to be conscious about their views on sustainability and try to reduce our carbon footprint.

"What will help push people to make "greener" decisions are higher prices," Crook said. "Gas prices are rising and hybrid car prices are dropping. People will want to save money on gas and lower their electric bill with new technology. My company, Wiremasters, and its green division, Energymasters, can provide solutions and make that happen."

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