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News Release

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Applied Materials Executive Gives Students Tips on Technology Uses

In honor of National Teach for America Week, **Mr. Thomas Stepian**, Senior Executive at Applied Materials will be guest teaching at Mt. Pleasant High School on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Mr. Stepian** will be teaching students how to use software and technology to enhance digital photography. Using digital photographs of themselves, students will learn how this emerging technology can apply to their lives and careers. These students are participating in the school's AVID program, which aims to develop the academic skills necessary to succeed in college.

This AVID class is taught by **Kyla Hayford**, a Teach for America corps member. Teach for America is the national corps of outstanding and diverse recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools.

Thanks to the partnership of Applied Materials, Teach for America and Mt. Pleasant High School, students will benefit from first-hand experience in business and technology. Furthermore, they will appreciate the value of volunteerism between public education and the private sector. Ultimately, the class will create a PowerPoint presentation of all the lessons taught by **Mr. Stepian**.

Please contact **Grettel Castro-Stanley** or **Kyla Hayford** at Mt. Pleasant High School (408.937.2800) with any further questions.



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