



Panther Press

Commitment to Excellence

Nick Saban and Dabo Swinney are two of the Titans of College Football. Both coaches lead two of the nations elite programs, Alabama and Clemson. Recently the two teams participated in the National Championship Football game after both attained an undefeated 14-0 season record. Clemson and Dabo Swinney won the highly anticipated game this past Monday against Alabama...but the game wasn't actually won on Monday night.

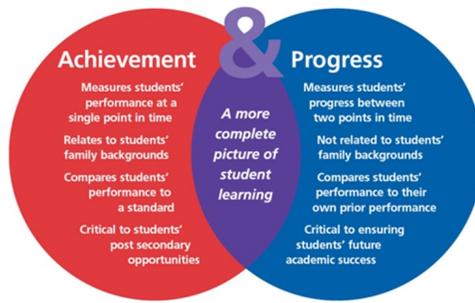
The game was won in the middle of the season after Clemson defeated Texas A&M, Coach Swinney made the decision to make a change in his starting line-up. He removed his starting quarterback and replaced him with an 18 year old Freshman. The decision was critiqued, criticized, and many people felt Coach Swinney made a huge mistake that would lead to ultimate failure.

While Coach Swinney was in the middle of turmoil at Clemson, Coach Saban was in the middle of a media frenzy at Alabama. Coach Saban removed his starting quarterback in the middle of the previous seasons National Championship game against the University of Georgia. As the team entered the National title game, they were favored to win the 2017 National Championship with Jalen Hurts leading the team. At the time of the decision Hurts was 26-2 as a starter and had won multiple end of season awards, establishing him as the face of college football. The media and fans flooded social media questioning his decision throughout the second half of the championship game.

Both coaches were faced with a decision: Am I ok with the status quo or do I make a change to improve what is already considered by many as the standard for excellence?

Both decisions ultimately ended with National Championships. Both Saban and Swinney have been on top for years but neither was satisfied with their past and both made the unpopular decision to play two freshmen quarterbacks.

As a campus we are committed to make changes to continuously improve. This semester, we will focus on continuously improving our organization to ensure that we provide our students with the tools necessary to win in the game of life. As we approach the 2019 STAAR testing season, commit to making the changes necessary to ensure that your students are successful. Set your vision and put a plan in place to ensure that your actions are pointed towards ensuring that your vision becomes a reality.



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FACULTY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations Coach James. Coach James is committed to ensure that her students are academically and socially successful. She has created an environment that promotes fun in learning. Great Job Coach James!



Be Comfortable being Uncomfortable...

Importance of Routines

Routines are the backbone of daily classroom life. They facilitate teaching and learning.... Routines don't just make your life easier, they save valuable classroom time. And what's most important, efficient routines make it easier for students to learn and achieve more.

Predictable Routines...

Help children understand what is coming next in their day.

Help children understand what they will be expected to do during each part of their day.

Routines support children's security and independence.

Routines help children be more responsible and confident.

Routines help children be more relaxed and cooperative.

UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

- January 11– Students receive Semester 1 Report Cards
- January 14– Dress your Best Monday
- January 16– College/Military T-Shirt day
- January 30– Breakfast with Grandparents 8:30 a.m.



CAMPUS PROCEDURE REMINDERS

- Ensure that you enter attendance for each class at the beginning of each period
- Ensure that you are visible and support students out of the hallway and into classrooms during all passing periods
- Ensure that grades are submitted in accordance with district grading policy **each week**
- Ensure that lesson plans are submitted in accordance with our campus policy
- The expectation is that ALL Reed staff make 2 positive contacts per week. Find a reason to celebrate your students!!
- P**rofessionalism **A**ccountability and **C**ommunication