

A Message From Your President, Richard Hartley



I hope that your school year has gotten off to a great start. I know all of you are busy with students and curriculum.

The summer was a great success, thanks to everyone who attended. We were blessed to have Dr. Tom Burnham, State Superintendent of Education, as our keynote speaker; it was an encouragement for me to hear our State Superintendent of Education say that it was his vocational teacher in high school that influenced him to pursue a career in education. Dr. Burnham made a commitment to support Career Technical Education in Mississippi. He has appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to chart the course of Career Technical Education for the future. Thank you to Dr. Burnham for showing your support to Career Technical Education.

I would like to take a few lines to share my passion. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. Thank you for joining the organization and making it strong. Please try to make it a priority to go down the hall and get new members this year. I want to ask all of our Directors to step up, be a leader, and join our organization.

When I started my career, my vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. Guy Walker said to me, "Richard, you are a professional now, join the professional organization and go to work." There have been times when I thought I could not pay my dues but always managed. His advice has always been "solid advice."

As we look to the future we are faced with some perilous times. It is those "hard times" that have made us a strong organization.

It is time once again for us to stand strong. I recently saw a quote that said "individually we are strong, together we are fearless." Our organization has made a difference in the lives of our students in the past, let's continue to prove it.

Greetings From Your Executive Director, Linda Bath

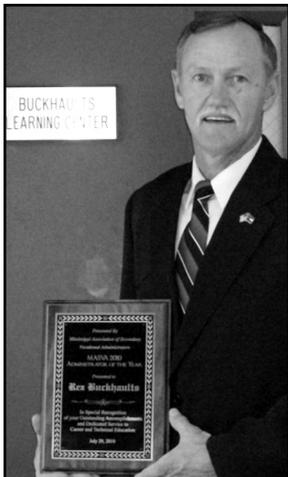
Greetings from the MS ACTE office. Thanks for your continued support of career/technical education by being a member of ACTE. A special thanks to the district presidents for hosting their fall meetings and to all of you who attended them!

At the October Board Meeting, it was decided that we would not have the annual Legislative Reception or Spring Meeting in 2011. The awards that are normally presented at this Spring Meeting will be given at the Summer Conference. The deadline for nominations to be sent to Mary Taylor, Awards Committee Chairperson, is January 29. You can download the awards booklet from our web site: Mississippiacte.com. Click on the awards booklet to print it and nominate colleagues and/or students. Mississippi has many deserving people who need to be showcased. January 29 is also the deadline for nominating someone for 2nd Vice President of MS ACTE. The board set the date and place for the 2011 Summer Conference. It will be July 26-28 at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College in Pearl.

Mississippi will be the host state for the ACTE Region IV Conference. The conference will be April 14-16, 2011, at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Mississippi is the host state every six years, so this is a great opportunity to attend this regional meeting. Click on the Region IV Conference button for information. If you are interested in doing a presentation, you can submit the Call for Presenters Form for consideration. If chosen, your registration fee will be waived.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me.

Rex Buckhaults, 2010 Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Administrator of the Year



Mr. Rex Buckhaults was selected as the Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Administrators 2010 Administrator of the Year. He was presented with a plaque at the Summer Conference for Career and Technical Educators in Vicksburg. Mr. Buckhaults was also elected as second Vice President of the Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Educators.

Rex Buckhaults is the Vocational Director at Perry County Vocational Technical Center in New Augusta, Mississippi. The Vocational Center serves both Perry Central High School students as well as Richton High School students.

Mr. Buckhaults has been the Vocational Administrator for Perry County Schools for the past 18 Years. He is a graduate of Jones County Junior College and Mississippi State University. Mr. Buckhaults also earned his Administration Certification from William Carey College and an Education Specialist Degree from Mississippi State University.

We, the faculty and staff at Perry County Vo-Tech, know that this is a great accomplishment and we are very proud to have Rex Buckhaults as our Vocational Director.

Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism is NEW to Hattiesburg High

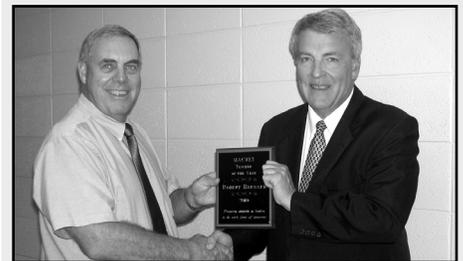


The students in Hattiesburg High School's new Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism program hit the ground running this year. In the above picture, you see students practicing their serving skills at a breakfast they hosted for their guidance counselors. Dr. Dena Semmons, SPED Transitional Specialist, stated "We all were very impressed with the students. They were professional, articulate, and a pleasure! They appear to be enjoying the class, as well."

The program's instructor, Eileen Sumlin, has big plans for her students. She is in the process of setting up internship oppor-

tunities at local hotels and restaurants, is going to utilize area businesses for lab experience for her students, and is planning to have a very active DECA organization this year. Sumlin stated, "I have a wonderful group of students. They are all very motivated and are ready to work. We have all been having a lot of fun learning about the new program."

Robert Barnard, Jr., 2010-11 Mississippi Cooperative Education Teacher of the Year



South Panola Career and Technical Education Director Billy Smith congratulates South Panola Cooperative Education Teacher Robert Barnard Jr., for receiving the 2010-11 Mississippi Cooperative Education Teacher of the Year from MACVET.

Barnard has taught for 15 years, including the last ten years at South Panola High School and was also named Teacher of the Year by the Civitan Club at last May's SPSHS awards ceremonies. Barnard completed his Master's of Science in Workforce Educational Leadership this summer at MSU.



Millsaps Career and Technology Center, Starkville, MS



2010 SHS graduate continues to earn scholarships after graduation

2010 SHS graduate Larry Henley returned to his alma mater to receive one of two statewide scholarships awarded by the Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Administrators. Henley, who will be a freshman at Mississippi College beginning this month, was presented a \$500 scholarship from Millsaps Career and Technology Director Jamie Stidham

and Allied Health Instructor Vanessa Wilson, RN, on behalf of the Mississippi Association for Career and Technology Education. Henley was selected for the scholarship based on his outstanding leadership skills and academic record. Henley, who was a two year student in MCTC's Allied Health program, plans to pursue a medical career and become a pediatrician. Henley begins his studies in Biology-Pre-Med at Mississippi College later this month.

Millsaps student wins sixth place in the national HOSA essay competition

This summer, Ariel Johnson represented Millsaps Career and Technology Center and state by competing in the Health Occupations of America (HOSA) National Leadership Conference in Florida. There were over 8,000 students competing in different

subjects in the health field. Johnson competed in the extemporaneous writing category. She was given a topic and one hour to write an essay on the given topic. Johnson's topic was: "Even if you don't win, what benefits do you have being in HOSA?" Johnson's essay centered around how HOSA has taught her team building skills. Though she was nervous, Johnson's essay won sixth place in the nation. Millsaps Career and Technology Director is Jamie Stidham and Allied Health Instructor is Vanessa Wilson, RN.



Petal High School Teacher Appointed to Taskforce



The Mississippi Department of Education has been in the process of redesigning career and technical education courses to meet national standards and industry certifications. The redesign efforts are for the purpose of preparing student success in college or a workforce environment. As a result, a task force has been formed to provide direction and guidance for the secondary STEM cluster. Brad Amacker, Information Technology Teacher at Petal High School, has been chosen to serve on

this task force because of his expertise and vision. Mr. Amacker, a fifteen year veteran with the Petal School District, is National Board Certified and holds numerous industry certifications.

Culinary Arts Class Learns Ukrainian Cuisine

Liz Brock's Culinary Arts class has enjoyed learning more about Ukraine's culture and food. Visiting exchange student, Anna Federova and her mother shared information about Spasa, a traditional Ukrainian holiday. Mrs. Brock utilized Skype as a supplementary teaching tool to make these important cultural connections.



Amory Vocational Center In National Competitions



National FCCLA Conference in Chicago, IL. Mrs. Shirley Moore (Family and Consumer Science Instructor) and Amber Simms (state representative).



Mr. Jerry Larkin (TSA Advisor) at the TSA National Competition in Baltimore, MD, with TSA members. (L-R) Mr. Larkin, Zane Sawyer, Clay Todd, Brycen Cowley, Candice Walls, Wesley Haney, Joshua Pearson, Jamie Sundstrom, Mr. Wilson.



FBLA National Competition. (L-R) Matt Stanford, Sarah Nichols (State Treasurer) and Beverley Fortenberry (Advisor).



Trey Gore

As an Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) educator, Trey Gore, Hinds Community College Digital Media Technology chairman, is currently the only one in Mississippi certified in all three areas: Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Flash. Of his 31 students, whose home schools are in the Rankin County and Pearl school districts, 29 are ACA certified in Photoshop CS4, 13 are ACA certified in Dreamweaver CS4 and five are ACA certified in Flash CS4. "These certifications have already opened some doors for my students not only in employment opportunities but also in higher education," Gore said. "This is the only classroom in the state that I am aware of that currently provides this opportunity to its students at no cost to them." Gore is also certified in and teaches Final Cut Pro, a post-production video-editing software package created by Apple that allows students to broaden their portfolios in the field of Digital Media Technology. "Enrollment in the program for next year has almost doubled because of the high demand for qualified students in these professional fields," he said.

Sherry Franklin

50 Leading Business Women named by the Mississippi Business Journal

As director of Hinds Community College's Pearl/Rankin County Career & Technical Center, Sherry D. Franklin oversees 15 programs and has a long list of responsibilities.

This educator participated in an international study group to Bridgewater College in England with Hinds Community College to study the educational system there. Other career highlights were initiating the pilot of the Game Design and Development Technology program at the Pearl/Rankin Career and Technical



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Center, implementing nine career pathway programs, receiving the 2007 Tech Prep Exemplary Site in conjunction with Northwest Rankin High School by the Mississippi Manufacturers Association and serving as a member of the Pearl School District Strategic Committee.

Through the center, Franklin offers services to enhance the business community to include professional development, digital media and any other contribution that is available to meet business' needs.

Choctaw County Career and Technology Center Awarded Robotics and Engineering Grant

During the 2009-2010 school year, Choctaw County Career and Technology Center (CCCTC) was one of six schools to be awarded a grant to implement the Robotics and Engineering program. The center converted the Technology Applications class to this exciting new program. The program instructor, Sunja Douglas, was chosen to attend special training with Intelitek at their headquarters in Manchester, New Hampshire. While there she spent a week in training learning to utilize the software that is a part of this new program. As this program continues to be implemented throughout the state, Mrs. Douglas will be training other instructors to use the LearnMate software that is the instructional utility which serves as the driving force for the engineering program.

The CCCTC Robotics and Engineering students are currently preparing for the 2010 Mississippi BEST (Boosting



Wayne Robinson, Courtney Blaine,
Xavier Woodard, J.T. Tennyson

Engineering, Science, and Technology) Robotics competition at Mississippi State University on November 5-6, 2010. Mississippi BEST is a group of engineers, teachers, parents, and industry technologists in Mississippi that has joined together to inspire and motivate students towards studies and careers in engineering, science, and technology through a sports-like technology contest. BEST Robotics is a volunteer-based organization, sponsored by the Bagley College of Engineering Department

of Outreach at Mississippi State University.

The CCCTC team will be assisted by a small group of technology coaches from local industry for a six-week period to design and build a radio-controlled machine to accomplish a defined task. The technology contest is designed to simulate a real-world business and engineering environment. The teams gathered at game kickoff day, September 25, 2010, to be shown the playing field, and were given the time period, the resources/materials, and the specifications for the contest.

The twelve member team has begun to assemble a robot using raw materials they received on kick off day. The team has brainstormed to design and create a remote controlled robot that can complete a quality controlled task on game day at the BEST competition.

Best of luck to the Choctaw Robotics and Engineering team!

First Year Agricultural Power Machinery Operations Students Learn about Cutting with an Oxy-Acetylene Torch

The first year students in Gary Gardner's Agricultural Power Machinery class are learning about the oxy-acetylene cutting torch. Using proper safety procedures, students check the regulator gauges, light and adjust the torch flame as they prepare for metal cutting. When the flame heats the metal to molten stage, oxygen blows the molten metal out of the cut. Students learn that when the torch is held at the proper height and angle to the metal the sparks given off should be directed downward. For some students, this process is somewhat intimidating at first but



they quickly get the hang of it after getting the torch in their hands and making a successful cut.

Gary Gardner instructs the students on the proper cutting procedures.

Kristen Roland demonstrates her cutting skills. She is one of the three female students taking the class this school year.





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