

Greetings From Your MS ACTE President, Amy Price



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that all of you had a great holiday season and have gotten the 2022 spring semester off to a great start. It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through this school year, as time seems to be going by so quickly. I am sure that all of you have learned at your center to approach each day

with an open mind, while things have constantly changed through this COVID pandemic. As educators, we have all been forced to learn many new ways to present material to students and how to teach both in class as well as virtual. None of this has been easy, but I do want to commend everyone in education on their hard work and determination to make sure that our students in Mississippi have continued to get the best education possible, no matter the circumstances.

With February being National CTE Month, I challenge each of you to make sure that you are recognizing your local programs, staff, and wonderful students! This is a great opportunity to brag on the accomplishments of your students in the classroom as well as in their student organizations. Make sure that you are reaching out to your local news outlets as well as on social media to help spread the word about how great your students are as well as your instructors and programs. The more the public sees and hears about the great talents of your students and their achievements, the more they will want to become involved in the programs

offered at your center. Remember... **“If you do not brag on your students, nobody will!”**

Looking forward to the remainder of this school year, I am excited to see that most of the student organizations plan to have their competitions “In Person.” This is so exciting, considering last year’s competitions had to be virtual. We all know that in Career Tech, our students need “Hands On” experiences if possible. I do wish all students and instructors that will be attending competitions the Best of Luck!

I am also extremely excited to announce that our MS ACTE Summer Conference will be held in Biloxi, MS this year! The conference will take place July 25 - 27, 2022 at the MS Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. The planning process has begun, and more information will be forthcoming. Please make plans to attend this exciting event, as it is a great opportunity for each instructor to collaborate with many others within their affiliate programs.

As we move toward the end of this school year, I would like to challenge each of you to stay focused and “Finish Strong.” Each student as well as educator is tired and worn out but try to remember each day as you get up and go into work, you may be the one person that changes a student’s life forever! Strive to be that positive influence for your students. Just think, you could be the reason that they chose a certain career. If so, they will always remember that their love for that career pathway began in **YOUR** classroom!

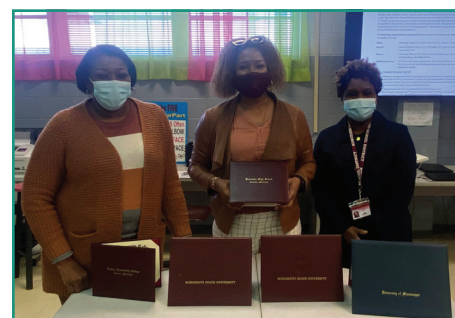
In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2021-2022 MS ACTE President. I look forward to seeing everyone at the ACTE Summer conference on the MS Gulf Coast!

CTC Students Discuss Graduation Requirements

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Second year students at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center had special guests to discuss graduation requirements and diploma options. Semone Olive, Barbara Hutchison and Billie Jamison with the Kosciusko School District gave an informative presentation to students and discussed requirements for each diploma option. Students were grouped in teams and given the opportunity to discuss requirements with their classmates and to ask questions.

Pictured is Billie Jamison (KHS 9th/10th Grade Counselor), Semone Olive (KHS Director of Counseling/District Behavioral Specialist), and Barbara Hutchinson (KHS 11th/12th Grade Counselor).





Students Learn About Plant Propagation

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Second year Agriculture students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center have learned how to grow pineapples. Last year, the students propagated a pineapple stem and now they have enjoyed their very own home grown pineapple. They are currently studying plant science and have also learned how to propagate flowering plants and shrubs. Pictured are students Makyla Greenwood, Makaila Brock, Kabrea Riey, Johnalan Lindsey, and Jersey Reed.

Milwaukee Tool Industry Visit

Submitted by: Kimberly Vaughn



Vicksburg Warren Career & Technical Education students enrolled in precision machining, welding, and energy programs along with Precision Machining instructor, Mr. Kody Britt, visited Milwaukee Tool of Jackson, MS, on September 30. Students received a first hand look into how the skills and content they are

learning in their prospective programs are being used in the real world. Students were able to witness various career fields associated within the company such as machinist, welders, electricians, and computer programmers. The high demand for employment opportunities, starting salary, career benefits, and advancement within the company were topics covered by Mr. Donald McGowan, Associate Manufacturing Manager, who served as the tour guide.

What is Professionalism?

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

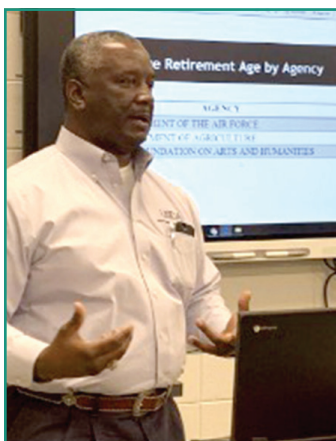
Mr. Kyle Hammond, Attala County Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Darren Milner, KAP Director, spoke to second year students at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center about professionalism. They discussed appropriate dress, work ethics, phone etiquette, social media, absences, and being at work on time. The presentation was part of a series that students are participating in that focuses on soft skills needed in today's workforce.



Pictured are Mr. Kyle Hammond (left) and Mr. Darren Milner (right).

Students Learn About Agriculture Industry Opportunities

By: April Green



On Monday, October 18, Mr. Michael Trusclair, Instructional Specialist and United States Department of Agriculture 1890 Program Liaison, visited the Vicksburg- Warren Career and Technical Center to offer his expertise on the USDA job market. Mr. Trusclair remarked that it was his goal “to provide our students with tools, tips, and resources on USDA career opportunities in their respective fields”. He went on to explain that there are over 2,000 careers in Agriculture ranging from farmers to food and nutrition specialists and there are at least 400,000 student intern opportunities offered each year. Mr. Trusclair spoke in person to Agriculture students and virtually to many more in the twelve other technical programs who joined via Google Meet in their classrooms during his cross curricular presentation.

Vicksburg High School's Junior Mock Interviews

Submitted by: Terence A. James

Juniors at Vicksburg High School participated in mock interviews on Thursday, September 25. Students were interviewed by business and community leaders from International Paper, YMCA, Entergy, Golding Barge, Magnolia Marine, AmeriCorp, the U.S. Army Engineering Research and Development Center, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Mock interviews are conducted to provide students with 21st century skills needed to be college, career, and life prepared. Career activities such as mock interviews line up with Superintendent Shealy's motto that all education leads to employment. Prior to interviews, students received preparation for interviews by completing resumes and completing sample applications. Final versions of resumes and applications were provided to interviewers for review. Interviewers provided students with feedback upon completion of each student interview to assist with future career opportunities. Mock inter-



views will be coordinated throughout the year to allow all juniors an opportunity to participate.

Pictured on the left is junior Essence Davis (Biomedical Science student) being interviewed by Michael Trusclair with USDA. Pictured on the right is Anicia Dixon (Work Based Learning student) and Kylee Redden (Health Science student) waiting to be interviewed.



Career and Technical Education Department Helps Students Explore "What's Next?"

Submitted by: Prentiss M. McLin, II, Ph.D.

On Thursday October 14, 2021, the Career and Technical Education Department of Vicksburg Warren School District had the privilege of participating in the Vicksburg High School College and Career Fair. Vicksburg High School was the site of this year's fair. The event was organized by the Vicksburg Warren College and Career Academy teams from Vicksburg and Warren Central High school. Thirty vendors met with students as they visited each booth excitedly exploring career and college opportunities. Well over 250 students spanning the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, enjoyed the fantastic opportunity to discover career options, college admission requirements, and some of the innovative programs being offered to students of the Vicksburg Warren School District. Eunice Polk, VHS Academy Coach and lead event coordinator, was pleased stating, "We can see the difference that events like this make in the lives of our students!" She added, "Now, we are at least sure that each of these students has been exposed to some of the alternatives that fall within the district's "Four E strategy." Career and Technical Education Department officials remain dedicated to following up with the close to 100 students that expressed interest in finding out more information about dual credit offerings at Hinds Community College and Alcorn State University as well as how they can continue to engage with local businesses for internship, and full time job opportunities. Many of the vendors lamented as they referenced many students who "did



VHS senior, Carlos Rollins, is considering a career as a professional welder once he graduates next year.

not know" that their businesses were local employers and welcomed visits from students on their campuses. The Vicksburg High School College and Career Fair has, for sure, effected that narrative tremendously, since so many students now have had the opportunity to see, touch, and talk with industry professionals from the greater Vicksburg community. The CTE department kindly recognizes the agencies and institutions that freely dedicated their time to facilitate students' imaginations. The Vicksburg High School College and Career Fair helped many of these highschoolers who are now formally beginning to answer the question of "What do I want to be when I grow up?" The next VWCCA College Fair is tentatively scheduled for February 2022 at Warren Central High School. The Career and Education Department of Vicksburg Warren School District is already making plans to attend.

What Have We Learned About Covid-19 In the Classroom

Submitted by: Tanya Cole

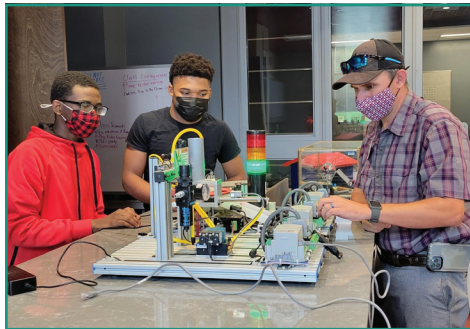
Mr. Ross is a Hinds Community College Energy instructor who became ill with Covid-19 during the summer of 2021. Mr. Ross had to adapt to unexpected conditions teaching in unprecedented ways, while also being challenged to establish connections with his students and their families. His health concerns caused by this deadly virus have added to his battle. He has encountered many challenges with his health in the classroom. However, he continues to show-up for classes everyday.

Mr. Ross' adaptability and dedication is tested daily in his efforts to maintain students' well-being, while still striving for academic progress. Covid-19 has adversely impacted his ability to engage with his students in a meaningful way. Covid-19 has been disruptive in his teaching style and classroom delivery. He can not stand for long periods of

time to lecture his students about a subject he loves and to provide hands-on engaging activities. Pictured above, Mr. Ross is working on a Mechatronic trainer with two of his students Dwayne Lacey and Jamal Hill. He says, "My classes are very engaging and interactive, but Covid has forced us to work in isolation." He spoke with great passion and emotion as he shared this information with me. "I will continue to look for innovative ways to teach my students. I believe that I should give my students my best everyday;

I believe in them and I believe they deserve that."

I asked Mr. Ross what advice he would have for students and others about wearing masks? He said, "It's simple, wear the mask." Despite the setbacks that Covid-19 has brought about, Mr. Ross continues to give students his best.



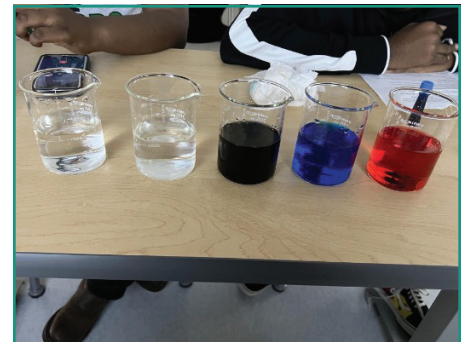
How Does Blood Type and Transfusion Work

Submitted by: Melissa W. Smith

Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science I students of Alicia Cruthrids investigated how blood typing and transfusion works for the human body. Students were able to conduct a laboratory experiment on the different blood types and how blood transfusion occurs by using food coloring. Each blood type was given a designated food color for the experiment.



If the color of the blood type changed during the simulation, the transfusion was determined to be unsafe but if the color of the blood type did not change, the transfusion was safe. Ms. Cruthrids stated "the students were very enthused about the experiment and learning more about their own blood type." Determining blood type is a part of a year long case study for PLTW Biomedical Science I students.



Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Scholarship Winner

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Former welding student Aubrey Self received the MS-ACTE Director's Scholarship. Aubrey completed two years of welding at the Career Tech Center and is currently at MS Delta Community College majoring in Electrical Technology. Pictured is Aubrey Self with welding instructor Trey Culpepper. Congratulations!



FAFSA Completion Increases College Opportunities

Submitted by: Tanya D. Cole

On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, the Vicksburg Warren School District's Career Technical Center staff hosted their annual FAFSA Day for students enrolled in the Career and Technical programs. The acronym FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The staff of Get2College was on site to assist students and their families with navigating the financial aid process. Mr. Brian Thomas, Director of Get2College, and Mr. Stephen Brown, Assistant Director of Outreach for their Jackson location, provided face-to-face assistance. A total of ten students and five parents were able to participate during this one day session. Filing the FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the first step in securing money for college. Research shows that students who take the critical step in completing their FAFSA are more likely to attend college. Unfortunately, Mississippi's students normally leave considerable amounts of funds unclaimed because they fail to complete their financial aid applications on time. In addition, the FAFSA is necessary to qualify for state, federal, and most college scholarships. Events like the FAFSA Day are important to provide assistance to parents and students. The CTC staff and the Get2College personnel were able to help attendees correctly navigate the application process and complete the FAFSA application in a timely manner. The CTC continually seeks ways to help students advance their knowledge about opportunities to receive additional financial support and reduce some of the barriers as they transition to seek advanced degrees. Therefore, the VWSD's CTC staff has also scheduled a spring date for students to complete their FAFSA.



Health Science Students Receive Hands-on Training

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Health Science II students at the Kosciusko-Attala CTC visited Holmes Community College at the Grenada and Attala locations. At the Grenada center, students were able to tour the following programs: LPN, RN/ADN, PTA, EMT and Paramedic. The students also went through a First Aid training and received a certification. When visiting the LPN program at the Holmes Attala Center, students spent a half day learning how to perform numerous hands-on skills from the LPN students. Both visits were great opportunities for learning.



Star Students

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

The Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech has announced star students for the 2nd Nine Week Grading Period. They are (top L to R): Johnalan Lindsey-Agriculture, Michael Sims-Keystone, Payton Odom-Welding, Brent Zachery-Digital Media (bottom L to R) Jacob Holman-Construction, Laura Beth Wood-Health Science, Karla Ballesteros-Teacher Academy, and Tyler Weaver-Automotive Services. Congratulations students and keep up the great work!

Teacher Academy Field Experience

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Kosciusko-Attala CTC Teacher Academy I and Teacher Academy II students are in full swing with field experience.

Students rotate at different schools each nine weeks to gain a better understanding of teacher duties. They work under the guidance of a classroom teacher to gain beneficial knowledge and experience “real life” classroom experiences. Activities include, but are not limited to: observing the actions of the teacher, creating a bulletin board, working with small groups,



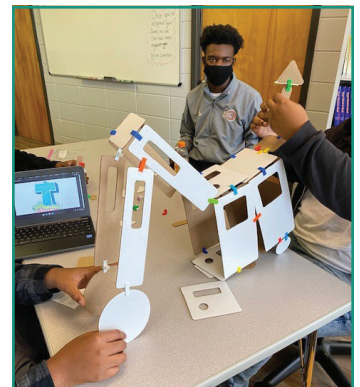
making instructional materials, teaching a lesson, using the copier, distributing teaching materials to students, taking students to activities, providing extra assistance to students with special needs, assisting students with technology, organizing classroom materials, recording classroom procedures, reading to students, etc.

Front Row From L to R Katy Jo Newman, Maggie Owen, Ava Bell, Jalynn Black; Middle Row From L to R: Katie Grace Chunn, Nikia Windom, Muriah Morton, Zakayla Winters, Daniyah Fletcher; Back Row From L to R: Karla Ballesteros, Kel’Seunna Cowans

Keystone Students Learn About Various Careers

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

The Keystone program at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center is a one semester career exploration program that is offered to 9th grade students. Keystone students recently studied Construction as a career pathway. During this unit, students used collaboration and teamwork to create structures out of various materials.



Career and Technical Education Month

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

The Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech is celebrating National Career Tech Month by recognizing nontraditional students on the digital billboard and placing nontraditional banners in all three area high schools. #wearecareertech



CTE Success Stories #prctcproud

Submitted by: Heather Crotwell

Law and Public Safety

Jonah Mahan was a Law and Public Safety student at the Pontotoc Ridge and Technical Center. He finished the two year course of study with a high proficiency rate in all activities. He also completed CPR and Basic Life certification. Jonah also completed the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifications in IS-100 (Intro. to Incident Command System), IS-200 (Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response), IS-700 (Intro. to the National Incident Management System), IS-800 (National Response Framework), and the requirements for CERT- Emergency Response Team Member. Mr. Mahan then became a volunteer fireman for the Longview Fire Department and a correction officer for the Pontotoc County Sheriff Department.

Needs for this program include: Firefighter, law enforcement, paramedic, or first responder gear.



Teacher Academy

Teacher Academy students have been busy with community service projects around our town, such as helping Santa at the community house pass out stockings, as well as singing carols, playing games and reading stories to the students as they waited to see Santa. The students typed Santa letters from students from across the county to be published in the Pontotoc Progress. They also created activity bags for the Pontotoc County Library to be distributed to children in the community. Teacher Academy students love making a difference in our community and lending a helping hand whenever needed.

Needs for this program include: Teacher Academy can always use cardstock, construction paper, and colored paper.



Early Childhood Education

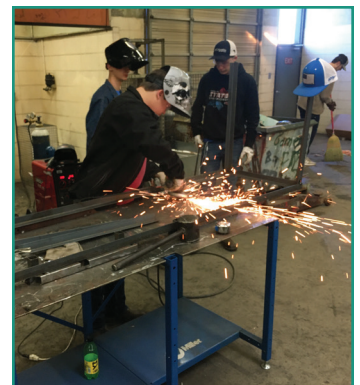
Marlee Foster is a student in the Early Childhood Education program. She works as an assistant teacher at the Kangaroo's Pouch childcare center after school. Ms. DJ Myers, Director Designee for the Kangaroo's Pouch, said Marlee has many qualities they look for in an employee. "She is flexible, polite, doesn't complain, and is always positive. She is also super involved with the children and loves to play, read, and interact with them." We are delighted to have Marlee represent our Early Childhood Program in such a positive light!

Needs for this program include: Early Childhood Education class needs children's books and scrubs for the students. This class does several reading activities with children and is learning the importance of reading to children. Students in the early childhood class go into Kindergarten and Early Childhood classes and need to look professional. The industry standard is to wear scrubs for a professional and practical look. Some students can't afford scrubs and we would like some help in purchasing/donating these.



Welding

The Welding Students at the Pontotoc Ridge Career and Technical Center were introduced to a project from the RSG/MasterBilt of New Albany,MS in October 2021 to build approximately 15 Kanban Carts. This gives the students the skill to learn how to measure, assemble to a jig and fixture, and be able to produce the required dimension necessary for production type of work. The material was supplied by RSG and pre-cut to dimension for assembly. The



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students built a jig to weld these components to the described dimensions and inspected for the finished product to be delivered. This was an impactful learning experience in all aspects of welding including: assembling, blueprint reading, and starting a project from raw material to a finished project. So far 13 have been built and delivered. Thank you RSG for the opportunity you have given us and the support here at Pontotoc Ridge Career and Technical Center.

Needs for this program include: any flat, metal, round or square tubing, angle iron, solid round or square metal, steel, aluminum or stainless, welding rods, any equipment associated with welding would be greatly appreciated for teaching purposes in welding class.

Health Science

Lindy Holley will complete her second year in Health Science at the Career Center this May. She has been certified by the American Heart Association in CPR, trained in First Aid, vital signs, sterile technique, correct use of PPE, and many other skills related to health care during her two years here. She is an active member of our local HOSA (Future Health Professional Student Organization) chapter and shows outstanding characteristics of a medical professional. Because of her love for healthcare, she pursued additional training from the US Career Institute Medical Assistant program, which she plans to complete in February, 2022. This program will allow her to become a Certified Medical Assistant and work in healthcare while attending Mississippi College with plans of becoming an obstetrician. We are very proud of Lindy and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.

Needs for this program include: We could use some new hospital linens (bed linens and hospital gowns, towels, pillow cases) and some new overbed tables & mayo stands.



Work Based Learning

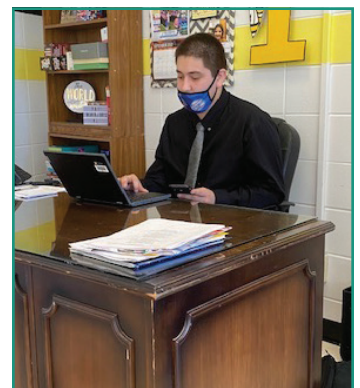
Work Based Learning (formerly Co-Op) is a course that is available to juniors and seniors that have a job. They are able to earn credits for the hours they work. This is a great opportunity for students to learn real-world skills while earning high school credits. Another opportunity available to our students is the Gateway Program. The Gateway Program provides a paid internship (paid through Three Rivers) for eligible students in a career field of their choice. I would like to highlight a Gateway student, Isabelle Southard. Isabelle is interested in pursuing a career in Engineering. In her internship role, she is helping prepare our mobile Makerspace. The Makerspace was a grant that PCSD received from CREATE Foundation/Toyota Wellspring. The goal of our Mobile Makerspace is to increase awareness in the fields of Energy, Engineering, Information Technology, and Health Sciences. We plan to partner with freshman classes at both North and South Pontotoc High Schools to provide access to 3D printers, laser engraver, CNC routers, robots, and hand tools to provide cross-curricular lessons in those fields. In this role, Isabelle has learned about invoices, purchase orders, inventory, paperwork, and she has communicated with vendors while learning about the many operational aspects of business. She is working on engineering cross-curricular lesson plans and projects for students in our district. We plan to partner with a freshman biology class and health science for our first Makerspace project.

Need: Gateway Worksites for student internships (medical, information technology, and marketing are areas of need).



Engineering

Senior Engineering student, Angel Maldonado has been accepted into Base Camp Coding Academy (BCCA) located in Water Valley, Mississippi. He will begin this fun, challenging, hands-on program in June 2022. Angel will be able to attend this program tuition-free and will train to become a software engineer in just 12 short months. BCCA sparked his interest after working with robotics and coding in his first year of engineering at PRCTC.



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Students have been finalizing the Modern Manufacturing Systems unit by working with the Computer Numerical Controller (CNC) machine. Each student has been required to explore and properly utilize the machine hardware and software to set up workpieces on the machine. They are currently creating and finalizing parts that serve specific individual purposes. Pictured is senior Brody Hall overseeing one of his projects.

Needs for this program include: a shop vac, dial or digital calipers, and new or scrap wood pieces of different varieties.

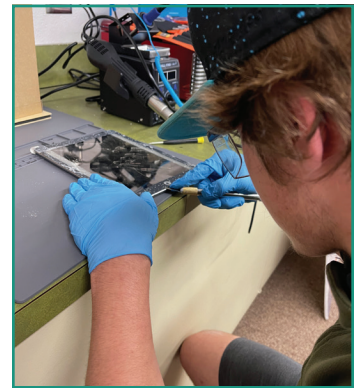
Information Technology

In the first semester of Information Technology (IT) students learned the basics of computers. They learned about the hardware components that make up the inside of a computer along with the operating systems. They learned how to diagnose, troubleshoot, and repair computers whether it be hardware or software related.

In addition to students learning the curriculum, they have started repairs on their peers' devices such as phones, tablets, or computers. Students have made replacements for phone screens and tablets. This service is provided at no additional cost to their peers other than the cost of the replacement parts for the device. Certain phones and devices may not be repairable by our students however, most devices are.

We would like to extend this service to our community. If you have a cracked screen on a phone or tablet, or if you have computer (laptop or desktop) issues, please reach out to us and we can get you fixed up for minimal cost. Contact Mr. Justin Dorris at jdorris@pcsd.ms or 662-489-1826.

Needs of this program: PC repair toolkits, 25" x 25" (or similar size) Antistatic repair mats, Old, broken, or replaced computer systems such as desktop computers, gaming systems, laptops, tablets, etc. are welcome to be donated to our program. While this equipment may not be useful in terms of computing, it is useful in allowing my students to see different components for different types of systems. If you have any outdated peripherals such as monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, etc. we will also accept those.



Agriculture Environment Science and Technology (AEST)

Careers follow trends and the most popular trend among the Agriculture Environment Science and Technology program is the pursuit to enter the veterinary field. Students have aspirations and we as CTE teachers do our absolute best to aid students to fulfill career goals. One such example is Ms. Chloe Pina, a student at North Pontotoc High School, is currently working for Animal Care Center of Tupelo along with completing her Senior year. Chloe, while taking multiple classes related to the agriculture industry, enjoyed the courses centered around animals. By performing career related tasks in the clinic on a daily basis, she continues to gain practical experience for her post secondary education.

Program needs: large and small animal vet/ medical equipment, used feed trough



Agriculture Power and Machinery

Angel Garcia was a student in Ag. Power and Machinery during the school year of 20/21. He graduated last year from South Pontotoc and completed PRCTC's Ag. Power program. Angel was interviewed about his post secondary work. The following is the interview with Angel: "As an Ag Power and Machinery student, Mr. Powell got us interested in working on heavy equipment. When we moved onto diesel engines, I knew that was what I wanted to do. I had planned on attending college, but during my senior year, I lost interest and decided not to pursue college. Mr. Powell asked me if I would be interested in working on tractors as a career. I said yes. He reached out to Wade Inc in the spring of 2021 and set up a meeting. My mother, Mr. Powell, and myself drove to Greenwood, MS and met with Mr. Ben Haggert, HR Director for Wade Inc. Mr. Haggert explained the benefits of working for



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Wade Inc and about the John Deere program at Northwest Community College. If I enrolled in the John Deere program, Wade Inc. would provide me with a full scholarship, and sponsorship to enter the program. I am currently in my second semester of the John Deere program and I love it.”

Industrial Maintenance/Advanced Manufacturing

When Austin Boyle enrolled at PRCTC he felt like he had made the right choice. He knew that the Industrial Maintenance course would require a serious commitment. Through the 2 year course he gained a wealth of knowledge that he didn't expect to use on a daily basis such as using tools of the trade and proper safety techniques. After completing high school he found himself at a couple of manufacturing facilities, but he realized he wanted to work outside.

Austin now smiles each afternoon because he enjoys hanging fiber optic internet in rural areas. “The programs at PRCTC are well worth it to anyone looking for life skills that will help them in their future.” -Austin Boyle

Needs for this program include: Flat sheets of steel and welding helmets.

Carpentry

The Carpentry class has a new teacher at the helm, Greyson Campbell. Mr. Campbell is a Pontotoc native and has grown up in the construction industry. He has spent the last 12 years designing and building high-end furniture and cabinetry installations across the south. Mr. Campbell and the students have spent the first part of the school year learning the tools of the trade and how to properly use them. Students have created storage options for tools/materials, and developed a blueprint of the shop to help facilitate efficiency and proper work flow. At the start of this semester, the students will begin work on a storage shed for a community member and bookshelves for PCSD Central Office. Recent projects under the supervision of Mr. Roger Dillard included locker cabinets for North Pontotoc High School, wheelchair ramps for the community, and flower boxes for the police department.

Needs for this program include: Business/Industry Partnerships, Lumber/Plywood/Fasteners for Future Projects, Community Service Project Ideas

Creating Your Future Internship

Toyota Mississippi held a graduation ceremony for their Fall 2021 Creating Your Future Internship graduates on December 15th. Congratulations to Pontotoc High School senior and Pontotoc Ridge Career and Technology Center Engineering program completer, Nathan Tzib, who was one of the seven high school students completing the 15 week internship program.

Nathan received his Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification from Itawamba Community College, as well as, experienced new hire orientation and gained manufacturing experience in the stamping, body weld, paint, and assembly departments of Toyota Mississippi.

During the graduation ceremony students received memorabilia from Toyota Mississippi and they each made a graduation speech highlighting what they had learned during their internship.



Students Learn About Organ Donation

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Kosciusko Attala Career Technical Center had guest speakers, Susan Bond from MORA (Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency) on Wednesday, February 9th. At the beginning the presentation most students did not know much about being an organ donor but they were all knowledgeable by the end. Many students were open to the idea of becoming an organ donor. Tina Johnson visited as well to share her family's personal story with organ donation and how it has affected them. The MORA mission is to save and improve lives through the gift of organ, eye, and tissue donation. To learn more about MORA visit their website.

Pictured is Tina Johnson (left) and Susan Bond (right).



CTC Skills USA District Winners

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center participated in the District Skills USA competition at East Central Community College in Decatur, MS. Pictured are all the students that competed. The following students will move on to compete in the Skills USA State competition in March:



- First Place Automotive Karmen Cockrell
- First Place Quiz Bowl (Team) Cristian Covarrubias, Cade Nabors, Tyler Weaver, Steven Steed, and Isaac Harris
- Second Place Welding Fab (Team) Colby Allen, Branden Allen, Hunter Cauthen
- First Place Welding Hayden Langford

Handwashing 101



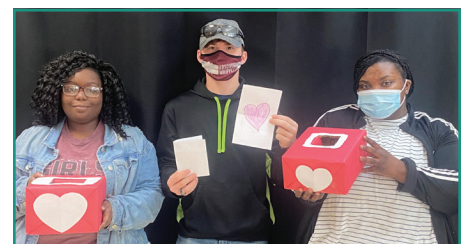
Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Kindergarten students at Kosciusko Lower Elementary School received a lesson in Handwashing 101 from second year Health Science and Teacher Academy students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center. The CTC students demonstrated proper steps to handwashing and taught the elementary students a song on the proper techniques. With the recent spread of the Coronavirus, proper handwashing is vital in the schools to stop the spread of germs and to prevent absentees. Pictured are CTC students that participated in the community service project.

Sharing the Love on Valentine's Day

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech students gave approximately 300 Valentine Card to patients at the Kosciusko Nursing Home, Atwood Personal Care Home, and Louisville Nursing Home. Pictured are Digital Media students KeAmber Zollicoffer, Brent Zachery, Diner Jones.



Achieve 100 Percent Winners for 2021

Each year the national and state office recognizes centers that have 100 percent paid membership in ACTE by December 31. These schools must submit the names of their teaching staff, administrative staff, and counselors to the national office by January 15. The names of these centers are posted on the national website and published in the Techniques magazine. MS ACTE provides a certificate to be displayed at their school and publishes a list of winners in *The Reporter*, MS ACTE's state newsletter. The winners of the Achieve 100% Award this year are:

Amite County Vo-Tech	Lawrence County Technology and Career Center
Biloxi Career Technology Center	Lee County Career Technical Center
Career Center for Clinton High School	Lowndes County School District Career and Technical Center
Carl Keen Career Technical Center	Madison Career and Technical Center
Choctaw County Career and Technology Center	Millsaps Career and Technology Center
Cleveland School District	Moss Point School District
David Williams, Jr. Career and Technical Center	Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied Technology
East Central Career Center	Newton Career and Technology Center
East Jasper Career Center	Pearl River Career and Technical Center
Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center	Petal High School
Forrest County Agricultural High School	Philadelphia/Neshoba Career Center
Grenada Career/Technical Center	Rankin County Career and Technical Center
Hancock County Career Technical Center	South Panola High School
Jackson County Technology Center	Tupelo Career-Technical Center
John C. Stennis Technical Center	Thomas C. Randle Career Technical Center
Jones County Career-Technical Center	Union High School
Kosciusko/Attala Career Technical Center	Vicksburg-Warren Career and Technical Center
Lamar County Center for Technical Education	

Student Selected to Represent the State of Mississippi as U.S. Senate Page

Submitted by: Melissa Upton

Philadelphia Neshoba County Career Tech student Ty Martin has been selected to represent the state of Mississippi as a page in the United States Senate Page Program. Ty, a junior from Neshoba Central High School and completer of the Law and Public Safety program at the Philadelphia Neshoba County Career Tech Center, is a Work Based Learning Student who has observed local attorneys and government officials. He received his appointment to the program from Mississippi U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and will be one of thirty students enrolled in the Spring session. He is the only Mississippian and one of 30 students nationwide chosen for the honor to attend this session of the U.S. Page Program.



Greetings From The Mississippi ACTE Office

Submitted by: Linda Bath

Who knew as a new teacher in October of 1975 when I joined The Association of Vocational Education, now known as the Association for Career and Technical Education, that Mississippi ACTE would play such an important part of my life. Since 2007 it has been my pleasure to serve as your Executive Director. However, after 15 years as your Executive Director, I have decided to retire effective July 31. For those interested, information regarding applying for the position of Executive Director is included in this issue of The Reporter.

While I will miss all of the connections I have made throughout our state, I will continue to be an advocate for career/technical education. I look forward to seeing the bright future you as educators are creating for students in Mississippi!

As many of you already know, the MS ACTE Summer Conference will be held July 25-27 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention Center. This is the first time in the history of the summer conference that it will be held in Biloxi! The registration for the conference will be done through the RCU website. Registration is scheduled to begin March 1. The fee is \$125 from March 1-July 5; \$150 from July 6-July 17. Pre-registration will close on March 17; after that date you will have to register on-site. The RCU is planning to block 300 hotel rooms for attendees. They will post the rates and locations by March 1. If you are interested in being considered as a breakout presenter at the conference, you can find the link posted on the conference page of our website, mississippiacte.com.

Again, I want to thank all of you who are members of MS ACTE for the wonderful memories and friendships I have made while serving as your Executive Director!

Job Description Of The Mississippi Executive Director

- To collect dues for ACTE membership, keep accurate membership records, and submit payment to national office the last day of each month
- To send thank you acknowledgement to all members upon receipt of their dues
- To send the monthly financial statement to the MS ACTE officers each month
- To keep an exact amount of receipts and expenditures, with vouchers for the latter
- To report the status of the account upon the request of the executive board
- To maintain the checking account for MS ACTE
- To assist MS ACTE President in the preparation of the budget each year
- To keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the general meetings of the association and all meetings of the executive board
- To maintain and update website
- To organize three board meetings each year and keep accurate minutes of the meetings
- To publish the MS ACTE newsletter, The Reporter, three times a year which is sent as an eBlast from the national office twice and mailed as a hard copy once a year to all MS ACTE members
- To complete necessary paperwork for the QAS Award
- To prepare certificates to all Centers who receive the Achieve 100 Percent Award and make presentation during the annual summer conference
- To assist the five district presidents with the organization of their fall and spring dinner meetings and to attend all meetings
- To mail out invitations to companies to be a vendor at the annual summer conference
- To attend the Trade Show at VISION and give vendors a Save the Date Flyer inviting them to attend our annual summer conference as a vendor
- To assist the Mississippi Department of Education and the Research and Curriculum Unit in the preparation of the annual summer conference
- To obtain vendors for the annual summer conference and secure a company to set up booths
- To secure a JROTC Color Guard for the presentation of colors at the annual summer conference
- To secure someone to sing the National Anthem at the annual summer conference
- To secure someone from the national office and/or the Region IV President to attend the annual summer conference
- To maintain a MS ACTE booth at the annual summer conference
- To conduct the MS ACTE Business Meeting at the annual summer conference
- To work with the MS ACTE officers to recognize the MS ACTE Member of the Year Award presented at the annual summer conference
- To keep accurate records of the nine MS ACTE committees and assist them with their meetings at the annual summer conference
- To assist the five district presidents with organizing and preparing handouts for their meeting at the annual summer conference
- To receive nominations for the 2nd vice president position
- To conduct correspondence and fulfill other duties as the MS ACTE Executive Board shall assign

The MS ACTE Executive Director's job is part-time.

Application for Mississippi ACTE Executive Director

Name of Applicant _____

Please provide the following information regarding the applicant:

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Number: _____

Current Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Number of years as a consecutive ACTE Member: _____

Please supply your ACTE membership number: _____

Please list the position and dates that you have served as a MS ACTE board member if applicable:

Please list the name and dates that you have served on any State, Regional, or National ACTE Committees if applicable:

Nominee's MS ACTE Affiliate: _____

What are your qualifications that would be applicable to the position of Executive Director?

Please provide three references including their place of employment, title, and telephone number:

1. _____

2. _____

Please attach a cover letter and resume with this application. **The postmarked deadline for submission is April 1.**

Send application, cover letter and resume to:

Amy Price, MS ACTE President
450 Highway 12 East
Kosciusko, MS 39090