

A Message From Your President, Robert Barnard



What a wonderful meeting Region IV was this year! I am sorry all C/T teachers could not attend, but for those who did, the tours were outstanding, the speakers were on point and the professional development was very beneficial. Our executive director, Linda Bath, did a tremendous job of preparation and the planning resulted in a well-organized conference that benefitted all attendees. I personally was on the Port of Gulfport tour, which included Gulfship and the new Gulfport HS. The revitalization of our Mississippi Gulf area after Hurricane Katrina continues and will offer training and jobs for our future students. Congratulations to all of our Region IV award winners, including our Mississippi winners, as they prepare for national competition in Nashville at Vision.

As we head toward the end of school, we turn our attention to this year's summer conference. Again, we will be at the Jackson Convention Center July 26-28 for professional development and updates on curriculum. The attendance continues to grow, and I expect this summer will be no exception. Since MS ACTE, the RCU and the MDE have joined together for summer conference, the meeting has gotten better and better. This summer will be no exception. Make your plans to attend.

To register, please visit this link: <https://rcu.gosignmeup.com> and search for "MS ACTE Summer Conference 2017". Early bird registration is \$100 per person and will end on July 5, 2017. After July 5, 2017, the registration fee will be \$125.00. Pre-registration will close on July 13, 2017, after which you will need to register onsite. To mail a check/PO for registration, send to:

Mississippi State University
Research and Curriculum
Attn: Pam Stafford
P.O. Drawer DX
Mississippi State, MS 39762

For more information, contact the RCU Helpdesk at helpdesk@rcu.msstate.edu.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving as your MS ACTE President this year. It has been a wonderful experience, and I look forward to working with MS ACTE in the future.

CTE... that's Me!

Robert Barnard
President MS ACTE

Greetings From the MS ACTE Office!

Submitted by: Linda Bath

Congratulations to all the career/technical administrators, teachers, and counselors for completing another successful school year preparing our children and adults for meaningful careers! You are doing a super job giving your students the skills they will carry with them for many years.

I want to thank all of you who attended our ACTE Region IV Conference in April. It was so wonderful to see you support our state by attending. Of the 173 attendees, 73 were from Mississippi! We also had 20 vendors who were there to showcase the latest in equipment, textbooks, software, etc. There were four pre-conference tours and an off-site session on Friday to the Port of Gulfport. All of the tours were well attended, and most had the maximum allowed. So many of the attendees were excited to see some

of the great opportunities our state has to offer. We also had wonderful speakers (all of whom are Mississippi people) at our general sessions. Many out of state attendees have requested them to come to their states to speak at their conferences! We were also pleased that Lorri Carlile, our national president, and Gina Riggs, our national incoming president, were at the conference. The Beau Rivage is a wonderful host and the food was outstanding. All in all, it was a great time to visit with old friends throughout Region IV and to make new ones!!!!!! Again, to those of you who attended, a great big THANKS!!!!!!

Now back to MS ACTE reminders. I hope to see all of you at our MS ACTE Summer Conference in July. The Mississippi Department of Education and the RCU have put together

an exciting conference that will be beneficial to all of you. For those of you who wish to take advantage of the liability insurance provided through MS ACTE, remember that the coverage is from July 1 to June 30 of each year. If your membership expires during the fiscal year, you can purchase the insurance at any time. Just fill out the membership application found on our website, mississippiacte.com, and mail it with your payment to our office. The cost of the insurance is \$30 per year and gives you \$1 million of coverage if you have a school related incident. Please remember that the insurance for the 2016-17 year expires June 30, so in order to have continuous coverage, you will need to submit your form and payment by July 1.

I look forward to seeing you in July!

Linda Bath Named to 2017 Emeritus Status

from Hinds Community College OnCampus employee newsletter, February 2017

Linda Brent Bath was named Professor Emeritus of Business Technology for Hinds Community College at the Jan. 3 Centennial Convocation. She joins 31 other retired Hinds employees selected for the honor.

Bath of Raymond began her association with Hinds as a student. She later returned to teach at Hinds for 31 years. During that tenure, she taught at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus and the Raymond Campus.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she also served as adviser for the Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda. She was the first PBL adviser from Mississippi to be named to the National Wall of Fame. She received the Mississippi Business Education

Teacher of the Year Award and was selected to represent Hinds as the HEADWAE instructor in the annual legislative ceremony honoring faculty and students.

She has remained involved in career and technical education during her retirement years, having served the past ten years as executive director for the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education. In that position, she has conducted 10 annual summer conferences and one Region IV Conference and is currently planning the 2017 Region IV conference.

Selected by a Hinds commit-

tee, emeritus status is conferred on retirees who have dedicated their lives to the college. A photo recognizing their status is showcased in the Emeritus Room at Fountain Hall on the Raymond Campus.



Jackie Granberry, executive director of the Hinds Community College Foundation; Linda Brent Bath; Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse and Paul Breazeale, president of the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees

ERDC Chooses CTE Students to Participate in Summer Program

Submitted by: Kayla Kivett

Railey George, a senior from Vicksburg High School, has been chosen to participate in the AEOP Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) at the US Army Corp of Engineers-Engineering Research and Development Center. The SEAP program offers high school students the opportunity to participate in current scientific research while developing individual research projects. Railey is currently enrolled in an Engineering II class at the Career and Technical Center. Railey said, "I feel honored to be chosen among all of the candidates who applied." She also adds, "I hope to use some of the knowledge that I have gained from my two years of Engineering; this experience is a once in a lifetime opportunity." Jasmine Cobbs, a junior from Vicksburg High School, was also chosen to participate in a summer program with ERDC. She was chosen for the Research and Engineering Apprenticeship Program. This program places talented high school students in apprenticeships with various programs. Jasmine was very excited to have been chosen to work with the program this summer.

Lamar County Students Win at State TSA Conference

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Engineering students from the Lamar County Center for Technical Education attended the Technology Student Association (TSA) State Conference in Tupelo, MS. In a Team Event, Sean Robinson and Tulio Sulbaran (both from Oak Grove High School) won First Place in Technical Problem Solving and qualified to advance to competition at the National TSA Conference in Orlando, Florida. In Technical Problem Solving, participants (one team of two individuals per chapter) use their skills in problem solving to develop a finite solution to a problem provided on site.



Pictured (Left to Right): Sean Robinson (OGHS), Tulio Sulbaran (OGHS)

Lamar County Automotive Technology Students Win at State Competition

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Several Automotive Service Technology students from Lamar County Center for Technical Education competed in separate categories at the SkillsUSA state competition in Jackson on February 28 and March 1. Two of the students won awards in their individual categories. Dalton Robinson (Oak Grove High School) won second place in Motorcycle Service Technology and received a \$5000 scholarship to Universal Technical Institute. Kyler Blackwell (Sumrall High School) won first place in Marine Service Technology and qualified to advance to SkillsUSA National Competition in Louisville,

Kentucky this summer.

The SkillsUSA competition involves written tests as well as skill workstations that require students to demonstrate repair and troubleshooting. Contestants are judged on technical competency, accuracy, quality, safety, and ability to follow directions.

The Automotive Service Technology program at the Lamar County Technical Center is a two-year program for students in tenth through twelfth grades that prepares them for

entry-level employment positions in the automotive repair and service industry or for entry into post-secondary Automotive Technology programs.



(Pictured Left to Right): Brent Runnels (Lumberton), Ethan Miller (Purvis High School), Dalton Robinson (Oak Grove High School), Kyler Blackwell (Sumrall High School), and Leslie Brown (Instructor)

Health Science Students Win at State Competition

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Health Science students from Lamar County Center for Technical Education attended the HOSA: Future Health Professionals State Conference in Jackson, MS, from March 28-30. HOSA is the only national student organization that exclusively serves secondary and post-secondary/collegiate students in pursuit of a career in the health professions. The Lamar county students competed in various health related events that assess knowledge developed by students through Health Science class instruction, clinical experiences, and HOSA related activities. Christy Pheal and Taylor Ramsey (both from Oak Grove High School) won First Place in the Health Education team event and each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Christy and Taylor are now qualified to advance to the competition at HOSA National Conference in Orlando, Florida.



(L to R): Destin Herrington (SHS), Paige Matheny (OGHS), Victoria Keith (OGHS), Taylor Ramsey (OGHS), Christy Pheal (OGHS), and Clara Ellis (OGHS)



Winners pictured (L to R): Taylor Ramsey (OGHS), Christy Pheal (OGHS)

Local Educators Lobby Congress for Career & Technical Education

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Educators from Lamar County Center for Technical Education joined more than 450 career and technical (CTE) professionals at the Association for Career and Technical Education's (ACTE) National Policy Seminar from March 13-15, 2017 in Arlington, VA.

During this advocacy event, Tina Byrd, Lamar County CTE Director, and Deanna Dunaway, Lamar County Health Science Instructor, met with lawmakers (representatives and senators) to ensure and encourage the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act which guarantees all students access

to high-quality career and technical educational programs. The Lamar County educators consulted with Thad Cochran and the offices of Steven Palazzo, Gregg Harper, Benny Thompson, Trent Kelly, and Roger Wicker.

Career and Technical Education delivers real-world training and skills development to more than 90 percent of America's secondary school students and over 8 million postsecondary students. Now, more than ever, investment in CTE is critical to meet the demand of America's 21st century workforce.

Bath Receives Award

Submitted by: Linda Bath

During the Closing Session at the Region IV Conference Sherry Siler, who is the Region IV Vice Present, presented Linda Bath with the Region IV 2017 Super Star Award. This award is given annually to a member who has contributed outstanding leadership and support throughout the year to enhance Region IV activities.



(left to right): Tammie Brewer (Mississippi Department of Education), Mike Mulvihill (Mississippi Department of Education), Tina Byrd (Lamar County Center for Technical Education), Kristen Dechert (Mississippi State University), Deanna Dunaway (Lamar County Center for Technical Education), Rex Buckhaults (Wayne County Career and Technical Educational Center), Charles Weir (Mississippi Department of Education)

Drone Comes to Tupelo Career-Technical Center

Submitted by: Amanda Walker and Amanda Wood

Digital Media Technology and Engineering were given the opportunity to witness a presentation involving the usage and safety regulations of drones. Darron Pitts from CDE, the Community Development Foundation, came to Tupelo Career Technical Center and talked to our class about drones. Mr. Pitts talked about the rise of drones in the market and stated that drones were “the next big thing.” He shared information about Federal Aviation Agency regulations and showed us various types of drones. He also showed us market trends and applicable uses of drones in the workforce such as real estate development and filming for movies. He continued his presentation by taking us outside where he explained many safety regulations. For example, the max height a commercial drone can reach is four hundred feet.



After the presentation, students volunteered to fly the DJI Inspire.

ACTE Region IV New Teacher of the Year

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

Mary Helen Lett, Agriscience instructor at Forrest County Agricultural High School, was named ACTE Region IV New Teacher of the Year during the ACTE Region IV conference in Biloxi, MS. ACTE is the Association of Career and Technical Education and is the nation's largest not-for-profit association, committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others at all levels of education.



Region IV winners were selected from among state award winners in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Mrs. Lett was chosen for this award because she has made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs.

(L-R) Suzanne Kelly (FCAHS CTE Director), Mary Helen Lett, Billy Ellzey (FCAHS Superintendent).

Perry County Vo-Tech Students Dominate FBLA State Competition

Submitted by: Kandi Roberts

Students competed at FBLA State Competition in Jackson April 6th – 8th with top students around the state in various business-related competitions and triumphantly received the following awards in their competitive event:

Dakota Bazor – 1st place Future Business Leader & Who's Who in FBLA Award

Will Windham – 1st place Agribusiness

Ty Penton – 2nd place Future Business Leader & Who's Who in FBLA Award

Micah Pickering – 2nd place Introduction to Business Presentation

Kandi Roberts, FBLA Advisor is extremely proud of these students for all of their hard work and accomplishments. Dale Goodin, the director of Perry County Vo-Tech, expresses his appreciation and thanks to the FBLA students and Kandi Roberts for a job well done.



Pictured: Dakota Bazor; Micah Pickering; Ty Penton; Will Windham

HOSA State Winners

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

The Forrest County AHS HOSA chapter, led by Judy Grice, competed in several categories and won at the state HOSA convention in Jackson this April. Scosha Cagins won first place in Home Health Aid; Haidyn Lee and Haley Rogers placed first in Medical Innovation; Bria Keith, Holly Morgan, Mary Claire Boone and Shay Ard placed second in Creative Problem Solving; Skyler Brown, Cayla McClelland, Katelyn Henry and Ebony Carmichael placed second in Health Education; Camryn Castle placed second in Nutrition; Ally Ratliff and Kennedy Fantroy placed second in CPR/First Aid; Ebony Williams and Maya Wells placed second in EMT Skills,

Dania Linares placed third in Veterinary Science; Jared Miles and Olivia McCrary scored in the top 25 percent on the Health Care Issues exam; Mary Claire Boone, Bria Keith and Amber Fields received the Barbra James Service Award and Ally Ratliff was elected as the 2017-18 HOSA State Vice President. Mrs. Grice and her students are working to raise funds to participate in National HOSA Competition in Florida this summer.



Simpson County Technical Center Tech Master Scholars

Submitted by: Carol Ann Drane

The purpose of the Mississippi Tech Master Program is to prepare students for modern, technical jobs when entering the workforce by meeting standards set by business leaders. Simpson County Technical Center has seen a rise in students qualifying as Mississippi Tech Master Scholars. During the 2015-2016 school term, only eight students at the center met the requirements. For the 2016-2017 school term, that number increased to eighteen. Listed are the students, as well as the feeder high schools, of students meeting the Tech Master Program requirements for the 2016-2017 school term:

Magee High School - Brayden Magee, Kierra Berry, Summer Little, Maya McCulloch, Stephanie Teater

Simpson County Academy - Jacob Hardin, Cooper Holifield, Joseph Brewer, Tara Williamson, Conner Mullins, Lexi Shows

Mendenhall High School - RoAntonio Hollins, Bailey Sheppard, Amber Henry, Amber Lynchard, Kymari Young, Matthew Snellgrove, Paige Holder, Dontavious Craft

Simpson County Technical Center Students Competition Winners

Submitted by: Carol Ann Drane

Simpson County Technical Center students winning first place during 2017 competitions at the state level and competing at the national level are pictured as follows:



Emily Holder (left) and Paige Holder (right) - Set to compete in the category of Clinical Specialty at HOSA National Competition in Orlando, Florida during June 21-23



Seeborn Leggett - Set to compete in the category of Power Equipment Technology at SkillsUSA National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky during June 19-23



Austin Teater - Set to compete in the category of Electrical Construction Wiring at SkillsUSA National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky during June 19-23

Congratulations to the Greenville Technical Center's Technology Students Association

Submitted by: Tarrinasha Brown-Jones

Congratulations to James "Barrett" Jackson for becoming a state officer (*left*).

Congratulation to GTC's Own TSA Mississippi Advisor of the Year, Mr. Lester Dempsey (*right*).

CONGRATULATION TO THE GTC STUDENTS TSA DISTRICT WINNERS

1st Place-Promotional Design - Christopher Long



The Greenville Technical Center's DECA Student Organization 100% Membership

Submitted by: Tarrinasha Brown-Jones



DECA is Career Pathway Experience's school organization. DECA chapter traveled to Olive Branch, MS to attend District II competition on January 10, 2017. The following students won 1st and 2nd places in their event. Zachary



Turner, 2nd Place winner in Automotive Services Marketing Series; Johnny Lawson, 1st Place in Business Finance Series; JaLeah Williams, 1st Place in Principles of Finance; Ellioult McElroy, 1st Place in Human Resources Management Series; and Marcus Foster, 2nd Place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series.

DECA participated in the Annual Angel Tree Community Service Project. Each program and office is given an Angel off of the local salvation's Army Angle Tree. The Center's students and staff come together to ensure these children have a great Christmas.



Simpson County Technical Center News

Submitted by: Carol Ann Drane

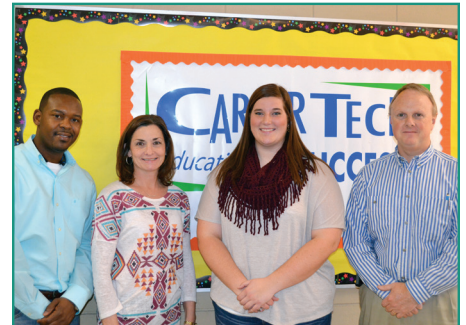


Jay Crane, Third Year Metal Fabrications student at the Simpson County Technical Center, has been selected to receive a \$500 Scholarship from the MCEF/MS State Board of Contractors. After graduating from Magee High School in May, Jay will be a student in the Jones County Junior College Welding Program in the fall.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Awarded

Submitted by: Melanie Myrick

Kosciusko-Attala Career Technical Center is very happy to provide a \$200 scholarship (provided through a State Department of Education grant) to a non-traditional senior. Eligible students were given the opportunity to write a short essay explaining why they chose a nontraditional program of study. Essays were reviewed by selected teachers, administrators, and local industry leaders. We are pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Kaelin Wright, an Agriculture & Environmental Science & Technology student. Kaelin plans to pursue a degree in Biology from Millsaps College and then a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Mississippi State University. Pictured above is Kenneth Georgia- AEST Instructor, Melanie Myrick-Student Services Coordinator, Kaelin Wright-Scholarship Recipient, Tony Holder-Career Tech Director.



Lamb is Chosen as First CTE Teacher of the Year

Submitted by: Kayla Kivett

The Career and Technical Education Center at Hinds Community College in Vicksburg, MS is a new branch in the Vicksburg Warren School District. The CTE Center has an amazing group of teachers; however, one teacher stood out among the rest. This said teacher is Mrs. Sylvia Lamb. Mrs. Lamb has been teaching for twenty-five years with a combined experience at both the junior and high school levels. Her current teaching position is at the CTE Center where she teaches first year Biomedical students. Mrs. Lamb describes her class as having a forensic twist that covers a variety of Biomedical topics, such as sickle cell, diabetes and heart disease, to determine cause of death. Teaching Biomedical science hasn't been daunting for the veteran teacher. She enjoys her subject. "My students are much more engaged by using project based learning; they build their own knowledge by doing their own research and by making presentations."

Former Directors Attend 45th Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by: Jennifer Koon

At the Alcorn Career and Technology Center's recent 45th Anniversary Celebration on February 7, 2017, all six men who have served as directors of the center were in attendance. Larry B. Mitchell served as director from 1970-1978, Mike McClamroch was director from 1978-1996, Ned Riddell was director from 1997-2001, Ed Settle was director from 2001-2010, Richard Turner was director from 2010-2014, and Rodney Hopper is currently serving as director



Lamar County Students Compete in TSA

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Engineering students from the Lamar County Center for Technical Education attended the Technology Student Association (TSA) District Conference at Pearl River Community College Woodall Center on February 17, 2017, and competed in several events.



Evan Lewis (Oak Grove High School) received First Place in 3D CAD/Computer-Aided Design. Kyra Johnson (Oak Grove High School), received Second Place in 3D CAD. In a Team Event, Sean Robinson and Tulio Sulbaran (both from Oak Grove High School) received Third Place in Technical Problem Solving. Engineering is a two-year program at Lamar County Center for Technical Education in Purvis which provides career and technical education classes for students from Lumberton High School, Oak Grove High School, Purvis High School, and Sumrall High School.

(Left to Right): Evan Lewis, Sean Robinson, Tulio Sulbaran, Kyra Johnson

Lamar County Students Compete in HOSA

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Health Science Students from Lamar County Center for Technical Education attended the district HOSA – Future Health Professionals event in Biloxi on February 18, 2017, and competed in several events. Clara Ellis (Oak Grove High School) received Second Place in Medical Spelling event. Destin Herrington (Sumrall High School) received Third Place in Physical Therapy event. In Teamwork events, Christy Pheal and Taylor Ramsey (both from Oak Grove High School) received Fourth Place in Health Education event. Also in Teamwork Events, Victoria Keith and Paige Matheny (both from Oak Grove High School) placed First in Health Career Display. Health Science is a two-year program at Lamar County Center for Technical Education in Purvis which provides technical and career classes for students from Lumberton High School, Oak Grove High School, Purvis High School, and Sumrall High School.



(Left to Right) Christy Pheal, Clara Ellis, Taylor Ramsey, Destin Herrington, Victoria Keith, Paige Matheny

How Dating and Documentaries Connect

Submitted by Maggie Clark

In Mrs. Clark's Family Dynamics class this year, she decided to change things up a bit for the unit on dating. Rather than have high schoolers listen to an adult talk about dating, she decided to have the students teach her about dating in today's world.

The students created documentaries about dating in high school. They had to research current trends and statistics that are prevalent in high schools. They also had to interview their peers to get different opinions on dating and relationships in high school. Students voiced their views on roadblocks that teens run into and helpful tips for sustaining a healthy high school relationship.

It was very interesting to see how dramatically things have changed in the past few years especially with social media taking over most communication between students. There are not many phone calls made or going on dates with different people to see if you have things in common any more. Actual dating in high school seems to be a declining trend with new methods of "reaching out" to potential suitors through Snapchat, Messenger, Instagram, etc.

The students really enjoyed this project and put a lot of hard work and effort into it. It enabled them to work on their communication, technology, research, and presentation skills. Mrs. Clark found that this project attracted even the most reluctant of students to participate and get excited about group work. This will definitely be a project that she incorporates into the curriculum again next year.

Lamar County Students Win at State Culinary Competition

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Students from Oak Grove High School's Culinary Arts Career and Technical Education program attended the state convention for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 2, 2017. FCCLA is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education. Alex Bradford (10th grade), Donovan Reid (12th grade), and Devin Venson (11th grade) won third place in a culinary team competition at the state-wide event and each received a \$1500 scholarship award.



(left to right):
Donovan Reid,
Devin Venson,
Alex Bradford

CPE Students Gain Transferrable Skills

Submitted by Kim Boyer

In Kim Boyer's CPE class, students not only learn about resumes and budgeting techniques, but also they learn about working with people who are not exactly like them. They, in fact, peer tutor special needs students who have a wide range of learning, mental, emotional, and physical disabilities. They help with keeping students focused on the task at hand, explaining activities, reading to students individually, and monitoring the students as they complete a task. They help students find games on computers related to subjects such as math or reading. They play boardgames, card games, and other various activities related to core academics and IEP goals. They also help with basic skills, such as developing life skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and socialization skills. In return, CPE students develop leadership skills, enhance self-esteem, self-confidence, and improve interpersonal skills as well as lifelong friends and experiences.

D'Iberville Students Donate Toys to Humane Society

by Kristen Durand, WXXV 25 News

The dogs at the Humane Society in Gulfport now have a new set of toys to play on thanks to a group of students from D'Iberville High School.

Students from the community service class at DHS learned the dogs were in need of exercise and agility equipment so they enlisted their friends in the carpentry class and got to work. Today, they donated their creations including 200 enrichment toys for cats and dogs.

Humane Society Development Manager Katie King says these toys not only let the dogs out of the kennels for some fresh air and exercise, but they also help get the dogs adopted. The students are happy to provide that help. "We're so glad that they got involved and gave up their time and talents to do this for the dogs. It reduces their stress levels to go out and play on this equipment which then leads to less URI's which gets more dogs adopted," said King.

D'Iberville High junior Matthew Mosely said, "We used some of the skills that we've been learning this year to build some obstacles, agility obstacles for the dogs and I enjoyed doing it. I'm glad we were able to help out."

Coach Cragin Gilbert leads the community service class at DHS. He hopes to keep this project going each year.



Collaborating With Culinary Arts

Submitted by Faye Henson

Tupelo Career - Technical Center's Culinary Arts II students recently conducted tours through the Culinary Art kitchen and Wave Cafe with Mrs. Sonya Dendy's 1st and 2nd nine weeks Business Law students on September 22, 2016, and November 17, 2016. Culinary Art students presented workplace safety rules and regulations for foodservice as they took Business Law Students on a tour of the kitchen and cafe. The Business Law class was studying workplace safety and wanted a "real life" experience of how safety rules and regulations are utilized. Culinary students discussed and demonstrated use of cutting boards with knives and how to prevent the cutting board from slipping while in use. Also, students elaborated on the proper use of oven mitts, heat resistant gloves and apron when using the dish machine. Culinary students pointed out the use of code words or lingo to warn others that you are carrying hot food, a knife, or heavy load when passing behind other workers. Students from both classes discussed how OSHA would be utilized in the foodservice industry. Lastly, culinary students presented safety in the dining room such as blocking off an area and cleaning up spills immediately, warning customers if plates or food is very hot, and seating people with special situations so that the pathway is not obstructed.

National Technical Honor Society Inductees

Submitted by: Marybeth Lowrey • Photographer: Caleb Stanley, TECH IT Specialist

Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied Technology's National Technical Honor Society newly inducted 2017 members. Their advisor is Mrs. Inda Linzy, TECH Counselor, and Mrs. Marybeth Lowrey, TECH Director.



Senior Exit Interview

Submitted by: Kayla Kivett

Forty-two seniors at the Vicksburg Warren School District Career and Technical Education Center participated in Senior Exit Interviews May 1-3, 2107.

The interviews were a culmination of events to prepare students for the next step after graduation. Students attended a workshop presented by Hinds Community College job placement coordinator, Mrs. Iyana Colly, on April 7, 2017. Ms. Colly informed seniors about resume and job applications guidelines. Mrs. Melissa Smith, CTE student service coordinator, guided students as they filled out their application to be used for their interviews.

Mrs. Kayla Kivett, CTE student services coordinator, emceed on April 18, 2017, a Dress for Success Fashion Show on professional dress. CTE juniors demonstrated what was not appropriate to wear to an interview, and the Hinds Community College Association of Student Government modeled proper business attire. At the end of the presentation, Mrs. JoAnn Oliver, CTE student services coordinator, shared interview guidelines with students and gave students their interview appointments.

For three days, students met with community members who conducted a mock interview with each senior. A scoring rubric was used and verbal feedback was given to students on what they did well and how they could improve.

Hunt Holdiness, a senior from Warren Central High School and a Biomedical II student, said that it helped him to get experience and see what to do in an interview. Another student, Zaria Anderson, a Vicksburg High School and Health Science II student, said that she learned to use eye contact when speaking to someone and to relax during an interview.

The following community members invested their time in the success of VWSD students: Tim DeRossette, Hinds Community College Career Pathway instructor; Mrs. Joyce Blue, Serenity Premier Company; Mrs. Meshell Chambless, Hinds Community College Licensed Practical Nurse instructor; Doug Jones, a retired engineer from Entergy; Mrs. Nancy Melancon, Soil and Water Conservation Information and Education Coordinator; Mr. Tommy Miller, Good Shepherd Community Center Director; Steven King, Hinds Community College welding instructor; Mr. Alphonse Wells, Merit Health Human Resource Director; Brother Blackburn, Blackburn Motors; Mr. Matthew Campbell, Hinds Community College culinary instructor; Mr. Jerry Chambers, Vicksburg Outlets Manager; Mrs. Elyce Curry, Vicksburg Convention Center Sales Manager; Mrs. Marion Banks, Hinds Community College retired nursing instructor; Mrs. Debbie Runnels, Medical Associates Administrator; and Mrs. Betty Reed, Batesville Company Human Resource Manager. Participants from US Army



Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) were Mr. Richard Tillotson, Education Outreach Coordinator; Dr. Toni Lowe, Talent Acquisition Manager; and Mr. Chad Gartrell, Chief of Geotechnical Engineering and Geosciences Branch Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory.

When asked about his thoughts about the senior interviews, Mr. Alphonse Wells, Merit Health Human Resource director said, "The VWSD students are motivated, articulate and committed to giving back to their community. This by far has to be one of the greatest investments academic administrators and community leaders could make—investing in its students!"

Miss Lily Brown, a Vicksburg High School senior in Biomedical I, is also dual enrolled in Hinds Community College's licensed practical nursing program. She will complete her LPN certification December 2017, and aspires to major in pre-med. Brown shared her motto with her interviewer: "I will not fail; it simply is not an option."

The Greenville Technical Center's National Technical Honors Society 2016-2017 Inductees

Submitted by: Tarrinasha Brown-Jones



UMMC Guest Speaker for Health Science Students

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer



Dr. Stephen Manuel was a guest speaker in the Health Science II class at the Lamar County Center for Technical Education on Wednesday, May 10. Dr. Manuel, Associate Dean of Medical School Admissions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, spoke about the pathway to medical school and detailed the courses and steps involved. In describing the admissions process, Dr. Manuel also discussed the costs of medical school and the various scholarships and other financial aid opportunities available to potential students.

(from left to right) Deanna Dunaway (Health Science instructor), Dr. Stephen Manuel, Tina Byrd (LCCTE Director), Laura Falls (Health Science instructor)



International Career Development Conference

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

Two FCAHS students recently traveled to Anaheim, California, to participate in the International Career Development Conference. Katelyn Henry and Savannah Gibson competed in the category of Public Relations with a project that addressed the need of increasing the number of business students at FCAHS. The students worked with the Business/Management instructor and DECA advisor, Kate Scott, on preparing their visual and oral presentation for the conference. Over 20,000 students from all over the world gathered in Anaheim for this conference.



(L-R): Katelyn Henry and Savannah Gibson.

State Envirothon Winners

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

Forrest County Agricultural High School competed in the Mississippi FFA Envirothon competition on April 28 and won second place. The team also received the award for "Outstanding Oral Presentation". Envirothon is an environmentally themed academic competition for high school students organized by the National Conservation Foundation. Envirothon combines in-class and hands-on environmental education in a competition setting which involves problem-solving scenarios as well as written field tests.



L-R: Rusty Coats (FCAHS Horticulture instructor), Jordyn Ladner, Marley Ladner, Katie Kelly, Briar McConnell and Anthony Taylor.

MDOT Bridge Competition

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

FCAHS was well represented at the 2017 MDOT Bridge Building competition in Jackson. Cherish McGee, FCAHS Architecture and Drafting instructor, prepared fifteen of her students to attend the competition this year. The competition consisted of five phases: use CAD software to design a bridge, develop a portfolio, conduct a presentation for a panel of judges and test the bridge for strength-to-weight ratio. Out of five teams competing, one team placed third in the ninth/tenth grade category: Austin Beck, Paden Roberts and Walt Pope. Each team member won \$50, which was provided by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.



L-R: Austin Beck, Paden Roberts and Walt Pope.

College Fair

Submitted by: Gracie King

Each year, Career Pathways Experience classes organize and setup the college fair. This year, there were over 47 tables for students to visit. This includes all branches of the military, all Mississippi universities, MGCCC, Career & Technical programs, businesses offering part time employment, as well as scholarship information.



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