

A Message From Your President, Rex Buckhaults



Hello MS ACTE Members, it has been a great year. Let me take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president, and I would also like to encourage each one of you to continue to recruit new members for MS ACTE. If you serve in any position within career and technical education you should belong to your professional organization, MS ACTE.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked on this year's MS ACTE/MDE Summer Conference with a special thanks going to Linda Bath, the Mississippi Department of Education, and the RCU. The MS ACTE/MDE Summer Conference will be held July 24 through July 26, 2019, at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, MS. I know it will be an exciting and worthwhile opportunity for all who attend. Sessions have been planned for all affiliate groups. You will be able to meet with MDE Staff and RCU Staff to receive update information on your specific area as well as networking with fellow CTE educators. Time has been allotted for everyone to visit vendors and discuss the latest advancements in technology and equipment. I look forward to seeing you at summer conference.

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Greetings From the MS ACTE Office

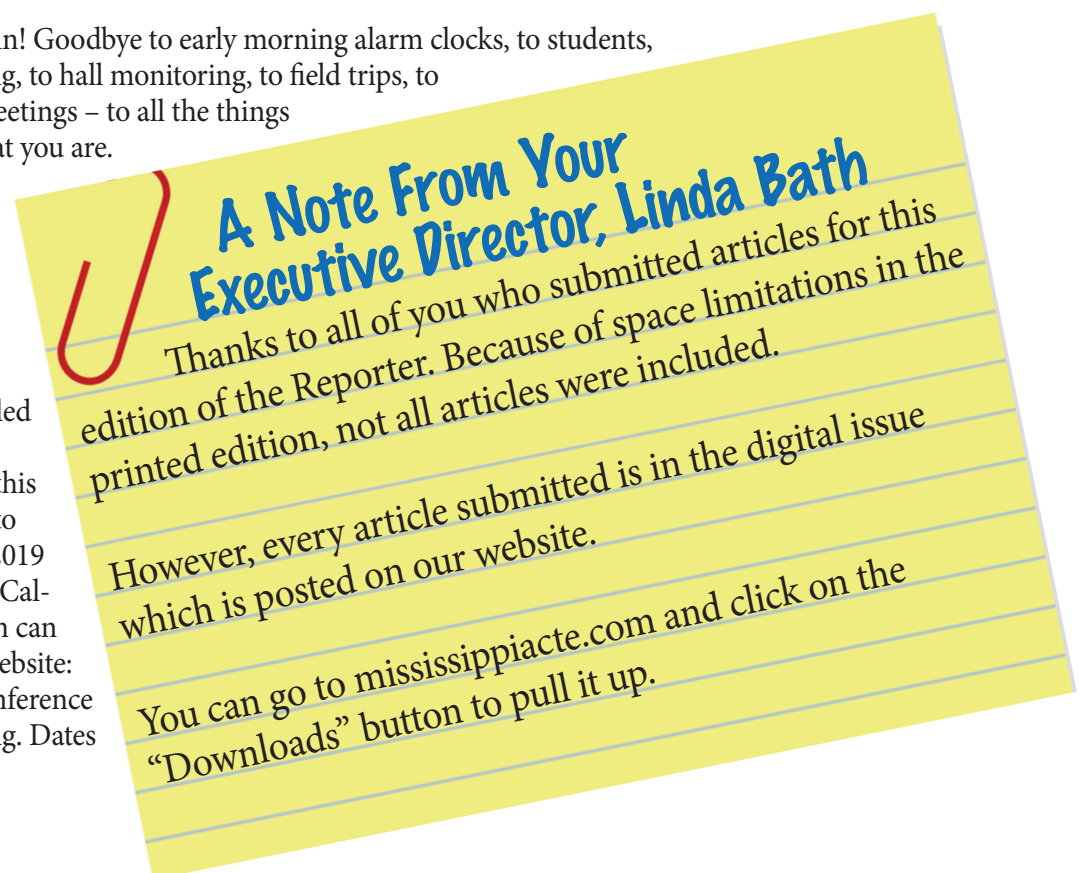
Submitted by: Linda Bath

It's that "goodbye" time of year again! Goodbye to early morning alarm clocks, to students, to paper grading, to lesson planning, to hall monitoring, to field trips, to student competitions, to faculty meetings – to all the things that make you the great teacher that you are.

Thanks to you, our students are prepared to be successful in the workplace! I applaud you for all you do to make our young people's lives brighter! What a blessing you all are!!!!

Our summer conference is scheduled for July 24-26. It will be held at the Jackson Convention Center again this year. I hope you are making plans to attend. The National Conference, 2019 VISION, will be held in Anaheim, California, December 4-7. Registration can be handled through the national website: acteonline.org. Our Region IV Conference will be in New Orleans in the spring. Dates have not been posted.

See you in July!



ACTE Announces 2019 Region IV Excellence Award Winners, National Award Finalists

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is pleased to announce Mississippi's recipient of the following 2019 Region IV Excellence Award:

- ACTE Region IV Administrator of the Year—Rex Buckhaults - Waynesboro, MS

The Region winners were announced at an awards ceremony during the ACTE Region IV conference in Oklahoma City, OK on April 18, 2019.

The ACTE Excellence Awards promote merit in career and technical education (CTE) by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to ACTE; they embody the core values of serving students and being committed to CTE. Find more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards at acteonline.org.

The Region IV winners will progress as national finalists in their categories. The national winners will be announced at the ACTE Awards Gala, a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country, which will take place on December 4, 2019, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2019 conference in Anaheim, CA.



Oak Grove Culinary Arts Team Wins First in State

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

Culinary Arts students from Oak Grove High School won First Place at the state Jr. Chef competition in Raymond, Mississippi, on January 25. The Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Child Nutrition sponsored the "Savor the Flavor of Mississippi" Jr. Chef Competition. The Oak Grove team, titled "Smokin' Hot," qualified for participation in the state competition by winning First Place in the regional Jr. Chef competition in October. Now, the team will move on to compete in the national USDA Jr Chef Competition May 9th and 10th in Kentucky. The winning "Creole Smoked Chicken Wrap" prepared by the Oak Grove students at the state competition earned each of them a \$16,000 scholarship to Sullivan University in Kentucky.

The national USDA Jr. Chef culinary competition engages high school students across the Southeast Re-

gions (Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee) with an opportunity to demonstrate their culinary skills in a competitive environment. The Jr. Chef competition prepares students for important culinary career skills such as teamwork, organization, menu planning, recipe development, food preparation, marketing, public presentation, and community involvement.

Six to eight weeks before the competition, student teams must submit for review a nutritious and student-friendly recipe that is both appetizing and appealing. The recipes must include locally grown products and comply with National School Lunch Program (NSLP) requirements. All preparation and cooking of the food must be done on site during the

competition and must be completed within 1 and ½ hours. The completed dish will be judged on appearance, taste/texture, ingredients/feasibility, and originality/student appeal. The students' knowledge and understanding will also be evaluated based on their ability to speak with judges and answer questions articulately and professionally.



Picture 1: (L to R) Debbie Miller, Aleiyah Luenig-McGee, Bethanie Pheal, Vikayla Oatis, Donovan Reid

National CTE Month Proclaimed in Batesville

Submitted by: Robert Barnard

Students representing the South Panola High School Career and Technical Education Department met with Batesville Mayor Jerry Autrey on Wednesday (Feb. 6) as the students celebrate February as Career and Technical Education Month.



First row L to R: Kenzie Robertson, Horticulture/FFA VP; Hannah Selvy STEM/State of MS TSA Secretary; Lanyse Gleaton, Sports Medicine; Leilani Hoskins, Pres. NTHS; Lucy McCain, Spring Semester President CPE/DECA; Brenda Hernandez, Horticulture; Xavier Jackson, STEM/State of MS TSA Sergeant At Arms; Trae Higdon, New SP Career and Tech Education Director.

2nd Row L to R: ; Ravyn Burdette, Culinary; Kimya Ford, FCCLA; ; Ashley Pride, Health Sciences; Jacob Champion, Welding; Blair Williams, Fall Semester President CPE/DECA; Chandler Toliver, Automotive; Robert Barnard Jr., CPE Instructor

3rd Row L to R Cynthia Davis, STEM teacher and TSA advisor; David Tutor, current C & T Director and new SP Assistant Superintendent; McCarlie Burchfield, 2nd Year President FCCLA/Early Childhood Education; Joseph Red, FFA President; Gabriel Towles, Ag Mechanics; Sam Kirkland, Construction; Jekolby Harris, Culinary; (Not pictured- Logan Ayala-Industrial Mfg)

Educators Rising State Leadership Conference

Submitted by: Jennifer Williams

Students in the Teacher Academy class at the Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center recently competed at the Educators Rising State Leadership Conference held in Oxford, MS February 8 - 9, 2019.



Pictured are Jennifer Williams - EdRising Advisor & Teacher Academy Instructor (Top middle), Jakaya Harper - 3rd place in the Exploring Support Services Careers competition (2nd Row Left), Mikayla Sterling - 4th place in the Educators Rising Moment competition (2nd Row Middle), Primiya Curb - 5th place in the Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers competition and the newly elected 2019-2020 Secretary of Educators Rising Mississippi (2nd Row Right), Torrez Walls - 4th place in the Public Speaking competition (1st Row Left), Alyssa Williams - 4th place in the Job Interview competition and the newly elected 2019-2020 Vice President of Educators Rising Mississippi, Destiny Washington - 3rd place in the Job Interview competition (1st Row Right), and Ava Lubin (Not Pictured) - 3rd place in Educators Rising Moment competition. All seven students will advance to the 2019 Educators Rising National Conference that will take place June 21-25, 2019, in Dallas, TX.

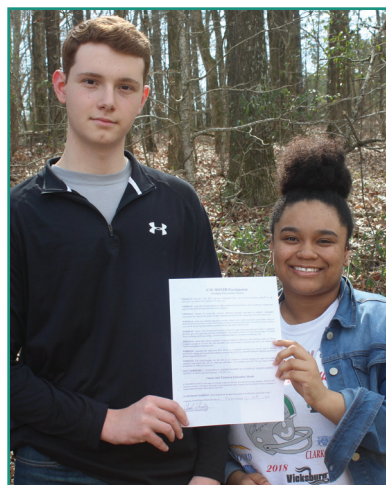
VWSD CTE Month Declaration

Submitted by: Jo Ann Oliver

Career and Technical students Robert Hinson and De'Jah Felix proudly display Vicksburg Warren School District Superintendent Chad Shealy's January School Board Proclamation that the month of February is Career and Technical Education Month.

CTE Month is an Association for Career and Technical Education public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

The Career Tech Center located on the Hinds Community College hosted a Community Tour on February 13-14, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Biomedical I and II Students at VWSD CTE

Submitted by: Lesley Magee

The Biomedical I and II classes were happy to have Dr. Miles Ashley of The Vision Clinic speak to them on Friday, January 11, 2019. The Biomedical II students were finishing up a unit on the eye, in which they dissected a cow eye, labeling all of the different structures, they created PowerPoints describing some common eye disorders and gave examples of each, and they created trifold brochures

detailing the routine tests that occur during a normal eye exam. This is Dr. Ashley's 3rd year visiting the Biomedical II classes, and each year the interaction is different. This year, due to many assignments the students had already completed on the eye and its structures, they had many questions for Dr. Ashley as he presented on his educational requirements and job responsibilities. When he got to

the portion of his presentation where he described several common eye disorders, the students were excited to share their own presentations of eye disorders to show what they had learned in class! Afterwards, Dr. Ashley was happy to take a picture with them and answer any individual questions that the students may have had. This proved to be a great wrap-up to the unit on the eye!



Choctaw County SkillsUSA Teams Place at District Contest

Submitted by: Sandi Liddell

Choctaw County Career and Technology Center Construction/Carpentry and Culinary students qualified for the State SkillsUSA competition after competing in the SkillsUSA Region II Leadership and Skills Contests held on February 7th at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Placed 1st

Pictured: (left to right) Veronica Molina, Adriane Dean, Hope Reece, Trenton McGee, Sabrina Shields, Victoria Fondren, Paige Carter

Carpentry: Placed 1st

Pictured: Dawson Jones (helper) and Kolton Dean – Carpenter

Related Technical Math: Placed 1st

Pictured: Dustin Clark

Masonry: Placed 2nd

Pictured: Hayden Nickels (helper) and Ryan Davis – Brick Mason

These students as well as two additional Culinary students, Destiny Darden and Rylee McGlothlin, will compete at the state level on April 9th and 10th. Congratulations and best of luck at state!



Kosciusko Attala Partnership Awards \$1,000 to Career-Tech Center Students for National Career Readiness Certificate Testing

Submitted by: Tracy Burnley

The Kosciusko Attala Partnership received a \$1,000 grant that is being awarded to the Kosciusko-Attala County Career Technical Center to provide National Career Readiness Certificate testing to more than 30 students.

The testing will all take place at the Holmes Community College Attala Center.

“More and more employers are requiring the ACT WorkKeys NCRC tests and as a work ready community, we want to ensure that as many students as possible can take it. Our partnership with the Career Technical Center is very important and their leadership in workforce development and training for future generations has proven to be very effective for students entering college or seeking work right out of high school,” said Darren Milner, Executive Director of the Kosciusko Attala Partnership.

The test has three sections with each test having a fee of \$10.

“This really helps many of the students who might otherwise not be able to afford it,” said Tracy Hardy, Counselor, Career Technical Center.

“Holmes Community College is extremely happy to partner with the Kosciusko Attala Partnership to offer this to students in our local community. It is a wonderful opportunity for these students that can have a huge impact on their future and the career path they choose,” said Mandy Burrell, Workforce Coordinator and Assistant Director of the Attala Center.



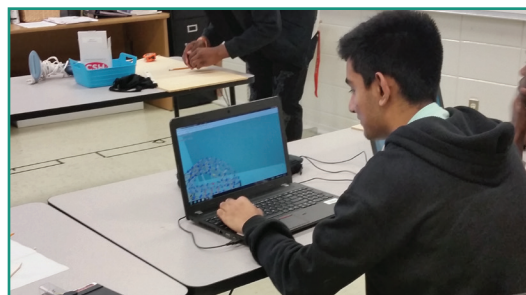
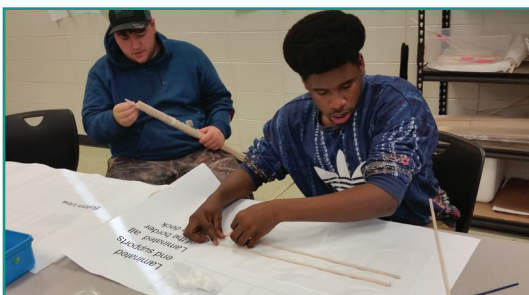
Pictured (L-R), Tracy Hardy (CTC), Tony Holder (CTC), Mandy Burrell (HCC), Darren Milner (KAP)

Building Bridges

Submitted by: Beth Krapac

Students enrolled in the Engineering 1 class of the Project Lead the Way program at the Career and Technical Center of the Vicksburg Warren Central district are working to construct deck arch truss and tied arch bowstring bridges. They created their bridges using the Auto-cad and Model Smart software programs. The physical models will be tested on April 1 at the Hinds Community College in Pearl, MS to determine the strongest bridges. An interview along with a portfolio are additional requirements for the competition.

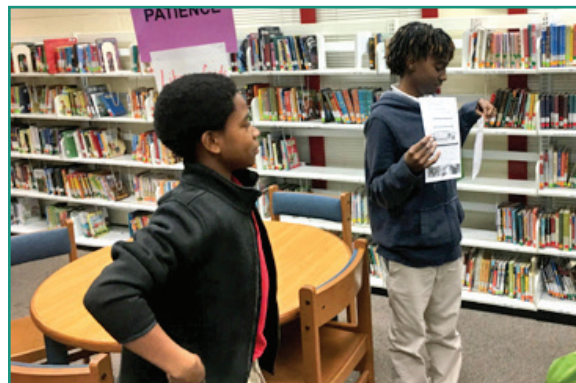
Awards are given for the top three and MDOT pays for the meals and transportation to Pearl. Students are excited to enter the contest against other schools from all over Mississippi.



Kidpreneurs

Submitted by: Terence A. James

Sheila Hudspeth, Warren Central Intermediate librarian, allowed Deterious Hooker and Caleb Lane to present their business plan on Communication Arts and Business Day (CAB). The title of the CAB activity was Kidpreneurs, and students had the opportunity to create their own business plan. Students had to determine their business name, hours of operation, flyer, business card and services that would be provided. Deterious and Caleb created the Hooker & Lane Game Company and were going to sell video games for their business. All elementary students across the Vicksburg Warren School District participated in this activity as part of the Vicksburg Warren College and Career Academies initiative to increase students' career awareness.



SkillsUSA Officer Meeting

Submitted by: Sandi Liddell

On February 27th, 2019, Sabrina Shields, State SkillsUSA Reporter, and Mr. Robert Black, Construction/Carpentry Instructor at Choctaw County Career and Technology Center attended the SkillsUSA Officer meeting at the Mississippi Department of Education. Prior to their meeting Senator Philip Moran from District 46 gave the SkillsUSA Officers and

Advisors a tour of the State Capital Building. Students saw the House of Representative Chambers and were allowed in the balcony area in the Senate Chambers. Students had an opportunity to observe as the Senators conducted an actual meeting.

VWSD CTE Health Science II Students Tour Riles Funeral Home

Submitted by: Melissa W. Smith

Vicksburg Warren Hinds Community College Career and Technical Center Health Science II classes toured the Riles Funeral Home facilities in Vicksburg, MS. The tour to Riles Funeral Home was the conclusion of their studies of conception to the end of life. Before students attended the tour, they wrote their own obituary. Ms. Elosie Ford, Health Science II instructor, wanted students to learn how the death process ends through preserving the body, burial, and cremation. Students were allowed to tour the funeral home chapel, embalming room, crematory, and the hearse. Kaylin Means, a Health Science II student, said the most memorable part of the trip was the owner of the funeral home, Mr. Charles Riles, emphasized the importance of having compassion and dignity to the deceased and the family.



Antonica Jefferies, another Health Science II student, learned how the crematory process occurs. The embalming process, which was explained in detail to the students, was one of the highlights of the trip. Health Science II classes at VWSD Hinds Community College continues to give their students real life experiences.



SkillsUSA State Officers and Advisors and Senator Moran: Pictured Left to Right: Robert Black, Advisor Choctaw County CTC, Jacklyn Parker, Advisor Stone County, Cherish McGee, Advisor Forrest County AHS, Amy Bustin, Advisor Pascagoula CTC, Robert Smith, Advisor Amory CTC, Sabrina Shields, Reporter Choctaw County CTC, Senator Philip Moran, District 46 Maggie Tickle, Secretary Amory CTC, Chevis Ne-caise, Advisor Hancock County Career Technical Center, Paden Roberts, Vice President Forrest County AHS, McKenzie Davis, President Hancock County Career Technical Center, Jason Fricke, Treasurer Hancock County Career Technical Center, Nicholas Weir, Parliamentarian Pascagoula CTC

Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center FBLA Random ACTS of Kindness

Submitted by: Equonda Jackson

The members of FBLA at Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center donated snacks for the recreational room at Cleveland Nursing and Rehab Center in Cleveland. February 17th was National Random Act of Kindness Day but the delivery was made on February 28th. Pictured with the members of FBLA are: Isley Carter-Executive Director, Crystal Bradley-Activity Director, Larissa King-Activity Assistant, Donna Lucas, Business Teacher. Monica Mitchell is the director of the Cleveland Career Development & Technology Center.



Biomedical Classes Relocated to Merit Health

Submitted by: Lesley L. Magee

Lesley Magee's Biomedical II and III classes were relocated to Merit Health over the Christmas Break. The students' first day at the hospital was Monday, January 14, 2019. The students had to go through Merit Health Orientation and get tested for TB, as they would have to if they were employed in the hospital. The classes are also required to wear maroon scrubs, provided to them by the school district. The students are transported to the classroom, which is located on the 1st floor of the hospital, by district buses. Although the decision to move was shocking, the students have been exposed to different opportunities due to the move. First, the Biomedical III students were allowed to travel by district bus to the Academy of Innovation to judge the Middle School Science Fair. They are also enjoying an elongated job shadowing opportunity throughout Merit Health, every Tuesday, from January-April. Lastly, these same students were visited by Speech Therapist Frances Archer, Physical Therapist Kimberly Washington, and Occupational Therapist Grace Nelson to discuss their careers. The students are currently working on building a prosthetic arm with the ability to throw a plastic ball into a cup, so learning about what these professionals do on an everyday basis was very informative and helpful. The partnership with Merit Health will definitely leave the students in the Vicksburg-Warren School District with unbelievable experiences and memories and will hopefully lead to future employment opportunities right here in their own hometown.



National Committee Member!

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

Aliyah Eaton is a junior at Forrest County Agricultural High School. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club and is President of the FCAHS chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). In March, Aliyah was the first student from the Southern Region to be elected as a State Officer in FCCLA and with this position, came the opportunity to serve as FCCLA National Committee Member for the 19-20 school year. Aliyah is an excellent student and assisted with CTE recruitment activities this year. She designed a PowerPoint slideshow and paired that with an oral presentation to share with eighth grade students who toured CTE programs on the FCAHS campus. Outside of school, Aliyah is active in organizations to help her community. She is a member of the Ivy Pearls and is chaplain for the Hattiesburg chapter. In addition, she is a member of the Hattiesburg Mayor's Youth Council and participates in many community service projects annually including park clean-up days and visits to local nursing homes. She plans to pursue a degree in Social Work at the University of Southern Mississippi after graduating from FCAHS in May 2020.



Icon Retiring

Submitted by: Melissa Graham

An icon at Forrest County Agricultural High School, Mr. Mike Dale, is retiring at the end of the 18-19 school year. Mr. Dale began teaching Agriculture & Natural Resources at Forrest County AHS in 1983 and has been teaching students about agriculture, as well as life skills for the last 36 years. In honor of his dedicated service to the school and community, a sign was constructed by Marc McPhail, FCAHS alumnus and former student of Mr. Dale's. The sign was installed on the north entrance of the FCAHS campus. Chuck and Trey Tucker of American Air assisted with installation and funding was provided by the FCAHS school board and private donations from alumni. Students worked all of spring break to paint the sign. It was installed on March 20th, which marked exactly 36 years of service Mr. Dale has provided to the school. He was surprised that day, upon his return from the state capitol, where he was recognized by the House of Representatives with a special proclamation crafted in honor of his time, service and retirement. More than 150 former students, community members and FCAHS staff and supporters attended the special reception to commemorate the day.



Projects in the Engineering Classroom

Submitted by: Kristy Brannon

Summer fever is definitely kicking in for seniors all across Mississippi. In Vicksburg, seniors and juniors in the Engineering program have been hard at work conducting engineering research on topics of their choice. Pictured below is Kendarius James, a senior at Warren Central High School with his project on earthquake resilience in towers. Projects in the engineering classroom varied from mars rovers projects to tiny home design. Students were able to explore different varieties of engineering, consult experts, and follow the engineering design process to arrive at a engineering design solution for their chosen problem.



Wayne County Career-Tech Center Technology Fair Winners

Submitted by: Karen Rawson

The Wayne County Technology Fair was held on March 26, 2019, at Wayne County Career-Technical Center. The fifth annual fair began in 2015 to provide students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to share their knowledge of technology. This year, the Technology Fair consisted of seven categories of competitive events. Approximately seven-five students vied for one of four places in one of the seven categories.

Digital Photography

1st Place: Unnalashel Causey
 2nd Place: Tanner Powe
 3rd Place: Sydney Mosley
 Honorable Mention: Patience Shaw



Keyboarding

1st Place: Maddox Walker
 2nd Place: Tristen Presley
 3rd Place: Hannah Crawley
 Honorable Mention: Hailey Loftin



Presentations

1st Place: Daphanie White
 2nd Place: Alexis Smith
 3rd Place: Paris Eskridge
 Honorable Mention: Jocelyn Pitts



Spreadsheets

1st Place: Destiny Henry
 2nd Place: Michelle Parker
 3rd Place: Colton Greene
 Honorable Mention: Zane Denson



Video Game Design

1st Place: Kyle Carney
 2nd Place: DiLen Watters and Jakevis West
 3rd Place: Jason Loper
 Honorable Mention: Miles Pitts



Web Site Design

1st Place: Madyson Brock and Kaylee Hines
 2nd Place: Ashley Mason
 3rd Place: Destiny Napier
 Honorable Mention: Morgan Guy



Word Processing

1st Place: Zion Cooper
 2nd Place: Lila Griggs
 3rd Place: Madison Newburn
 Honorable Mention: Paris Spencer

Lamar County Welding Class

Submitted by: Rhonda Brewer

The Lamar County Center for Technical Center hosted a welding night class for the spring semester. It was taught by LCCTE's Metal Fabrication instructor, Jeff Waits, and part of Pearl River Community College's Workforce Training program for adults. For information about upcoming trainings, go to: <http://www.prc.edu/workforce-training>.



(Pictured left to right): Chris Buffington, Collin Hill, Stephen Cox, Instructor Jeff Waits, Edward Pollan, Jeremiah Ainsworth, Hunter Ainsworth, DeAndre Smith, DeJuan Greenwood, LaTerria Shelby, Joeseoph Slaughter

Reading in the Park 2019

Submitted by: Deana Patterson

The Itawamba Career and Technical Center Teacher Academy and Educators Rising student organization hosted Reading in the Park on Saturday, March 2nd at the Fulton Playgarden Park. The goal of the event was to create a fun experience that encouraged reading and family involvement. Approximately 250-300 people attended the event. The Itawamba First Foundation awarded the ICTC Teacher Academy a \$1500.00 grant to help provide PK-3rd grade children with free reading materials. This grant also helped to encourage reading awareness by awarding prizes to coloring contest winners and to the children's favorite reading booth.



This free event provided students with the opportunity to visit different reading stations with animated readings of some of their favorite characters. Stations were provided by the Itawamba Career and Technical Center Digital Media Pathway,



Itawamba Attendance Center 2nd Grade, Fairview Attendance Center 2nd Grade, Fulton Head Start, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition, and Itawamba County United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Students also had the opportunity to explore the Itawamba County Pratt Memorial Library where they were able to participate in story-time and sing-a-longs, open a library card, and even check out a book. Finally, local organizations provide children with the opportunity to touch-a-truck. The Itawamba County School District, Tombigbee Electric Power Association, Fulton Telephone Company, Fulton Fire Department, Mantachie Fire Department, Tremont Fire Department, Fulton Police Department, Mantachie Police Department,

Mississippi Department of Transportation, Kilgore's Repair, and Mr. Danny Stovall provided vehicles ranging from monster trucks and school bus to a ladder fire-truck and tractor.

ICTC Teacher Academy/Educators Rising and its collaborators wanted to help our children associate reading with enjoyment and help build on that foundation. A great time was had by all and magical memories were made at the 2019 Reading in the Park.

Petal High School Presents the Utility Lineman Program

Submitted by: Brooke Walter

On April 5, 2019, Chain Electric Company, along with Mississippi Power, the Mississippi Community College Board, South Mississippi Planning and Development, MHA Solutions, and Pearl River Community College, visited the Utility Lineman Program at Petal High School.

This specific program is the first in the state and would not be possible without the support of each of these industries, businesses, and community college representatives. In the program, students have the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in this field as well as earn college credit within the utility lineman course of study through Pearl River Community College. One utility lineman student stated, "This experience has been an amazing opportunity for me." Petal High School is very excited about this new opportunity for students and will continue to offer this program to seniors during the 2019-2020 school year.



News From Perry County Vo-Tech

Submitted by: Louise Backstrom

Perry County Vo-Tech Non-Traditional Automotive Student Achieves Valedictorian Title at Local High School



Lexie McDaniel, Valedictorian and Hannah Prentiss, Salutatorian at Perry Central High School are both double program completers at Perry County Vo-Tech. Lexie, a non-traditional student, completed the Automotive Service Technology Program and the Career Pathways Experience program. Hannah completed the Business Design Technology program and the Career Pathways Experience program. Lexie received the program award during her first year in the Automotive program. Hannah received the program award both years in the Business Design Technology program. Both of these girls excelled in their programs! Perry County Vo-Tech Administration, Faculty, and Staff are extremely proud to have had these girls in the Vo-Tech for 3 years of their high school career.

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Perry County Vocational Technical Center 2018-2019 Student of the Year



Perry County Vo-Tech honored Hayden Fairley as the 2018-2019 Vo-Tech Student of the Year. While as a student at Perry County Vo-Tech, Hayden has served on numerous student organizations as well as completed the Automotive Service Technician Program and Career Pathways Experience. Congratulations to Hayden Fairley on a job well done.

Perry County Vocational Technical Center 2018-2019 Triple Completer

On April 30, 2019, Coleman Backstrom, Senior at Perry County Vo-Tech was recognized for being Perry County Vocational-Technical Center's one and only Triple Completer for the 2018-2019 School Year. In his high school career, Coleman completed the Agricultural Environmental Science and Technology Program, Automotive Service Technician Program, as well as Career Pathways Experience. With all of the graduation requirements and scheduling, this is a major accomplishment for Coleman to have completed all three programs throughout his high school career.



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Perry County Vocational Technical Center FBLA Students Sparkle At State Competition

Perry County Vo-Tech students competed at FBLA State Competition in Jackson with 937 other students. These 937 students were the top scorers chosen from three different district competitions held earlier this year. Students competed in various business-related competitions and victoriously received the following awards in their competitive event:

Arabian Jones – 1st place in Introduction to FBLA

Janiyah Dantzler, Tatum Dunnam, and Abbie Rylee – 2nd place in Business Ethics

Charity Bolton – 4th place in Job Interview

Mrs. Kandi Roberts, FBLA Advisor, is extremely proud of these students for their hard work and accomplishments!

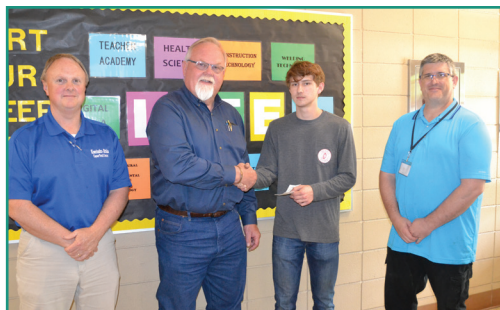
Pictured: Tatum Dunnam; Abbie Rylee; Janiyah Dantzler; Charity Bolton; Arabian Jones



Mike Rozier Construction Supports CTC Students

Submitted by: Tracy Burnley Hardy

Mike Rozier Construction recognizes the importance of supporting the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center. Mike Rozier Construction donated \$250 to Greyson Bell to help with expenses of competing at the National Skills USA competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Also, the company had an official signing day for Timothy Thompson to sign on as an employee at Mike Rozier Construction.



Mike Rozier Construction understands the importance of having trainable employees and values the career-preparation training they have received. Pictured are Mr. Tony Holder-CTC Director, Mr. Mike Rozier-owner Mike Rozier Construction, Mr. Kirt Doss-Automotive Service Instructor, Mr. Bubba Hodges-Construction Technology Instructor, and CTC students Greyson Bell and Timothy Thompson. Congratulations CTC students!



MDOT Bridge Contest

Submitted by: Beth Krapac

Engineering students at the Vicksburg Warren School District Career and Technical Center attended the MDOT Bridge contest on April 1, 2019. Students built bridges out of balsa wood and glue over a period of several weeks in teams of 3. The competition day consisted of arriving at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College, receiving a t-shirt, eating breakfast and lunch provided by MDOT. They began with strength tested bridges before noon and after lunch they presented their findings with a powerpoint presentation to a two panel judge group and their peers.

One of the four groups placed in the top ten of the contest. Students met other students from all over the state and enjoyed the competition. We look forward to competing again next year and placing higher in the rankings.



SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year

Submitted by: Karen Rawson



Kristy Kittrell, Information Technology instructor at Wayne County Career-Technical Center, was named the SkillsUSA of Mississippi Advisor of the Year for 2018-2019. This award was presented to Ms. Kittrell at the SkillsUSA awards ceremony in Jackson, MS on April 10, 2019.

Perry County Vo-Tech Teacher Of The Year

Kandi Roberts was selected as the 2019 Perry County Vo-Tech Teacher of the Year.



Mrs. Roberts is the Business Design Technology Teacher and FBLA Advisor at Perry County Vocational Technical Center in New Augusta, MS. The Vocational Center serves both Perry Central High School students as well as Richton High School students.

Mrs. Roberts has a Bachelor's and Master's in Business Technology Education from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Specialist in Administration from William Carey University. She also has 12 years of teaching experience.

We the administration, faculty and staff at Perry County Vo-Tech are very proud to have Mrs. Kandi Roberts represent us as our 2019 Teacher of the Year.

Pontotoc Ridge Career and Technology Center Signing Day

Submitted by: Heather Crotwell

On May 7th Pontotoc Ridge Career and Technology Center hosted their first annual signing day celebrating students who plan to enter the workforce, military, or post secondary technical programs after graduation. The key note speaker was David Simmons- a career coach with the create foundation. He retired from Walmart distribution center in New Albany where he was director of transportation, distributions, and logistics. He is a certified legacy coach in the Zig Ziglar organization.

The different organizations that signed students included: US Marines, US Army, US Navy, ICC, Northeast, Thompson Cat Machinery, and Mississippi Metals. Students involved in Signing day were: Cameron Condor - US Marines, Mac Evans- US Army, Saylor Fallin US Navy, Daniel Benson- US Marines, Nathan Delgado - ICC diesel equipment program, Tristan Bates ICC Diesel equipment program, Justice Roberston- ICC automotive tech program, Ryan Oglesby Northeast Drafting program, Austin Boyle- Mississippi Metals, Perry Malone Thompson Cat Machinery.



HOSA Blood Drive at Choctaw County Career and Technology Center

Submitted by: Sandi Liddell

The Choctaw County Career and Technology Center HOSA students and Mississippi Blood services had another successful blood drive with 74 donors! This is a great experience for our HOSA students. They register the donors and help take the vital signs of the donors.



(left to right) Deylia Hernandez, Laci Fondren, Megan Brown



(left to right) Leah Hammons, Caden Miles, Drew Parish, Dianna Busby



Jacob Miller

Choctaw County AEST Students Tour the MAFES Meat Science Facility at MSU

Submitted by: Sandi Liddell

Mr. Roy Loggins, AEST instructor at Choctaw County Career and Technology Center, recently took his students to tour the MAFES Meat Science Facility at MSU. Students had an opportunity to learn the process involved in putting a wholesome meat product on the dinner table, from the time livestock are unloaded to be harvested to the end product that can be purchased at a store.



Pictured: Mr. Tim Armstrong with the MAFES facility speaking to Mr. Loggins and the AEST students

Simpson County Technical Students "Rake In" Scholarship Monies

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Instructor Kirk Sullivan has earned bragging rights! On February 3, 2019, two of his Metal Fabrication students placed at the Delta Technical College Flight B Welding Competition!



Pictured: Josh Sullivan earns 1st Place & a \$5,000 Scholarship!



Pictured: Dalton Freeman earns 2nd Place & a \$2,500 Scholarship!



Tech Center Students Compete in FBLA State Competition

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Simpson County Technical Center FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), compete in the FBLA State Competition.

Front Center) Advisor Patrice Williams. (Left to right): My'el Williams, Amaya Ayers, Myiesha Roberson, and Myesha Harris.

Myesha Harris placed 5th in the Electronic Career Portfolio Competition.



Law And Public Safety

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Simpson County Technical Center is featuring its Law and Public Safety Program. This program focuses on the history of law and legal systems. Students learn the importance of personal health and safety in the work environments associated with law and public safety. Students are introduced to the emergency services found in local communities. Additionally, students focus on corrections in the state of Mississippi, studying specifically how jails and prisons function.

Students learn the specialized areas and topics within the law and public safety arena by examining the daily tasks and responsibilities of the professional in the field. Also, students are offered the opportunity to examine all areas of the military and the professions associated with each branch. Students in the Law and Public Safety Program have the option of joining SkillsUSA, the student organization for students enrolled in this program. Jesse Gonzales, Program Instructor, is the SkillsUSA advisor for this area.



Treston Kemp spots Wesley McCollum in a physical training exercise under the supervision of Instructor, Jesse Gonzales.

SCTC Student Recognized at MCEF Awards

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Simpson County Technical Construction student Kolby Polk, pictured (front left), is one of the six recipients to receive the MCEF Student of the Month Award on May 3, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS. The annual MCEF (Mississippi Construction Education Foundation) awards and graduation dinner is an opportunity to recognize Mississippi's best and brightest students and to honor the

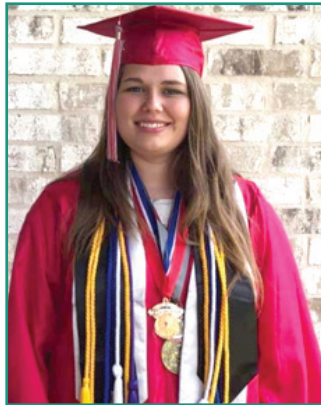


hard work and dedication they've demonstrated in preparing for their futures. Congratulations Kolby and thank you for your commitment to growing Mississippi's highly skilled workforce!

SCTC Student Honored With Scholarship

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Josie Russell, a student at Magee High School & Simpson County Technical Center was recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the National Technical Honor Society. Josie was one of 250 outstanding NTHS members to receive a Jon H. Poteat Scholarship. NTHS works in partnership with national student leadership organizations to promote educational excellence and award scholarships to career and technical education students.



Tech Center FBLA Attends Strive Workshop

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

The Future Business Leaders of America at the Simpson County Technical Center attended the SEP (Southern Entrepreneurship Program) Strive Workshop on February 09, 2019. Strive is a series of regional events, developed to introduce students to local startup resources as well as the basics of market research and critical soft skills (e.g., communication, networking, etiquette, networking). This event was hosted by The Southern Entrepreneurship program at the University of Southern Mississippi. MS Patrice Williams is the Sponsor of FBLA.



SCTC Tours State Hospital

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd



Simpson County Technical Center 2nd year Health Informatics & Health Science classes toured the Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield on April 11, 2019. The tour consisted of the history of the facility and incorporated the vast changes and progression of how Mental Health treatments have evolved in the past 60 years. Mrs. Donna Brown, tour guide & Historian for MSH always delivers such an interesting tour!

SCTC Tours Stribling Equipment, Empire Truck Sales & Hinds Diesel Academy

Submitted by: Joe Ann Floyd

Simpson County Technical Center Diesel Technology students were provided a very informative tour of Stribling Equipment, Empire Truck Sales and the Hinds Diesel Academy facility on May 16, 2019. Darreck Stephenson, Todd Martin, and Derek Rogers, employees did a great job describing how the industries operate. They also did a great job answering student's questions!



Skills USA State Champion

Submitted by: Kimberly Vaughn

Vicksburg Warren Career & Technical Education Precision Machine student, Wesley Ballard competed in the Skills USA CNC Turning competition on April 10, 2019. He placed first to become the Skills USA 2019 State Champion CNC Turning Specialist.