

Greetings From Your MS ACTE President, Amy Price



Greetings, MS ACTE members! As we are nearing the end of another school year, I would like to begin by thanking each of you for allowing me to serve as your 2021-2022 MS ACTE President. It has been an honor to represent the Career and Technical Educators, Faculty, and Staff for this wonderful organization. For the first

time in a while, I think we can all finally say that things in education are beginning to look “somewhat” normal again.

I know that many of you are looking forward to a busy and relaxing summer break. However, do not forget to register for the 2022 MS ACTE Summer Conference that will be July 25-27, 2022, in Biloxi, MS at the MS Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. We are anticipating a wonderful “Face to Face” Conference this year! What a great time for all affiliates to gather with other fellow colleagues within their field and network. Plus, being on the MS Gulf Coast will hopefully allow for everyone to enjoy some “Fun in the Sun!” I look forward to seeing each of you there for this event. While at the conference, make sure to attend your affiliate meetings as well as your district meetings.

Many important details are discussed at the affiliate meetings and you do not want to miss out on opportunities for you or your students.

I also encourage you to nominate students and fellow educators for various ACTE awards that are given each year. MS has great things going on in education, especially in our Career Tech Centers, and we want to get this word out and brag on our people.

As I finish out my time as your President, I would like to wish Mrs. Valerie Barton the best of luck as our incoming MS ACTE President. Valerie and I have worked hand in hand this year as President and Vice-President. I know that she will do a great job as our new President. She is currently the Director at the Hinds Community College Career Tech Center - Rankin Campus.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Mrs. Linda Bath for all of her hard work for MS ACTE. She has put in countless hours keeping our organization in top notch order and her service to MS ACTE has not gone unnoticed. Mrs. Linda will be retiring from her position at the end of the summer, and she will be greatly missed! Mrs. Suzanne Kelly will be the incoming Executive Director of MS ACTE. Due to her wealth of knowledge and experience serving in various ACTE roles, I know that Suzanne will do an outstanding job!

Greetings From the MS ACTE Office

Submitted by: Linda Bath

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! I hope that you are enjoying a restful summer and are looking forward to the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

I am excited about this year’s Summer Conference, which will be held at the MS Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi July 25-27. If you have not yet registered for the conference, please do so as soon as possible.

In closing, I would again like to thank all of you for the support you have given me as your Executive Director for the past 15 years. It has been my honor to serve in this role, and I have made friendships that will continue throughout my life. I continue to be amazed by the talent and dedication that you as CT instructors and administrators demonstrate for our students every day!

I would like for you to join me in welcoming Suzanne Kelly as our new Executive Director. Suzanne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position, and I know that she will do a fantastic job for our organization and for our state!

I look forward to seeing all of you in Biloxi in July. As always, please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

Greetings From Your Incoming MS ACTE Executive Director, Suzanne Kelly



Hello everyone! It is an honor and a privilege to serve MS ACTE as the incoming Executive Director. I have been blessed to work with Mrs. Linda Bath for many years throughout my service in numerous state leadership roles, and I wish her the best on her retirement. I know she is leaving some very tiny footprints but at the same

time a gigantic legacy for me to follow. I look forward to the challenge!

I would like to share my professional background with those who may not know me. I have been blessed to work my entire career as a CTE educator. I began teaching in the Fall of 2000 as a Business Computer Technology Instructor and FBLA Adviser. I transitioned to serving as a Teacher Academy Instructor and Educator Rising Adviser in 2012 and began serving in my current role as a CTE Director in the Fall of 2016. I have been an active member of three MS ACTE affiliates throughout the years with the privilege to serve in multiple state leadership positions. I have served on several standing committees at the state and Region IV

levels. I was honored to serve as President of MS ACTE in 2014-2015. I was awarded the MS ACTE Outstanding Member of the Year award in 2017 and the MS ACTE and Region IV Administrator of the Year awards in 2021. I believe I have a strong foundation to begin this new chapter in serving you as the incoming MS ACTE Executive Director.

I want to thank those of you who have been faithful CTE leaders within our professional organizations. I encourage you to reach out and mentor our new members throughout the upcoming year. I would also like to extend a challenge to everyone who is new to the profession to become involved in your program specific MS ACTE affiliate organization. There are many opportunities for you to serve on various MS ACTE standing committees as well as to serve in state officer positions. I look forward to seeing everyone at the MS ACTE Summer Conference in Biloxi on July 25-27.

Finally, please make plans to join us next Spring as Mississippi hosts the ACTE Region IV conference in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage on March 29 - 31, 2023. This conference will provide awesome professional development sessions as well as provide opportunities to network with CTE professionals from the six states that represent ACTE Region IV!

Digital Media Participates in IMC3

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Digital Media students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Technical Center attended The University of West Alabama on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. While on campus they competed in the University's annual IMC3 Competition and placed in four events: Commercial Photography, TV News Anchoring, Graphic Design, and Social Media. First and second place students were awarded future scholarships to the university if they choose to attend. "It was great to see students be able to compete in events that they are not only passionate about, but they could pursue future careers in," said Digital Media Instructor Kimberly Clark.



The winners:

1ST Commercial Photography – Daniell Smith

2nd TV News Anchoring – Mikylah Lane

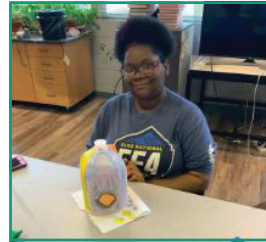
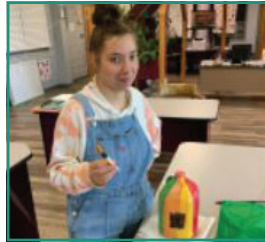
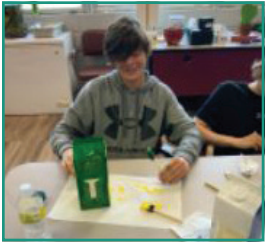
4th Graphic Design – Ke'Amber Zollicoffer

4th Social Media – Diner Jones

CTC and Attala County Soil & Water Celebrate Earth Day

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

The Attala County Soil and Water Conservation office celebrated Earth Day with the agriculture students at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center. The students made bird houses and bird feeders out of orange juice cartons and water jugs with the idea to reduce, reuse, and recycle to save the planet. #localpartnerships #savingtheplanet



CTC Students Are CPR Certified

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Health Science and Teacher Academy students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center are now CPR Certified.

They received health care provider CPR certification from the American Heart Association.

Training was provided by Debbie Coleman and Allison Schuler with Baptist Memorial Hospital-Attala. CTC instructors are Amy Price-Health Science and Tessa Horn-Teacher Academy. #preparingourstudents



FFA Members Participate In Annual Legislators Luncheon

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Attala County Future Farmers of America (FFA) members traveled to the Mississippi Trademart to participate in the Annual Legislators Luncheon.

Over 550 members and guests convened to discuss the importance of MS Agriculture and hear an address from our state Commissioner Andy Gibson.

In addition to the Commissioner and Rep Walker, students met an array of important people and business representatives from: ICEV Multimedia, Caterpillar, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi, Mississippi AG, First South Farm Credit, Hol-Mac Corporation, and Mississippi Forestry Association.

Pictured are: Representative Kenneth Walker, Aubri Wollfarth, Shontae Coats, FFA Advisor Kenneth Georgia, Alex Swilley, Secretary Makayla Riley, Sentinel Marcus Ball, Student Advisor Katie Cockrell, MS ICEV Consultant Lonnie Johnson, Haylei Shaw, Dana Hill, Asiana Collins, Vice President Jaily Riley, President Devin Granger, Makayla Kast, La'joclyn Seawood, and Historian Makaila Brock.



CTC Students Attend HOSA State Competition



Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Health Science Students from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center attended the MS HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State Competition Wednesday-Friday, March 23-25, 2022. The students did an outstanding job competing against students from Northern, Central and Southern districts. The 2022 HOSA State Winners were as follows:

1st Place-Robert Pickle (Family Medicine Physician)

4th Place-Gracie Williams (Medical Assisting)

4th Place-Reid Hutchinson (Research Persuasive Speaking & Writing)

Robert Pickle qualified to advance and compete at the International HOSA Competition in Nashville, TN in June 2022.

CTC and Local Industries Form Partnerships

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

The Automotive Service program at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech has partnered with local businesses to teach lessons to students. Josh Hardy and Ty Permenter from Franks Chevrolet taught a lesson to second year students on automatic transmissions. Jay Price with Kosciusko Auto Parts-CARQUEST taught a lesson to first year students on battery fundamentals. Having partnerships with local businesses allows students the opportunity to develop necessary competencies for careers and provides real world connections to the local workforce.



Celebrating FFA

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

National FFA Week is an important week for FFA members across the country to celebrate the organization and share the message of FFA and agriculture. Attala FFA members from the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center recently spent the day at Kosciusko Tractor Supply where they greeted customers for their annual fundraising drive. The drive allowed FFA members to share their agriculture interests and to raise money for district, regional, and state competitions.



 DANA HILL 2nd Place 9th Grade Creed Speaking	 SHONTAE COATS 2nd Place Senior Extemporaneous Public Speaking	 KATIE COCKRELL, DANA HILL, AUBRI WOLFFARTH, ASIANA COLLINS 1st Place Junior Tool I.D.
 MAKAILA BROCK, LA'JOCLYN SEAWOOD, HAYLEI SHAW, MAKAYLA KAST 2nd Place Senior Tool I.D.	 ALEXANDRIA SWILLEY 1st Place Senior Creed Speaking	 AUBRI WOLFFARTH 1st Place Junior Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Attala FFA-Federation Winners
Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center

Pictured is Tractor Supply employees Bobbie Hunt and Alyssa Wade with FFA members Katie Cockrell, La'Joclyn Seawood, and Dana Hill

Students Participate In Reality Fair

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

Students at the Kosciusko-Attala Career Tech Center participated in a reality fair in which they experienced the financial challenges when starting life on their own.

During the hands-on experience, students were given a career with a starting salary. Then, they completed a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary, while paying for necessities such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food. They were also able to choose extras such as owning a pet, going to the gym, and going to concerts.

The reality fair taught students to balance their wants and needs to live on their own.

The CTC partnered with several local business partners to help with the reality fair. Special thank you to Kyle Hammond, Dawn Hodges, Selena Schuster, Lorena Kilbert with Attala County School District, Billy Ellzey and Semone Olive with Kosciusko School District, Angel MacDonald-State Farm Insurance, Faye Culpepper-Project Search, and Becky Hamilton and Beau Varner with Attala County Extension Service.

#communitypartners #studentsgrow



Automotive Internship Helps VWSD Student to Develop Real-world, Marketable Skills

Submitted by: April N. Green

Vicksburg Warren School District student and Warren Central High School senior Marissa O'Quinn has recently embarked upon an automotive internship at Blackburn Motor Company in Vicksburg, Mississippi. As a completer of the Career and Technical Education Automotive Technology program, this endeavor will allow Marissa the opportunity to develop and apply the skills, theories, and concepts learned in the classroom. Interning at Blackburn will also help develop her professional aptitude, strengthen personal character, and provide a greater door to opportunity. In addition to the internship, Marissa is currently working towards obtaining her ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification.

Pictured are Dr. Terence James, Career and Technical Education Center Director, Roger Tankely, Blackburn Motor Company Service Director, Marissa O'Quinn, VWSD student, Deborah McMullen O'Quinn, Marissa's grandmother, and April Green, VWSD Student Service Coordinator.



Making Industry Connections: Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow

Written By: Kimberly Vaughn

Over thirty businesses across the Warren County area opened their doors for sophomore students in the Vicksburg Warren School District. On November 12, 2021, and February 25, 2022, students had the opportunity to visit and hear from various industries associated with their chosen career academy pathway. Students were able to receive a first hand look into the day to day operations as business personnel shared with them the benefits and career opportunities associated with their industry along with interpersonal and technical skills needed. Industry visits are designed to provide students with an insight into the real working environment as well as a chance to interact with the experts.



Kosciusko-Attala CTC Students Compete at SkillsUSA

Submitted by: Tracy Hardy

A number of Kosciusko-Attala CTC students competed at the SkillsUSA State Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 8th-March 10th. Students competed in Quiz Bowl, Diesel Repair Technology, Power Equipment Technology, Promotional Bulletin Board, Welding Fabrication, and Structural Welding. The Construction classes designed and assembled the platforms that were used during the SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony.

State Champions advance to the SkillsUSA National Conference. The SkillsUSA National Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 20th-June 24th.



(left) Hayden Langford (pictured with welding instructor) received 3rd place in Structural Welding

(bottom left) Nikia Windom, Artaysha Miller, and Ra'Maya Brown received first place (State Champions) in Promotional Bulletin Board



(right) Group picture of students that attended Skills USA State Conference:

(front row) Ra'Maya Brown, Maggie Owen, Nikia Windom, Artaysha Miller

(second row) Karmen Cockrell, Daulton Coleman, Colby Allen

(third row) Isaac Harris, Branden Allen, Tyler Weaver, Cade Nabors

(fourth row) Steven Steed, Christian Covarrubias, Payton Odom, Hayden Langford, Hunter Cauthen



Moss Point News *Submitted by: Billy J. Carroll*

Moss Point STEM Team Wins 2nd Place At the 2022 USM Regional SeaPerch Challenge



Moss Point TSA Students Place at TSA Conference

Forensic Science (1st Place):
Kamyah Love
Jha'Nea Shelby

Game Board Design (2nd Place):
KauWan Croon
Karsen "Jack" Hansford
Madison Jensen
Kamyah Love
Alannah McNally

Computer Coding (2nd Place):
Ruben Barrera
Tristan Reno

Debating Technology Issues (3rd Place):
Destiney Tenner
Abbigael Thomas

Moss Point STEM Team Qualifies for National Transportation & Civil Engineering Competition

Only the top 3 teams in the nation are invited!



100% of Moss Point High Engineering Students Pass ACT WorkKeys



Moss Point High Engineering Program Wins Ingalls STEM Grant Award



Cook Around The World

Submitted by: Sara Waller

Students from three Southeast Mississippi Culinary Arts programs recently united to compete in Disney's 'Cook Around the World Competition.' Five students from three Mississippi high school culinary arts programs recently joined forces to participate as one team in The Cook Around The World Culinary Improv Competition held at Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida.

Team members represented Oak Grove High School, Purvis High School, and Wayne County Career and Technical Center. Needing a team name for their competition, the students adopted the name "The Sip," which was proposed by a culinary arts instructor from one of the participating schools.

The prestigious competition began with a team assignment featuring food of the Asian continent. Students were tasked with creating a menu consisting of an entrée and a side dish while working within the parameters of a pantry and equipment list supplied by competition officials. Prior to the on-site food preparation competition in Orlando, members of The Sip met one Saturday to brainstorm menu ideas and practice preparation strategies. The team decided to focus on Japanese cuisine. They formulated ideas and discussed scenarios that would incorporate required elements of a protein, a vegetable, and a starch.

On competition day at Epcot Center, teams were presented with a mystery basket of food items: lo mein noodles, rice noodles, mushrooms, bok choy, tofu, and fresh shrimp. After a brief discussion, The Sip settled on a menu of Kushimono (grilled shrimp skewers) and Vegetable Gyoza (dumplings). They also decided to place spinach, bok choy, cabbage mix, and onions in the dumplings. The team was allotted 90 minutes to mise en place, cook and plate their dishes, and create two visually appealing menus describing their food. In addition to the challenges of the mystery basket and time restraints, team members had to cope with the vastness of the competition floor, the proximity of preparation stations, and unfamiliarity of equipment, as well as team members' unfamiliarity with one another. However, the students rose to the challenges. For example, in one resourceful strategy, when the team realized that rolling pins were not provided, a team member improvised to create one by using a can of non-stick cooking spray wrapped in plastic wrap.

Despite the challenges of The Sip team members' brief time together and the pressures of an international competition, they were quite successful. Competing against approximately 84 teams composed of 587 of their peers, the team earned 2nd-place honors in the Asia category for side dishes. To their surprise, they also received 3rd Place Overall. In addition to enjoying their placement honors, the students had the pleasure of meeting celebrity chef Amanda Freitag, who judged the competition and served as keynote speaker during the awards ceremony.

Representing Oak Grove High School on The Sip were culinary arts student Carson Goolsby and his instructor, Debbie Miller. Purvis High School was represented by student Mannie Raanes; his culinary arts instructor, Tricia Griffin, from Sumrall High School; and Career and Technical Education Director Susanne Kelly. Representing Wayne County Career and Technical Center were culinary arts students Kyle Carney, Abigale Mason, and Sydney Mosley; their instructor, Sara Waller; and WCCTC Director Michael West.



CTE Recognizes Work Based Learning Completers

Submitted by: April W. Hobson

The New Albany School of Career & Technical Education hosted its first Work Based Learning Recognition Ceremony on May 9 in the New Albany High School Auditorium.

“This was the first year that the Career and Technical Education Center has offered the Work Based Learning Program,” explained April Hobson, Director of the Career & Technical Education Center. “The Work Based Learning course gives Mississippi high school students the opportunity to earn academic credit for their authentic work experiences.”

The purpose of the WBL program is to help junior and senior students develop skills and attitudes that will help them be successful at school and at work. Skills developed throughout the year include: Soft Skills, Interview Skills, Personal Finance, and Technology Skills

These students attended classes on Job Skills training; had Monthly Meetings with the WBL Coordinator; turned in Bi-Weekly Timesheets; Interviewed a Professional in Student’s Career Field, and Created Portfolio of Skills/Work throughout the School Year Experience.



“These students represent 9,040 hours of work-based learning experiences and are to be commended for their part time jobs that they did in addition to their academics and extra-curricular activities,” said Brittany Brock, Work Based Learning Coordinator.

There are three categories of credits that CTE students can earn for Carnegie unit credits based on the hours of work-based learning experience they have gained since July 2021.

During the ceremony, all of the students received a certificate and seniors received a graduation cord.

Career & Technical Education 4th Annual Awards Programs

Submitted by: Dr. Terence James

On Thursday, May 12th, the VWSD Career and Technical Center hosted its 4th Annual Awards Program. The awards program is an opportunity where administrators along with teachers celebrate and recognize the hard work CTE students put into preparing for their future. Awards provided at the event were the following: students earning national certifications, students earning Mississippi Scholars Tech Masters status, students elected officers of National Technical Honor Society, students elected as Mr. and Miss CTE, students participating in the HVAC, Residential Design, and MSU/ASU Engineering classes, students earning 1st semester and 2nd semester highest average in their program; and student of the year for each program. Over 200 parents and students attended the awards program.



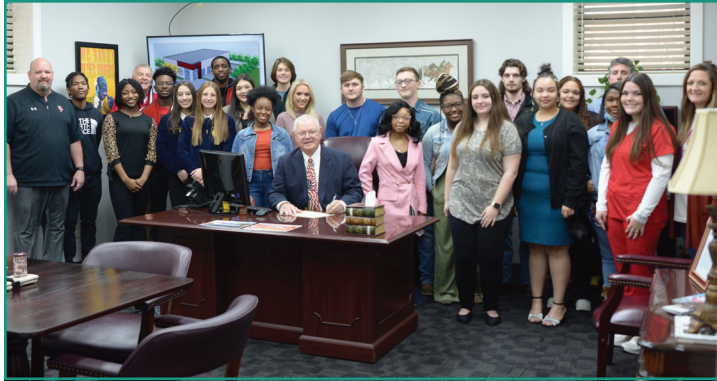
Business Partner Mrs. Kelle Barfield calling out awards while Ms. Kimberly Vaughn awards Justin Myles with his Mississippi Scholars Tech Master medallion.

Plea Day

Submitted by: Robert Barnard

WBL students attend Plea Day at Panola County Courthouse, guests of Judge Smith Murphy and Circuit Clerk Melissa Meeks Phelps, where students learned about the legal process and careers in the Legal field.





National CTE Month Proclamation Signing

Submitted by: Robert Barnard

Batesville Mayor Hal Ferrel signs proclamation of National Career and Technical Education month in Batesville. Attending are representatives of all CTE programs at South Panola High School, Principal Jason Matthews, C/T Director Trea Higdon, SPHS Special Pops Coordinator Cathryn McKee and event coordinator WBL teacher Robert Barnard.

Perry County Vo-Tech Triple Program Completers

Submitted by: Kandi Roberts

Perry County Vo-Tech would like to congratulate JD Breland and Jya McLeod for completing two skills programs and the capstone (WBL) program during their high school career, which is a difficult, rare, and huge accomplishment!

JD Breland completed the Agricultural Environmental Science Technology program, the Automotive Service Technician program and the Work-Based Learning capstone program. Jya McLeod completed the Early Childhood Education program, the Health Sciences program and the Work-Based Learning capstone program. These students had to take two skills programs during the same year and work hard to keep up their grades in the Vocational programs as well as their academic classes.

We the administration, faculty, and staff of Perry County Vo-Tech are extremely proud to have these two students represent us as our Triple Completers for the 2021–2022 school year.



Perry County Vo-Tech First Ever Quadruple Program Completer

Submitted by: Kandi Roberts

Perry County Vo-Tech would like to congratulate Hunter Hill for doing what seems impossible, completing three skills programs and the capstone (WBL) program to become the first ever Quadruple Completer! This was a very difficult task and a huge accomplishment for Hunter!

Hunter Hill completed the Agricultural Environmental Science Technology program, the Automotive Service Technician program, the Forestry program and the Work-Based Learning capstone program. Hunter began taking classes at the Vo-Tech his ninth grade year and realized he had a lot of different interests and really enjoyed being at the Vo-Tech. During his tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade years, Hunter spent half of his school day in the Vo-Tech. He was taking two skills program at a time during the last three years as well as working hard to keep up his grades in his academic classes.

We the administration, faculty, and staff of Perry County Vo-Tech are extremely proud to have Hunter represent us as the one and only Quadruple Completer for the 2021–2022 school year.





Women of Welding Camp

Submitted by: Kimberly D. Vaughn

Alexis Jefferies, a two year Welding student at the Vicksburg-Warren Career & Technical Center was one of only 28 students selected to attend the Texas State University Women of Welding (WoW) Camp, sponsored by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The camp invites secondary women interested in welding related careers to participate in an intensive five-day welding camp held at Texas State University. Alexis will have the opportunity to learn from and work with professional women in welding careers. The camp will provide hands-on experience, industry insight, virtual reality psychomotor skill development and career exploration. She will also get to take a look into several different welding processes and other emerging technologies used in the industry. Alexis has continually excelled in her welding program; she plans to continue a third year and pursue a welding degree post secondary.