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### Message from the Principal

Hello CTC Parents, Students and Staff:

Many of our students continue to demonstrate that they are community contributors and have been volunteering their time and talents for the good of others. Kudos to our Students Helping Other People (SHOP) student club who organized an extremely successful food and hygiene supply drive to help local families during the holiday season.

Our school would like to congratulate the 420 students who recently competed in the local SkillsUSA competitions held at CTC in December. Students competed in thirty (30) separate competitions against their peers; showcasing the skills they have attained in their respective technical programs. Students placing first (Gold), second (Silver) and third (Bronze) in the local competitions are eligible to compete at the next level. That next level, the SkillsUSA Regional competition, is scheduled to take place in February.

The next two months are a very important time for our students academically as the current semester ends on January 23rd. Our teachers are providing bell-to-bell instruction to ensure that students master their current program curriculum before moving on to the second semester. Parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their child's progress and contact teachers if there is a concern. Parents can also monitor grades via Pinnacle, our online grade reporting service.

Finally, as we fully enter the winter season, I want to express my own gratitude for the important contributions of two professional organizations that continue to support CTC in many ways: the Frederick County Student's Construction Trades Foundation and the Frederick County Student's Mechanical Trades Foundation. Both non-profit foundations play a pivotal role in contributing greatly to our school and our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Concepcion

Principal

**Our Mission**—The Career and Technology Center provides intensive career-specific training to both college-bound and employment-oriented students. In addition to career training, emphasis is also placed on the development of broad, transferable “professional skills” that are essential for successful employment. We believe that Career and Technical education must provide students not only with technical knowledge but also essential academic and personal competencies that will allow them to become lifelong learners so that they can adapt to the changing requirements of the work-place and new technologies that are part of any career.

**CTC First Annual Pasta Bar Dinner!**

The CTC FFA Chapter and Ms. Liddick's Culinary program collaborated on the 1st Annual Pasta Bar Dinner on December 16th. More than 80 guests dined with us that evening and ten students helped for a successful fundraiser. Proceeds raised will be divided between the Culinary program and the FFA Chapter. Please join us this spring for our next collaboration dinner. More information to follow in the next issue of *Tech Talk*.

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W-F 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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**Community Foundation Scholarship Opportunities**

The Community Foundation of Frederick County is pleased to announce that its scholarship application will be available for the 2015-2016 academic year beginning Thursday, January 15, 2015. By completing one general application, students will be considered for more than 250 available scholarships. It is estimated that over \$700,000.00 in scholarships will be available for the 2015 – 2016 academic year.

The completed application must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

The application can be accessed through the Community Foundation website at [www.FrederickCountyGives.org](http://www.FrederickCountyGives.org), then clicking on "Apply for Scholarships" located on the right side of the page.

**Changes have been made to the application and applicants will no longer be required to submit letters of reference.** Graduating seniors will need to submit a scanned copy of their Junior year final transcript and students already enrolled in college must submit a copy of their most recent transcript.

Students about to complete their senior year of high school, students already enrolled in a trade school, college or university, and non-traditional students over the age of 21 are eligible to apply. Scholarships for graduate study are also available. All students are encouraged to apply.

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Food & Toiletry Drive**

The students at CTC recently collected 18 over-flowing bags of canned goods and toiletry items to be donated to the FCPS Homeless Education Program and the FCPS Blessings in a Backpack. Thank you to all who donated!

**CTC Yearbook Sales!**

Pre-sales for CTC Yearbooks have begun! Two versions are available for sale this year – soft cover for \$9 or hard cover for \$20. Order forms are available on our website: [www.careertech.net](http://www.careertech.net)

**Valentine's Day Floral Sales**

Don't be in the doghouse this year. On this special day, don't forget your special someone. Maybe chocolate? Maybe a bear? Surprise him or her with a customized arrangement from the Advanced Floral Design Program by contacting Diane Herndon at 240-236-8514 or [diane.herndon@fcps.org](mailto:diane.herndon@fcps.org).

## CTC Students of the Month

### SEPTEMBER:

Sade Bowens - Culinary Arts 1 - Grade 11 - FHS  
Kevin Cook - Television/Multimedia Production 2 - Grade 12 - THS  
Mary Merkel - Culinary Arts 2 - Grade 12 - UHS  
Serena Wisner - Digital Design & Printing Methods 1 - Grade 10 - UHS

### NOVEMBER:

Matt Abate - Television/Multimedia Production 1 - Grade 11 - OHS  
Greg Dorsch - Ag Metals/Welding 1 - Grade 11 - LHS  
Elizabeth Gold - Ag Metals/Welding 2 - Grade 12 - LHS  
Kyle Lucas - Automotive Technician 2 - Grade 12 - CHS

### OCTOBER:

Logan Barrick - Television/Multimedia Production Extended Tech - Grade 12 - CHS  
Sean Duvall - Ag Metals/Welding 2 - Grade 11 - BHS  
Sophia Eureka - Television/Multimedia Production Extended Tech - Grade 12 - CHS  
Kirsten Smith - Advanced Floral Design - Grade 12 - CHS  
Valentina Whelan - Biomedical Science 2 - Grade 12 - WHS

## Generation Connect Names Eric Haines of Frederick County Public Schools Young Professional of the Year

Frederick, MD - Generation Connect, a program of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, announced the winner of the second annual Young Professional of the Year Awards at the Fourth Anniversary Celebration and Networking Event on November 19. Young professionals and chamber members celebrated Eric Haines, Coordinator for Career and Technology Education at Frederick County Public Schools, for his dedication to his career, commitment to his students, and service to the community.

“Eric’s qualifications and spirit were apparent to the selection committee from the first time we read the nomination and his application,” said Tammy Feaster, co-chair for Generation Connect Steering Committee. “During his interview he shared stories about his students and was incredibly humble for someone with so much success. We were looking for someone who has shown professional growth, exceeded the expectations of their company, and was able to give back to the community. Eric exemplifies all the qualities and abilities of an outstanding young professional.”

Haines oversees programs designed to prepare students for college and careers. FCPS Career and Technology Education has over 200 teachers from 25 schools in 28 program areas. These programs are comprised of 169 courses impacting over ten thousand students each year. The Biomedical Science program Haines oversees was named 2013 Most Outstanding Secondary Career and Technology Education program in Maryland. Haines has lead the curriculum development for three classes and is currently working to develop a new course titled Food Science.

In his nomination profile Haines wrote, “I grew up in Frederick County, graduated from Governor Thomas Johnson High School, and now work and live in Frederick County. I am humbled to be nominated and appreciate being considered for this honor.” Both of his parents are teachers, and Haines believes “students win when we work together”.

The event also recognized the achievements of the other top five finalists. Betsy Collings, Plamondon Hospitality Partners; Meaghan Delawter, Offit Kurman; Meredith Foerster, Plamondon Companies / Roy Rogers; and Daniel Severn, St. John Properties were honored for their accomplishments.



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# skills USA results



## Skills USA Locals Championship Results (December 2014)

### AoHP (Basic Health Care)

1st	Jessica Bryant	CHS	10
2nd	Haven Silvio	TJ	11
3rd	Kymoni Smith	OHS	11
HM	Veronica Garcia	THS	11
HM	Keir Hudson	TJ	11

### AoHP (Nursing Assistant)

1st	Princess Santos	THS	11
2nd	Keating Beach	OHS	12
3rd	Amber Smith	CHS	12
HM	Elizabeth Cordeiro	LHS	12
HM	London Caliskan	OHS	12

### Architectural CAD (Architectural Drafting)

1st	Nick Rakowski	OHS	12
2nd	Nick Pyles	TJ	12
3rd	Austin Lemere	THS	10
HM	Suzanne Harkins	BHS	10

### Auto Body (Collision Repair)

1st	Tyler Sandy	CHS	11
2nd	Brianne Selders	CHS	11
3rd	Austin Conley	CHS	11

### Auto Tech (Automotive Service Technology)

1st	Logan Flood	UHS	12
2nd	Kyle Lucas	CHS	12
3rd	Hunter King	UHS	12
HM	Olivia Nordin	FHS	12
HM	William Traube	LHS	12

### CTA (Computer Maintenance Technology)

1st	Nam Quach	TJ	11
2nd	Nayab Khan	TJ	11
3rd	Robert Phillips	OHS	11
HM	Glenn Rogowsky	BHS	10
HM	Jeremy Laird	THS	12

### Electricity (Electrical Construction Wiring)

1st	Colton Stahley	CHS	11
2nd	Dalton Anderson	BHS	12
3rd	Kyle Davis	CHS	12
HM	Andrew Giacco	LHS	11
HM	Oscar Ramos Robles	FHS	12

### AoHP (Medical Assisting)

1st	Justin Knotts	LHS	11
2nd	Jenna Seiss	CHS	12
3rd	Chelsea Saylor	CHS	12
HM	Tiffany Rhinehart	TJ	12
HM	Amber Smith	CHS	12

### Ag Metals (Welding)

1st	Dakota Helmick	THS	11
2nd	Garrett Murphy	UHS	12
3rd	Sean Duvall	BHS	11
HM	Dusty Hahn	CHS	11
HM	Tyler Babyak	BHS	11

### Architectural CAD (Technical Drafting)

1st	Casey Jung	UHS	11
2nd	Brittainy Sechler	FHS	11
3rd	Nathan Fox	MHS	11
HM	Noah Parker	FHS	12
HM	Sean McGaughey	OHS	11
HM	Devin Mallory	BHS	12

### Auto Body (Refinishing)

1st	Tyler Kline	MHS	12
2nd	Tyler Sandy	CHS	11
3rd	Austin Conley	CHS	11
HM	Timothy Duley	MHS	11

### Carpentry (Carpentry)

1st	Austin Hahn	CHS	12
2nd	Matthew Pare	LHS	11
3rd	Mason Martin	LHS	10
HM	Matthew Moore	LHS	12
HM	Kyle Pare	LHS	11

### CISCO (Internetworking)

1st	Jonathan Mundy	UHS	12
2nd	Mark Louthan	WHS	11
3rd	Nathaniel Werlang	CHS	11
HM	Tomas Aker	THS	11
HM	Jon Shimer	UHS	12

### Cosmetology (Cosmetology)

1st	Regina Valentino	THS	12
2nd	Hailey Morris	THS	12
3rd	Madaline Snyder	BHS	12
HM	Alexis Cox	WHS	12
HM	Ryan Heskett	THS	12

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### Cosmetology (Nail Care)

1st Amber Moberly CHS 12

### Cosmetology (Esthetics)

1st Courtney O'Grady OHS 12

Model Maria Catoe BHS 11

2nd Jessie Turner LHS 12

Model Magdalena Burgoon MHS 11

3rd Emily Smallwood CHS 12

Model Alexis Barber WHS 11

HM Kimberly Beachley BHS 12

Model Alyssa Champagne LHS 11

HM Tara Brown TJ 12

Model Juliana Coates BHS 11

### Culinary Arts

1st Sara Kephart THS 11

2nd Alyssa Briske WHS 11

3rd Robert Thomas MHS 11

HM Mary Merkel UHS 12

HM Essence Watts FHS 11

### Culinary Arts (Commercial Baking)

1st Jennifer Quinn WHS 12

2nd Tiffany Gladhill CHS 12

3rd Emily Miller WHS 12

HM Kyree Hansen TJ 12

HM Brandon Littleton WHS 11

### DD & PM (Advertising Design)

1st Kelsey Stafford CHS 12

2nd Zion Johnson TJ 10

3rd Erick Argueta TJ 12

HM Bryce Jones THS 11

HM Xochilt Mendez TJ 10

### HVACP (Refrigeration)

1st Todd McAlister OHS 12

2nd Cody Rippeon OHS 12

3rd Evan Lind WHS 11

### Masonry (Masonry)

1st Storm Paz TJ 12

2nd Kyle Kidd WHS 11

### TV/Multimedia (Television(Video) Production)

1st Allison Kitaguchi THS 12

Elizabeth Long OHS 11

2nd Yomira Hilares WHS 12

Katherine Jones FHS 10

3rd Hunter Hebeisen MHS 11

Ryan Wyatt UHS 10

HM Frank Biggs TJ 10

Terry McHenry, Jr. CHS 11

HM James Hall WHS 11

Zoe Maliszewsky MHS 11

### Criminal Justice (Criminal Justice)

1st Takin Abbasian THS 12

2nd Sebastian Guillot TJ 12

3rd Charles DeHaven THS 12

HM Randi Dollar FHS 11

HM Ian Swanson CHS 10

### Criminal Justice (Crime Scene Investigation)

1st Morgan Andrew CHS 12

Addison White OHS 11

John Whipp LHS 11

2nd Aulbree Burriss BHS 10

Julian Gerald THS 12

Paige Vandegrift MHS 10

3rd Ashley Harper UHS 10

Madison Feltner OHS 10

Rochelle Adjei WHS 11

### Culinary Arts (Food & Beverage Service)-

*being held at a later date*

### DD & PM ( Screen Printing)

1st Rebecca Compton CHS 12

2nd Devin Brosenne LHS 12

### DD & PM (Graphic Communications)

1st Nathan White BHS 12

2nd Serena Wisner UHS 10

3rd Kaitlyn Ford THS 10

### HVACP (Residential Plumbing)

1st Tyler Duman WHS 12

2nd Ian Luffred LHS 12

3rd Austin Shipe WHS 11

HM Chase Powell BHS 12

HM Brett Putman OHS 10

### HVACP (Sheet Metal)

1st Linwood Brogden, Jr. FHS 11

2nd Herson Aleman TJ 11

3rd Jarrett Grove MHS 11

HM Hunter McGrory TJ 11

HM Cody Mahoney BHS 12

### TV/Multimedia (Digital Cinema Production)

1st Gabriella Punturiero UHS 11

Garrison Irwin FHS 11

2nd Katherine Jones FHS 10

Yomira Hilares WHS 12

### Web Design

1st Arizza Santos THS 12

2nd Ji Kim UHS 11

3rd Kelly Witherell THS 10

HM Juan Silva Ortiz TJ 11

HM Cody Watkins OHS 10



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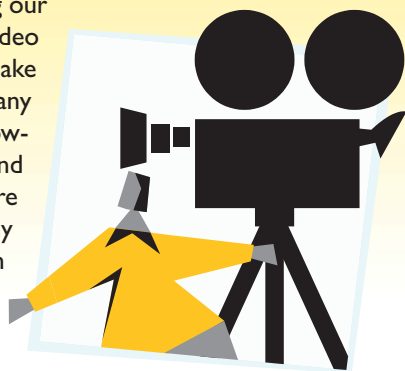
# our students...

## TV/Multimedia and EDCO Internship

by Eric Myers

Internships are a great way to apply knowledge to a real-world company. Last year, Bryan Morrison, from the TV/Multimedia Production class, began an internship at EDCO (Equipment Development Company) right here in Frederick, Maryland. This year, alongside Ben Wetzel, I had the opportunity to continue the internship. Ben and I work with Jason Stanczyk, EDCO's Marketing Director, in a wide variety of projects. Using our CTC technology and skills in video production, we are able to make various videos for the company including: training videos, how-to videos, product overview, and many more. These videos are posted on the EDCO company channel and are shared with clients all over the United States and Mexico.

With this internship, we have gained experience and professional skills, while practicing our camera skills, and editing ability. At EDCO, we use a variety of new equipment. The use of the new GoPro camera allows us to provide the viewer with unique angles of machines, tools, and the products. One of the most recent videos that we are working on highlights EDCO's products being made to show customers that all EDCO products are made in America. Jason said, "The internship benefits both the students and our company. The students are able to learn how to use their video skills in a company setting; while EDCO is able to use their skills to better our company." Interning for EDCO has been a worthwhile experience that will help build a foundation for future success. We look forward to continuing our internship through the end of the school year as EDCO has big video plans for us.



## Expectations VS Reality

By Payton Steele

Before we even knew what our class was about we had to shadow the class and we got to see what the students before us were working on. We also got to have a tour of the lab, which is where we saw all of the really cool printing machines. When I shadowed for Digital Design and Printing Methods I made a t-shirt that I screen printed, and I also made a notepad that I designed on adobe illustrator then cut on the cutter.

I asked a few people what they thought the class would be like before they shadowed our program. Here is what a few students from the class said:

"I thought it would be a bit more in depth with art design. We are using all the programs that I thought we would. I thought it would be fun, and I still think it is fun. It's a lot more fun because I understand a lot more about the programs." -Zion Johnson

"I thought that we would be taught all the skills at once rather than being taught them as we needed them."-Serena Wisner

"Before being in the DDPM program I thought we would be doing more graphic design work. I also thought it would be really fun to learn how to work all of the machines in the lab." -Rachel Macharsky

We worked on uniform logos this term, getting more used to the Mac computer software and machines. In order to create our t-shirt logos, we first had to sketch our ideas. Then we picked a design that was the best, which ended up being Xochilt's design, a printing press. This term we also learned how to weed vinyl more accurately. We learned that thin tiny letters are really bad for weeding. Another thing we must remember is to put a box around the design so we can make register marks. Those marks help us put our design on the foam board perfectly.

This class is a fantastic learning experience, although it's not what I or anybody else expected it to be, we are all happy it turned out the way it did. The fact that everything is hands-on and you learn techniques as you need them make it much easier to remember and apply to our future projects.



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## CTC Students Write Winning Essays and Earn Thousands at Career Expo (November 5, 2014)

Four students who study at the Frederick County Public Schools' Career and Technology Center (CTC) competed and won prizes at Projet Aviation's ninth annual Aviation Education and Career Expo, held recently at the Leesburg Executive Airport.

The event, which showcases careers and opportunities for regional high school and college-level students, targets youth ages 16-20 and features keynote speakers, industry leaders, performers and demonstrations for about 600 students, educators and parents. Representatives from more than 50 aviation and aerospace businesses meet with students throughout the day to share their experiences and opportunities for future employment.

Among the 13 students winning scholarships and flight-training awards for essays describing their aviation aspirations are Ryan Kinzie, Brunswick High; Nathan Eschbach, Gov. Thomas Johnson High; Adrian Bobb, Tuscarora High and Casey Jung, Urbana High.

According to CTC Principal Michael Concepcion, the students all attend instructor Phil Arnold's Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Engineering Program.

"Mr. Arnold does a fantastic job of preparing students for their engineering futures and maximizing their potential. Our students work hard and put in a lot of time. It's nice to see them receive the fruits of their labor in these awards," Mr. Concepcion says.



## Perry Initiative Program – Biomedical Science

Mercedes Matlock and Kirsten Jongerling, both first year students in the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science program, were selected to participate in the Perry Initiative program held at the Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in November. The Perry Initiative is a STEM program designed as an outreach to high school girls who may be interested in careers in medicine and engineering. Kirsten and Mercedes performed mock orthopedic surgeries and conducted biomechanical engineering experiments, while also hearing from prominent women engineers and surgeons in the field. The program is funded by corporate and educational grants so students attend for free. Using real tools and bone models, students rotate through six mock surgical scenarios and attend three lectures on career decisions given by local women orthopedic surgeons and engineers. Local medical and engineering students act as hands-on activity instructors.



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# in the spotlight

## Real World Design Challenge

We would like to congratulate our CTC students on the Real World Design Challenge team from our CAD Engineering program for competing at the 2014 RWDC national championships in Washington, DC. The team's project was based on precision agriculture. They designed multiple drones, including a fixed wing drone, a hexacopter, and an octacopter. Their unmanned aircraft system was specifically designed to detect the infestation rates of the European corn borer in Iowa's corn fields.

Team members who presented at the RWDC national championship are: Paige Bussard (MHS) – Project Manager, Nathan Eschbach (TJHS) – Project Scientist, Nathan Fox (MHS) – Unmanned Aircraft System Engineer, and Ryan Kinzie (BHS) – Simulation Engineer. We are proud of the way they represented CTC and the state of Maryland and we applaud their effort and achievement.

## Putting Skills to Work

Each year many Career and Technology Center students choose to participate in a work-based learning experience. The experiences provide an opportunity for the students to put the skills they acquired at the center to use in the work force. Work-based learning coordinators pair up capable students with local employers to provide a meaningful experience that assist the students with the transition from being a student to the world of work. The experiences provide local employers an opportunity to help develop the future work force. The experience is truly a “win-win” for both students and employers.

Currently, two students from the Collision Repair program are honing their skills for local employers. James Divel is employed with Top Gun Collision Repair in Frederick. James is experiencing a variety of skills such as restoration, refinishing and vehicle preparation. Dalton Tribett is working for the Frederick Motor Company on the Golden Mile. He is responsible for prepping both new and used vehicles that are being sold by the Frederick Motor Company and he will soon be moving to the company's collision repair department.

Two students from the Culinary Arts program are also employed in the Frederick area. Tiffany Gladhill is perfecting her craft at Cakes-To-Die-For on North Market Street in Frederick. She is employed as a cupcake connoisseur and is responsible for pastry production, filling customer orders and assistance with catering events. Cakes-To-Die-For is owned and operated by Lucie Shelton, an alum of the Career and Technology Center. Mary Merkel is a prep cook at Gladchuk Brothers, a local dining favorite on Patrick Street in Frederick. John Gladchuk has been impressed with Mary's ability to stay calm under pressure, her ability to keep the kitchen moving and her outstanding culinary skills.

The students mentioned above are just a few of the many students currently participating in a work-based learning program. Look for more articles on students enrolled in work-based learning programs in future editions of TechTalk. If you are an employer, parent, or student that would like more information about the Frederick County Career and Technology Center's Work-based learning programs please contact Dave Snyder at 240-236-8491 or Martha Lowry at 240-236-8515.



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If you have an unused vehicle or a vehicle that does not run-consider donating it to the CTC's Frederick County Student's Mechanical Trades Foundation. Vehicles are used for instruction in the Automotive Service Technology and Collision Repair programs and eventually sold at auction.

The proceeds provide program support, scholarships, and funding for the CTC's SkillsUSA organization. Call 240-236-8473

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