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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 SkillsUSA Officers and our Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) students who separately organized successful sock and winter wear drives to help those in need this holiday season, by donating hats, gloves, scarves, and socks.

Our school would like to congratulate the 580 students who recently competed in the local SkillsUSA competitions held at CTC in December. Students competed in twenty-seven (27) 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 13th. Our teachers are providing bell-to-bell instruction as we accelerate the learning process 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 Schoology, our online grade reporting service.

Finally, as we fully enter the winter season, I want to express my own gratitude for the important business and industry partnerships that CTC has established over the last few decades. Through these unique partnerships, teachers are inspired to develop new techniques, and gain experiences to draw upon and incorporate into their instruction. Students also learn that the community cares about education and about their academic and career success.

Sincerely,

Michael Concepcion - Principal

Reminder

**The deadline for
2022-2023 CTC
applications is
March 4th, 2022**

Let the Butterfly Struggle

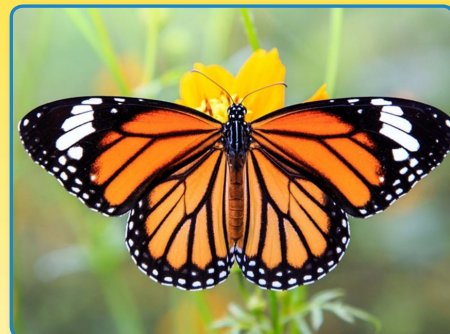
If you have ever watched a butterfly emerge from their cocoon, you know you that it is both fascinating and concerning as you watch the butterfly struggling mightily to escape through the small opening at the top of its cocoon. And when the butterfly seems to give up, overwhelmed by the task, we may feel sure that it won't make it without help and we may be tempted to enlarge the hole.

While at the time the butterfly might be grateful for the assistance, the well-intentioned intervention would cause the butterfly to emerge with its wings shriveled and useless. Having to squeeze through the small opening ensures that the butterfly will emerge with strong and healthy wings ready to fly. Childhood, too, is a sort of cocoon. If a healthy adult is to emerge there must be some struggle.

One of the hardest things to know is when to let children work their own way out of the rough patches in life and when to intervene. We should always be supportive and demonstrate caring and we should look for opportunities to give them strategies and tools to deal with their problems. But without some struggle they may not develop the strength and confidence they will someday need.

As we move into the 2nd semester, students are pushing harder than ever towards emerging from their cocoons. Especially our seniors. Although, we may not enlarge the hole for them, we will continue to support them every step of the way so that they can emerge with the strong healthy wings they need to face the challenges ahead.

Please let us know if your student or family needs support. You can reach me at Kristen.Daly@fcps.org and below are some helpful resources.



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The One Call Now texts will now occur only once a day at 1:30 pm.

If you need to pick up your student early from CTC, please email paula.brodel@fcps.org



SkillsUSA Scholarships Now Open for Applications

Applications for several scholarships are now open to benefit SkillsUSA students in pursuit of higher education or certification in their chosen fields. Help spread the word about these opportunities:

- The Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship is open to current SkillsUSA state officers who are high school seniors or college/postsecondary students with another year of school. Deadline: Feb. 1.
- The new #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members enrolled in HVACR or general construction programs who plan to study HVACR at the college/postsecondary level in the 2022-23 or 2023-24 school year. Deadline: March 1.
- The Student Research Foundation Scholarship is open to SkillsUSA members who are currently enrolled in high school and plan to continue their education in a postsecondary institution or program. It recognizes outstanding community contributions. Deadline: July 26.

For more information go to <https://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Student Cell Phone Use

SAFETY TIPS AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

In an effort to work together to ensure appropriate use of cell phones for students, we encourage parents/guardians to review safe cell phone usage frequently, maintain open communication, and utilize appropriate parental controls. You may also want to create a cell phone contract with your child outlining the privileges and responsibilities associated with cell phone use. For your convenience, a sample contract is provided [here](#). Also, students are reminded of the school's rules for having a cell phone at school, which is linked in case you wish to periodically review them with your child. [Regulation 400-18 Electronic Devices – Student Use.](#)

Finally, please reiterate with your child to not use their cell phone for unsanctioned purposes such as: cheating, harassing or bullying others, taking photos or videos of others without permission, checking personal social media accounts, or sexting. Some violations may have consequences not only related to student discipline, but victims have also pursued legal action against both the student and the parent/guardian. Those outcomes are best avoided when schools and parents partner together. We thank you for all that you do to help us reinforce good digital citizenship.





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November Students of the Month

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Nicholas Moura – Cisco Networking Academy
 Jeremy Larrick – Physical Rehabilitation
 Hannah Kline – Digital Design/Printing Methods
 Sarah Kreh – Teacher Academy

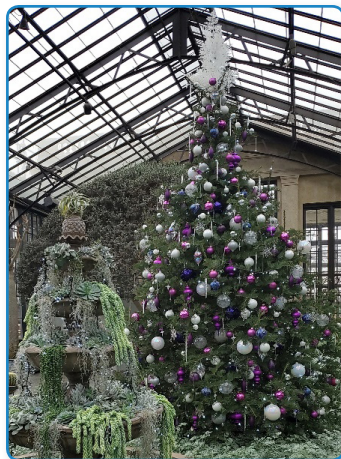
PM

Jeremiah Manahan – Automotive Technology
 Eva Mason – TV/Multimedia Production
 Chelsea Kom – Academy of Health Professions
 Kay-Kyra Anghel – Biomedical Science

Students Visit Longwood Gardens



Students in the CTC Environmental Landscape Design & Management program were able to experience the grandeur of Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania this holiday season. As part of the trip students toured the grounds and conservatory while practicing their plant identification skills. Special thanks to the CTC FFA Alumni for providing snacks for the students while visiting the gardens! Students are looking forward to visiting the grounds again in the spring to practice for the Certified Professional Horticulturist industry certification.



MLK Award

Congratulations to Yazlin Moujalled for being named the 2021-2022 CTC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award winner! Yazlin is an 11th grade WHS student in our CISCO program. She was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Csulak. Yazlin will be recognized with other award winners at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 6th. Way to go Yazlin! We are so proud of you!



CTC FFA Chapter Hosts Wreath Making Workshop at Green Valley Elementary School

On Wednesday, December 8th, the CTC FFA Chapter hosted a wreath making workshop at Green Valley Elementary School. Stella Krause and Bryanna Herron, both members of the GVES Class of 2015, assisted with the workshop with more than 20 staff members who stayed after school to participate in the event.



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Taylor Daus
Isabella Fernandez
Shea Gerst
Adyn Isemann
Emma Kojac
Chelsea Kom
Ena Martinez
Damon Ridenour
Alyssa Roberts
Carla Sandoval Hernandez
Emily Schueftan
Camryn Senuta
Zhane Sligh
Anna Whelan
Lilian Wolf

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Blake Ambrose

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Kyra-Kay Angh
Aishwarya Balamurugan
Helen Baldwin
Rylie Berzinski
Lauren Chung
Shenali De Silva
Camila Gonzalez
Hailie Lim
Devyn McFarland
Rebecca Radonovich
Zoe Razunguzwa
Molly Stevenson
Renée Wetsel
William Wong

CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY

Alexander Bokelman
Ethan Laflotte
Kyle Poppert
Ryan Walton

COSMETOLOGY

Karina Gonzalez Zumbado

CULINARY ARTS

Micayla Brown
Makenna Krasauskis

DIGITAL DESIGN/PRINTING METHODS

Emilay Da Silva
Jaden Stokes

ELECTRICITY

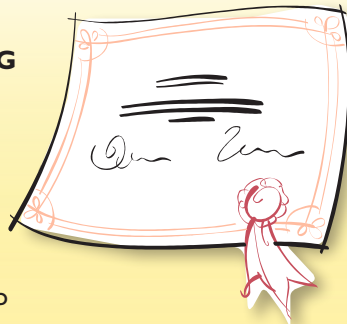
Ben Mullenex

CAD ENGINEERING

Ryan Brightman
Greggory Icore
Marco Jih-Vieira
Caden Keyser
Johann Myles

HOMELAND SECURITY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mandi Ellassal
Ava Hainline
Mason Rarer
Zachary Reynolds
Zackary Russin
Gabiella Stefanic
Caylen Vachon



HVACR/PLUMBING

Ethan Mercier

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

Jenna Cackowski
Rachel Gunter
Leah Johansen
Natalie Lepkowski
Alexis Offutt
Caroline Patras
Anna Putnam
Emily Smalt
Kinsley Taylor
Ella Wilson

TEACHER ACADEMY

Amanda Collingham
Sarah Kreh

TV/MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION

Aryaman Kantawala
Grace Rohrer
Keagan Suddith
Sabrina Zemil

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Congratulations!

SkillsUSA Locals 2021 Competition Recognition



Approximately 580 Career & Technology Center students participated in 27 SkillsUSA Locals Competitions that put into action technical skills learned in their programs in a competitive format. Students were celebrated with an officer awards caravan that came to each program and revealed the top 5 finishers. In most instances, top 3 finishers in each contest are eligible to move on to the regional SkillsUSA competition and possibly beyond where they compete with other technical students from around the state. Our CTC students truly shined in this competitive format!



ACADEMY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Contest: Medical Assisting
1st Place - Leyda Cadena
2nd Place - Zazing Mawi
3rd Place - Anjola Arowosegbe

ACADEMY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Contest: Nurse Assisting
1st Place - Megan Farkas
2nd Place - Marisa Fisher
3rd Place - Rylan Gunter

AGMETALS WELDING

Contest: Welding
1st Place - Ty Przygoki
2nd Place - Patrick Kolb
3rd Place - Samuel Curley
4th Honorable Mention - William Szkotak
5th Honorable Mention - Hunter Miss

AUTOBODY & COLLISION REPAIR

Contest: Collision Repair Technology
1st Place - David Patton
2nd Place - Nathan Nedrow
3rd Place - Ryan Fitzgerald
4th Honorable Mention - Nathan Gunning
5th Honorable Mention - Michael Alvarez

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Contest: Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair
1st Place - Jeremiah Manahan
2nd Place - Kyle Malone
3rd Place - Ryan Baldwin
4th Honorable Mention - Walker Young
5th Honorable Mention - Blake Ambrose

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Contest: Automotive Service Technician
1st Place - Scott Boyer
2nd Place - Ethan Mentzer
3rd Place - Damon Catlin
4th Honorable Mention - Adam Hernandez
5th Honorable Mention - Andrew Held

BAKING & PASTRY

Contest: Commercial Baking
1st Place - Micayla Brown
2nd Place - Natalie Alvarado
3rd Place - Dylan Jennings
4th Honorable Mention - Alyssa Rochester
5th Honorable Mention - Makenna Krasauskis

CAD ARCHITECTURE

Contest: Architectural Drafting
1st Place - Anthony Terselic
2nd Place - Bradley Keriakos
3rd Place - Rachel Ullman
4th Honorable Mention - Kayleigh Blose
5th Honorable Mention - Emma Blessing

CAD ENGINEERING

Contest: Technical Drafting
1st Place - Viren Mistry
2nd Place - Dominic Gomez
3rd Place - Ryan Brightman
4th Honorable Mention - Leila Cornejo
5th Honorable Mention - Nathan Kovalcik

CARPENTRY

Contest: Carpentry
1st Place - Paul Ireland
2nd Place - Beckett Tayler
3rd Place - Dalton Saylor
4th Honorable Mention - Diego Ramirez
5th Honorable Mention - Anders Doolittle

CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY

Contest: Internetworking
1st Place - Ashley Alt
2nd Place - Gareth McCullough
3rd Place - Logan Wachter
4th Honorable Mention - Ethan Laflotte
5th Honorable Mention - Alexander Bokelman

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN/ANALYST

Contest: Information Technology Services
1st Place - Jonathan Kauffhold
2nd Place - Matthew Singleton
3rd Place - Theodore Darnell
4th Honorable Mention - Mateo Lovato
5th Honorable Mention - Ethan Arias

COSMETOLOGY 2*Contest: Cosmetology*

- 1st Place - Brandy Benitez
- 2nd Place - Brooke Fletcher
- 3rd Place - Thomas Nguyen
- 4th Honorable Mention - Jaden Legambi
- 5th Honorable Mention - Rylee Stevenson

COSMETOLOGY 2*Contest: Nail Care*

- 1st Place - Cierra McFarland
- 2nd Place - Samantha Aldana
- 3rd Place - Simone Bryant
- 4th Honorable Mention - Mallory DiPasquale
- 5th Honorable Mention - Lydia Solomon

CULINARY ARTS*Contest: Culinary Arts*

- 1st Place - Bradley Powers
- 2nd Place - Ashton Smith
- 3rd Place - Corbin Lee
- 4th Honorable Mention - Mason Smith
- 5th Honorable Mention - Domenico Vigliotti

DIGITAL DESIGN/PRINTING METHODS*Contest: Advertising Design*

- 1st Place - Jamie Martinez
- 2nd Place - Emilay DaSilva
- 3rd Place - Hannah Kline
- 4th Honorable Mention - Mathilda Williams
- 5th Honorable Mention - Calvin Bowman

DIGITAL DESIGN/PRINTING METHODS*Contest: Photography*

- 1st Place - Hannah Kline
- 2nd Place - Brandon Patton
- 3rd Place - Caleb Phillips
- 4th Honorable Mention - Calvin Bowman
- 5th Honorable Mention - Liam McTamany

ELECTRICITY*Contest: Electrical Construction Wiring*

- 1st Place - Juan Ramirez Martinez
- 2nd Place - Matthew Wabik
- 3rd Place - William Vosburgh
- 4th Honorable Mention - Daynin McLain
- 5th Honorable Mention - Hayden Bailey

HOMELAND SECURITY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE*Contest: Crime Scene Investigation*

- 1st Place Team - Ashlynn Gussio, Mary Kolb, and Bradley Henry
- 2nd Place Team - Taylor Gepes Carroll, Justine Winkler, and Katherine Barrera Godoy
- 3rd Place Team - Madison Ahalt, Elisabeth Caruso, and Mandy Hill
- 4th Honorable Mention - Kyra Morgan, Mason Rarer, and Jacob Stinson
- 5th Honorable Mention - Hannah Bonfils, Savannah Vadden, and Zachary Reynolds

HOMELAND SECURITY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE*Contest: Criminal Justice*

- 1st Place - Dalen Hahn
- 2nd Place - Dakota Bostian
- 3rd Place - Hannah Miller
- 4th Honorable Mention - Jack Putnam
- 5th Honorable Mention - Sierra Snow

HVACR/PLUMBING*Contest: HVAC*

- 1st Place - Donald Haycraft
- 2nd Place - Daniel Melnyk

HVACR/PLUMBING*Contest: Plumbing*

- 1st Place - Zachary Houck
- 2nd Place - Dylan Wangness
- 3rd Place - Garrett Heard
- 4th Honorable Mention - Matthew Utermahlen
- 5th Honorable Mention - Dominic Jerrell

HVACR/PLUMBING*Contest: Sheet Metal*

- 1st Place - Morgan Baker
- 2nd Place - Nicholas LaScola
- 3rd Place - Samuel Harriger
- 4th Honorable Mention - Brice Bell
- 5th Honorable Mention - Bow Remsburg
- 6th Honorable Mention - Jonathan Hombach

TEACHER ACADEMY*Contest: Early Childhood Education*

- 1st Place - Sarah Kreh
- 2nd Place - Amanda Collingham
- 3rd Place - Julia Madrid
- 4th Honorable Mention - Morgan Gross
- 5th Honorable Mention - Ember McGill

TV/MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION*Contest: Digital Cinema Production*

- 1st Place Team - Luke Penny and Ashtin Jenkins
- 2nd Place Team - Owen Paugh and Nate Bolino
- 3rd Place Team - Zoe Mourlas and Ayden Kelly
- 4th Honorable Mention - Ayo Abraham and Connor Cavanaugh
- 5th Honorable Mention - Chayton Rogers and Nathan Swyers

TV/MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION*Contest: Television Video Production*

- 1st Place Team - Grace Rohrer and Eva Mason
- 2nd Place Team - Natalie Dempsey and Keegan Suddith
- 3rd Place Team - Owen Paugh and Nate Bolino
- 4th Honorable Mention - Luke Penny and Ashtin Jenkins
- 5th Honorable Mention - Joseph Spillis and Max Spangler

WEB TECHNOLOGIES/ INTEGRATED MEDIA*Contest: Web Design & Development*

- 1st Place - Taven Johnson
- 2nd Place - Dylan Schermer
- 3rd Place - Kyle Bacon
- 4th Honorable Mention - Kai Justice
- 5th Honorable Mention - Oluwafisayomi Oyolola



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CTC Alumni...

CTC Graduate is One of the Most Influential Woman on TikTok

Take a minute on your phone and google - Deaf TikTok Creators. There you will see CTC's own standing at the top of the list with over a million followers, Chrissy Marshall.

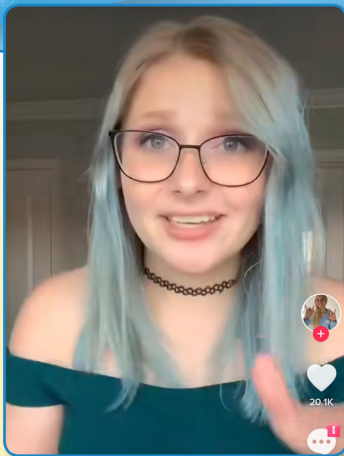
In High School, Chrissy wanted to learn how to be a filmmaker so she decided to attend CTC, more specifically CTC's TV/Multimedia Production program. Simultaneously, Chrissy's progressive hearing loss had made her profoundly deaf. She gradually lost her hearing due to a birth defect and genetic disorder. Despite her new disability, Chrissy was able to learn entry-level skills in cinematography, editing, lighting, audio production, scriptwriting, broadcasting, and much more. Adam Frank, the TV/ Multimedia instructor, was able to provide instruction and experiences that she was able to use to create a platform on TikTok to advocate for the deaf community and to continue her education in the film industry.

Today Chrissy is at the top film school in the country, University of Southern California, and will graduate this December. She is currently producing his first short film and funding it using TikTok product endorsement funds.

"I use social media to reach millions of people and educate them about the deaf community, access American Sign Language (ASL), as well as provide them with resources and an accommodating place to learn and grow with each other," says Marshall. "My goal is to continue to advocate for representation and to push for diversity in Hollywood."

In addition to raising awareness about deaf culture, Chrissy Marshall hopes that her channel provides a place of support for those who are deaf, especially people who feel isolated and alone. "You need someone to help you and show you that it's going to be okay," she says.

Her TikTok channel, @ChrissyCantHearYou, has over 1.2M followers and she is currently a member of the TikTok Creator consortium. Her influence pushed TikTok to allow creators to easily add captions to their videos for the deaf community.



CTC Alumni Demonstrates Acquired Skills

Nate Tilley, a freshman at Johnson & Wales University, is a former CTC culinary arts and entrepreneurship student who attended WHS, is home on winter break and did a demo for our current culinary arts students. He is studying Sustainable Food Systems, which is a new major from the College of Food Innovation & Technology focusing on the role of the practicing chef or sustainable food advocate as a leader and agent of change in the food system.

Nate informed current culinary arts and baking & pastry students about JWU majors & minors, life after CTC, college life, and all things culinary. He demonstrated chicken and mushroom raviolis with pickled shallots and locally sourced sunflower sprout micro-greens. We love it when CTC alumni come back to share their knowledge, experience, and fresh ideas. Thank you, Nate, and please come back to visit us again soon!



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Student Spotlight...

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CTC Automotive Technology Students Take 1st Place in Top Tech Challenge

On December 10th, Damon Catlin and Ethan Mentzer traveled to Virginia Beach, VA to represent the Frederick Career and Technology Center in the 2021 Top Tech Challenge held by the Advanced Technology Institute. ATI is a post-secondary trade school offering automotive, diesel, and welding courses to select seniors graduating from related programs. CTC's Automotive Technology program was invited to send a team to compete against other teams from around the east coast, and Damon and Ethan were eager to test their skills. They both competed in their respective local SkillsUSA contest before leaving but did not find out how they placed until the following week. Damon, a junior from Middletown, works at Fountaindale Auto Center after school, and Ethan, a senior also from Middletown, works at Rusty Nuts Diesel in Waynesboro, PA. Both young men are in their second year in Automotive Technology. The Top Tech Challenge included a written knowledge exam, electrical circuit repair, precision measuring, wheel and tire service, and wheel alignment. When the results came in, they finished first out of all seven teams! Prizes included: shirts, tools, and gear, courtesy of Snap-on, and a \$7,000 scholarship for each. Dynamic Automotive and Euro Motorcars graciously stepped in to sponsor the travel expenses for the two families. Upon returning, they also found out that Ethan finished second in the local SkillsUSA competition and Damon finished third. Both students will move on to the regional SkillsUSA competition, along with classmate Scott Boyer from Oakdale High who placed first. JOB WELL DONE!!!



Work-Based Learning Spotlight

Many students at the Career Technology Center take advantage of work-based learning opportunities during the school day. The job placement allows students to develop skills they are learning in the classroom and apply them to the workplace.

This edition's spotlight is on Diego Ramirez, a senior at Tuscarora High School. Diego is a third-year carpentry student who also completing an internship with The Frederick County Student Trades Foundation Inc. (F.C.S.C.T.F. Inc). The foundation supports the student-built house that allows students in the trades an opportunity to receive hands on experience building a home from the ground up. Students work side by side with instructors and various

local contractors to develop skills that they have learned in the classroom.

Diego has been in integral part of all phases of the student-built house. He also has done an excellent job mentoring first-year students. Diego has taken advantage of being a full-time CTC student. He arrives early to complete his required academics with CTC staff support and then works with instructor, Jim Thuman, for the remainder of the day. Diego plans to pursue a degree in construction management at Frederick Community College.



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FCPS Fall Golf League

Congratulations to Mr. Frank (TV Multimedia teacher) and Mr. Hoffman (Digital Design teacher) for recently winning the FCPS Fall Golf League title. The tournament was held at Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville, MD. Both plan on defending their title in the upcoming FCPS Spring Golf League Tournament in April. Good Luck!



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