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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello CTC Parents, Students and Staff:

As spring finally arrives, I'd like to offer kudos to our CTC Guidance Department for recently completing the registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. They have communicated with all of our returning students, new students and each home high school to complete the initial registration and application process. From this information, CTC has built a master schedule for next year.

As we wind down the final term of the school year, we are reminded of the need for all of us to work together to help keep our students as safe as possible, both during and after school, as well as weekends. With the many social events, such as prom, that our students will attend this spring, we encourage them to make good decisions and stay safe.

I congratulate the members of the Class of 2024 who will graduate very soon. We encourage you to finish the school year strong. Many of you will be taking industry certification or licensure exams in the coming weeks. Please take advantage of every opportunity to prepare for these important assessments. For our new and returning students joining us next school year, we look forward to you helping us maintain our tradition of excellence at CTC. It is our duty to challenge each and every student who enters our doors with a rigorous program curriculum. We must also identify and support students who need additional academic assistance.

Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal. I would like to wish you all the very best summer vacation possible, and I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year.

As always, we encourage and welcome your questions, comments and suggestions. Please feel free to call or email me or any staff member any time.

Sincerely,

Michael Concepcion

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FCPS

FCPS sent a message on May 1 that may have created confusion. This message provides clarification:

The Maryland State Department of Information Technology has mandated a security upgrade to better safeguard student and school system data. This means FCPS would need to install and maintain software on students' personal tablets and laptops. As a result, the current FCPS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program will end on July 1, 2024. From then on, students must use FCPS-issued technology tools for instruction, unless specified and approved by a student's IEP/504. FCPS will still supply Chromebooks for instructional purposes.

Possession and use of Chromebooks on school grounds and at FCPS-sponsored activities is a privilege. Students must adhere to the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct and all other applicable FCPS regulations.

Personal Mobile Devices (PMDs) for Next School Year (2024-25)

FCPS is committed to assisting students and staff in creating learning environments that provide access to digital learning opportunities that are age appropriate, instructionally sound and safe.

Per our Code of Conduct, with FCPS staff approval, students may use their FCPS provided devices during approved times within the classroom or other areas. School administrators reserve the right to take temporary possession of any device during an investigation and revoke privileges associated with the misuse of any electronic device. The current regulations that govern student use of cell phones are [400-18 Electronic Devices - Student Use](#) and [400-73 Responsible Use of Technology - Staff](#).

FCPS is currently reviewing regulations that govern the use of Personal Mobile Devices (PMDs), including cell phones, while paying attention to the national conversation related to cell phones and schools. New language will provide clarity about how cell phones may be used in schools, which will move us towards greater consistency and implementation across the system. Once a new regulation is approved, details will be shared with our students, staff, and families.

Spanish Translation

FCPS envió un mensaje el 1 de mayo que puede haber creado confusión. Este mensaje proporciona una aclaración.

Actualización sobre Traiga su propio dispositivo (BYOD) para el próximo año escolar (2024-25)

El Departamento de la Tecnología Informática del Estado de Maryland ha ordenado una actualización de seguridad para guardar mejor los datos de los estudiantes y del sistema escolar. Esto significa que FCPS necesitaría instalar y mantener software en las tabletas y computadoras portátiles personales de los estudiantes. Como resultado, el programa actual "Traiga su propio dispositivo" (BYOD, por sus siglas en inglés) de FCPS finalizará el 1 de julio de 2024. A partir de entonces, los estudiantes deben usar herramientas tecnológicas proporcionadas por FCPS para la instrucción, a menos que lo especifique y apruebe el IEP/504 del estudiante. FCPS seguirá proporcionando Chromebooks para propósitos educativos.

La posesión y el uso de Chromebooks en los terrenos escolares y en actividades patrocinadas por FCPS es un privilegio. Los estudiantes deben cumplir con las disposiciones del Código de Conducta Estudiantil y de todas las demás regulaciones aplicables de FCPS.

Dispositivos móviles personales (PMD) para el próximo año escolar (2024-25)

FCPS se compromete a crear entornos de aprendizaje que brinden acceso al aprendizaje digital que sean apropiadas y seguras para la edad de los estudiantes desde el punto de vista educativo.

Según nuestro Código de Conducta, y la aprobación del personal de FCPS, los estudiantes pueden usar los dispositivos proporcionados por FCPS durante los horarios aprobados dentro del salón u otras áreas. Los administradores escolares mantienen el derecho de tomar posesión temporal de cualquier dispositivo durante una investigación y revocar los privilegios asociados con el uso indebido de cualquier dispositivo electrónico. Las regulaciones actuales que determinan el uso de teléfonos celulares por parte de los estudiantes son [400-18 Dispositivos electrónicos - Uso por los estudiantes](#) y [400-73 Uso responsable de la tecnología - Personal \(disponibles en inglés\)](#).

Actualmente, FCPS está revisando las regulaciones que determinan el uso de dispositivos móviles personales (PMD, por sus siglas en inglés), que incluyen los celulares, mientras presta atención a la conversación nacional relacionada con los celulares y las escuelas. El nuevo lenguaje brindará claridad sobre cómo se pueden usar los teléfonos celulares en las escuelas, lo que nos llevará hacia una mayor coherencia e implementación en todo el sistema. Una vez que se apruebe una nueva regulación, los detalles se compartirán con nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias.



CAREER COACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



CAREER / COLLEGE FAIR



This years CTC Career and College Fair was a HUGE success, thanks to all of you!

We had 19 vendors signed up, and 23 showed out eager to talk with you all!

Please share any feedback or future vendors you'd like to see with me!

WOMEN IN TRADES

Women in Trades had their first interest meeting in April!

This club is for anyone who is a woman in a trade. If you are graduating, please still inquire.

Women in Trades is trying to create a community of woman, all ages, to come together and support one another.



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PEAR DECK TUTOR (FORMERLY TUTORME) ANNOUNCEMENT

As of July 1, 2024 Pear Deck Tutor (formerly TutorMe) will not be available for FCPS students. This program was paid for by ARP ESSER grant funds that come to an end August 31, 2024. The Frederick County Library has an online tutoring platform called Brainfuse HelpNow. This service can be used with a Frederick County Public Library Card Number. HelpNow is a resource designed for K-12 students and beyond. Live tutoring is available in English and Spanish from 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. to provide homework help for core subjects, including mathematics, science, and English language arts. Practice long division, improve reading comprehension, and learn other key skills. Practice for standardized tests. Students may submit papers to HelpNow's Writing Lab for expert assistance and feedback, or collaborate with peers in virtual study spaces. More information is available at the FCPL website, <https://www.fcpl.org/learn/brainfuse-helpnow>.

MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE

Spring is officially here! Flowers are blooming. People are playing outside. Birds are chirping. This time of year, is often associated with growth, renewal, hope and positivity—a perfect time for Mental Health Awareness Month and a perfect time to focus on our own mental health and wellness.

Self-care is essential for mental health and overall well-being. It's encouraging to see more and more people prioritizing their mental health, just as they would their physical health. We have seen professional athletes, actors and actresses, and other high-profile public figures putting their jobs on hold to put their mental health first. This is such a healthy and important step. By raising awareness and acceptance of mental health, we not only empower ourselves, but we also help remove stigma, enforce the message that it is okay to not be okay, and encourage people to seek help when they need it.

When you take care of your mental health, your physical and emotional health improves; you become more resilient; and it makes it easier to find ways to manage life stressors in a healthy and positive way.

As we approach the end of the school year, we wish everyone the power of resiliency. Everyone will experience twists and turns, from everyday challenges to traumatic events with more lasting impact. Each challenge affects people differently, bringing a unique flood of thoughts, strong emotions and uncertainty. Yet people generally adapt well over time to life-changing situations and stressful situations—in part thanks to resilience. Everyone is working diligently to finish this school year in a positive and productive way. We want to keep encouraging you all to see the value in achieving your best.

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2024!!! We are so proud of you!!! You have so many awards, job offers, and scholarship offers, among many other achievements, and have shown us how determination and resilience really can make someone stronger. We wish you all the best of luck as you move forward in your journeys.

CTC ALUMNI HONORED FOR DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY



Staff photo by Ric Dugan, Frederick News-Post

CTC Academy of Health Professions alumni, Ashley Nalborczyk, received an award plaque from the Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association recognizing her efforts to educate communities on fire safety. Last year she was also recognized as first runner-up for the Maryland State Firemen's Association's title of Miss MSFA Fire Prevention. [Click here](#) to read the full article in the Frederick News-Post, April 17, 2024 edition, p. A01/p.A10.

CTC STUDENTS HONORED AT HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CEREMONY

Congratulations to the following CTC students who received awards at the Human Relations Commission ceremony at the Arc at Market Street in Frederick, MD:

Elijah Steele – Culinary Arts
Hannah Koonce – TV/Multimedia
Jaden Stokes – Digital Design/
Printing Methods
Munira Akwada – Criminal Justice/Homeland Security
Zoe Razungzwa – Biomedical Sciences



Staff photo by Sylvia Carignan, Frederick News-Post

[Click here](#) to read the full article in the Frederick News-Post, April 19, 2024 edition, p.A3.

CTC STUDENT AMBASSADORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On March 23rd, CTC Student Ambassadors Maddox Fisher and Cullen Duggan from CISCO/Cybersecurity and Sara Patamawenu and Sky Smith from Biomedical Sciences, volunteered at the FCPS elementary/secondary Science & Social Studies fairs and STEM Showcase at Tuscarora High School.

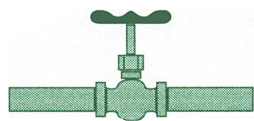


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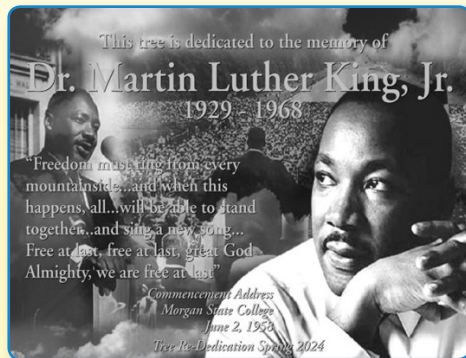
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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL TREE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

On Arbor Day, April 26th, 2024, CTC rededicated a river birch tree in front of the school to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This tree was originally dedicated to the memory

of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1988 with a plaque. This year CTC renewed the memorial with fresh landscaping and a beautiful updated plaque to remind everyone of the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s beliefs, messages, and contributions. Thank you to all that helped with and attended the ceremony.



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CTC ACADEMY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

The CTC Academy of Health Professions (CNA/GNA, Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting and Physical Rehab) students worked diligently to prepare for the annual 2024 Health & Wellness Fair. This collaborative effort brought all CTC students together and allowed them to interact with their peers in a fun and informative manner. They enjoyed fun interactive activities, collected free giveaways, won fabulous prizes, noshed on freshly popped popcorn, and gained a lot of great information about their health and wellness. Thank you to all who attended and helped make the 2024 Health & Wellness Fair a success!

A special thank you to the following people and businesses for their donations and support:

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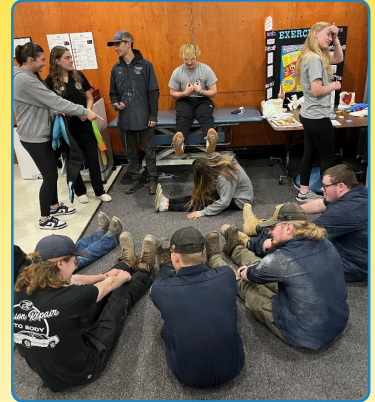
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THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT WE GOTTA WEAR SHADES



CTC staff check out the eclipse after school on April 8th, 2024



PIETERSE & STUDENTS AT PINNING CEREMONY

Ms. Pieterse has had the opportunity to teach 5 Gautreaux girls throughout her teaching career. Pictured here are 3 of them with her at this year's AoHP pinning ceremony. Ms. Pieterse said "They, along with all my other students, have been a blessing and the reason I love this job. Retirement will be bitter sweet."



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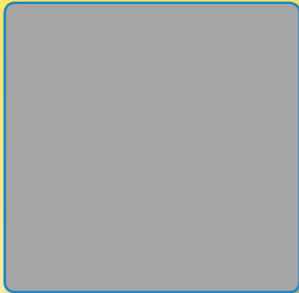


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MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Ethan Armstrong
Web Technology



Owen Cook
Landscaping/Work Study



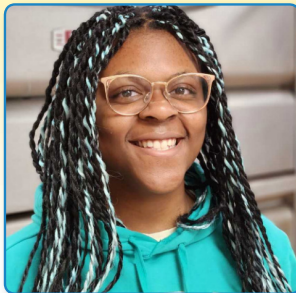
Mason DeFriece
Welding



Daniel Levine
Explorers



Hanna McGaha
Cosmetology II



Victoria Ogundipe
Culinary Arts



Ashley Pastora
Academy of Health Professions



Taylor Shelton
Carpentry

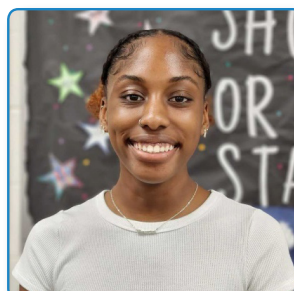
APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



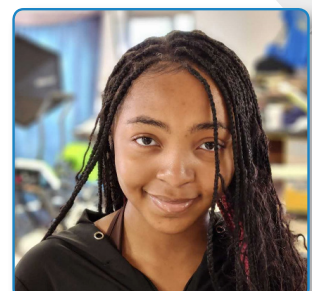
Annalise Abruzzese
Welding



Carmen Conlon
Criminal Justice/Homeland Security



Mariah Murray
Teacher Academy



Salumu Sarah Ntumba
Digital Design/Printing Methods



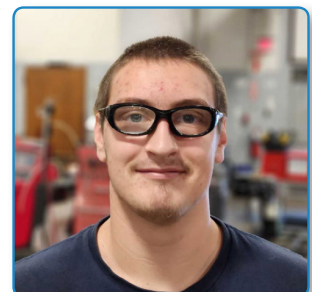
Trinity Pitts
Cosmetology II



Vanessa Ramirez
Academy of Health Professions



Lindsay Reyes-Hernandez
Dental Assisting



Wyatt Weinrich
Automotive Technology

Congratulations!

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CAREER SIGNING DAY



The 3rd Annual FCPS CTC Career Signing Day took place on May 1st. The celebration is sponsored by the Frederick County Career and Technical Advisory Council who wants to share the message that working in a high-skill career is as important as other pursuits after graduation. The Advisory Council encourages businesses to engage with students prior to graduation to help fulfill their workforce needs and encourages students to continue to strive for excellence as their high school career ends and their future career begins. To view the news story, click [here](#). The following students signed letters of intent with the following businesses:

- Jeremiah Manahan - Beckley's RVs
- Jared Kline - Beltway International Trucks
- Bransen Thomas - Bobcat of Frederick
- Zach Szabo - Circuit Electric
- Seth Zohrabi - Clarksburg Plumbing LLC
- Grant Hinsvark - Cornerstone Remodeling
- Alexander Brown - DARCARS Toyota Frederick
- David Cadenas - Dynamic Automotive
- Fernando Paz - Dynamic Automotive
- Joseph Gooding - Fitzgerald Chevrolet
- Devonte Williams - Fountaindale Auto
- Lillian Froelhe - Frederick Health
- Sierra Martin - Frederick Health
- Nate Pieklo - N.E. Bob Waltz Heating & Plumbing
- Ryan Baldwin - Ourisman Honda
- Andora Corley - Phoenix Mecano
- Nick Pusey - Pohanka Acura
- Rigoberto Diaz - Priority Install LLC
- Conor Hutta - Richard B. Rudy Inc.
- Hanna McGaha - Six East Salon & Spa
- Jaylyn Lowe - Six East Salon & Spa
- Ayden Paige - The Frederick Motor Company
- Christopher Garcia - The Frederick Motor Company
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- Jonathan Vias - US Marine Corps
- Mason DeFriece - Wilcom's Welding



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41ST ANNUAL CTC AWARDS PROGRAM

On Tuesday, April 30th, CTC held its 41st Annual Awards Program. This is one of the most anticipated events of the school year, where we come together as a school community to honor and recognize the achievements and contributions of our selected students through the distribution of earned awards and scholarships. Our Awards Program celebrates the diverse talents and passions of our students. Local businesses are also recognized for their important contributions to CTC and our students. Providing both time and resources show a real commitment to helping students succeed while investing in education. Congratulations to the following students for receiving CTC awards and scholarships:



Academy of Health Professions

Ana Kenst
Angel Segovia
Anna Karazulas
Avery Marth
Danielle Fritz
Gabriella Nelson
Jenna Johnson
Jenna Lakin
Lilian Wolf
Makayla Schermer
Natali Howard

Agribusiness

Fabricio Mendoza
Gustave Arndt
Lamont Alexander
Mikayla Shockey
Victoria Bell

Agricultural & Commercial Metals Technology

Cody Lewis
Conor Hutta
Dylan Love
Mason DeFriece
Melisa Marin-Rodriguez

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Allison McTigue
Kevin Bowman
Matthew Lewis

Automotive Technology

Andrew Bickle
Cameron Boone
Charles Shell
David Cadenas Quintanilla
Fernando Paz Palacios
Gray Drennan
Hayden White
Jeremiah Manahan
Nicholas Pusey
Ryan Baldwin
Vidal Amaya-Melendez
Walker Young

Biomedical Sciences

Arushi Patel
Camila Gonzalez
Delaney McGrath
Tan Quach

CAD Architecture

Bradley Keriakos
Mishani De Silva

CAD Engineering

Greggory Icore
Michael Umana
Tyler Schirle

Carpentry

Cullen Hockensmith
Grantham Hinsvark
James Marshall
Levi Moser
Marcus Podoll
Noah Delcid
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Matthew Singleton

Oluwafisayomi Oyelola
Samuel Betiku
Victor Pan

Computer Tech Analyst

Stanislav Butovsky
William Semenick

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Alexis Hokanson
Ingrid Ramirez-Cerna
Trinity Swire

Cosmetology II

Erica Lopez-Aguilar
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Kylie Shankle
Trinity Pitts
Valeria Cruz-Chinchilla

Culinary Arts

Amaya Ferguson
Ariana Pulido
Elijah Steele
Hayden Williams
Rosalie Huston
Triston Barzey

Dental Assisting

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Maya Freeman

Digital Design & Printing Methods

Ashley Delcid Gonzalez
EJ Pickett
Elian Mundo Varley
Hanna Matheus
Jaden Stokes

Electricity

Andrew Potter
Joonas Veimer
Joshua Onspaugh
Leo Henson

Environmental Landscape Design & Management

Madison Cook
Nathan Dodson
Owen Cook

Explorers

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AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The American Citizenship Award (ACA), offered through the National Association of Principals, recognizes students who are school and/or community leaders, possess strength of character, promote citizenship, or have other similar characteristics of leadership. Students receiving the recognition participate in school and/or community activities; show a positive attitude towards classmates, school, and community; display an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility; possesses the strength of character and courage to do what is right; and promote citizenship within their school and/or community. The following CTC students are receiving the award for the 2024-2025 school year...

Ana Kenst
Aniyah Ellis
Ariel Tembi
Charlotte Davis
Delany McGrath
Elian Mundo Varley
Elijah Steele
Gabriella Nelson
Iskylah Smith
Justin Funes
Noella Rweyemamu
Owen Cook
Sara Patamawenu
Shannon Clarkson
Sofia Driver

SKILLSUSA MARYLAND CTC STATE COMPETITION RESULTS

The 2024 Maryland State SkillsUSA Championship was held on April 12th and 13th at multiple sites in the Carroll County and Baltimore areas. Students from CTC competed in 44 trade, technical and leadership competitions. FCPS CTC students performed extremely well!

CTC students earned 28 1st place medals and those students are now eligible to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA this summer!

- CTC students earned 16 2nd place medals
- CTC students earned 14 3rd place medals
- CTC students medaled in 67% of contests entered!
- Our 2 State Officer candidates and our National Voting Delegate won earning a trip to Atlanta

Please congratulate our students on their exceptional performance and hard work!

NAME.....	SKILLS CONTEST	PLACE
Gray Drennan	Automotive Service Technology ...	2
Dianna Solis	Basic Healthcare Skills	1
Matthew Piedramartel	Carpentry	3
MaKenzie Lewis	Chapter Display	1
Ariel Tembi	Chapter Display	1
Tyler Wilson	Chapter Display	1
Benjamin Kimbark	Collision Repair Technology	1
March Mathis	Commercial sUAS Drone	1
Jacob Spears	Commercial sUAS Drone	1
Sabrina Farrell	CPS: Industrial Engineering Tech ..	1
Bradley Keriakos	CPS: Industrial Engineering Tech ..	1
Gabrielle Lomax	CPS: Industrial Engineering Tech ..	1
Angela De La Cruz	Crime Scene Investigation	3
Jade Elizalde	Crime Scene Investigation	3
Anthony Flores	Crime Scene Investigation	3
Aidan McGarrity	Criminal Justice	3
Gavin Preston	Culinary Arts	2
Samuel Betiku	Cyber Security	3
Chloe Wood	Cyber Security	3
Nora Dugan	Digital Cinema Production	2
Alexandra Ramos	Digital Cinema Production	2
Hannah Koonce	Digital Cinema Production	3

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NAME	SKILLS CONTEST	PLACE
Grace Phillips	Digital Cinema Production	3
Mishani De Silva	Entrepreneurship	1
Suvanjal Dhungana	Entrepreneurship	1
Mathew Gaviria Silva	Entrepreneurship	1
Alejandro Mendoza Janampa	Entrepreneurship	1
Sofia Driver	Extemporaneous Speaking	2
Shannon Clarkson	First Aid/CPR	1
Lillian Froehle	First Aid/CPR	2
Arwen Flint	Health Knowledge Bowl	1
Sara Patamawenu	Health Knowledge Bowl	1
Aiden Petrie	Health Knowledge Bowl	1
Zoe Razunguzwa	Health Knowledge Bowl	1
Amanda Rivera	Health Occupations Professional Portfolio	1
Declan Brennan	HVACR	1
Victor Pan	Internetworking	2
Isabella Rogers	Nurse Assisting	1
Ryder Dean	Plumbing	1
Joshua Price	Plumbing	2
Shirsho Banerjee	Related Technical Math	1
Mason Chaconas	Related Technical Math	2
Carter Niper	Related Technical Math	3
Varshith Jatla	Robotics: Urban Search & Rescue	1
Caleb Yudt	Robotics: Urban Search & Rescue	1
Andrew Winkler	Sheet Metal	1
Christopher Gallagher	Sheet Metal	3
Sophia Bernitt	State Officer	Y
Alivia Wachtel	State Officer	Y
Michael Umana	Technical Drafting	1
Trina Cheng	Television (Video) Production	2
Aryaman Kantawala	Television (Video) Production	2
Liam Hoheusle	Video News Production	2
Zachary Koehler	Video News Production	2
Ryan McNee	Video News Production	2
Ethan Putnam	Video News Production	2
Hayden Williams	Voting Delegate	Y
Thomas (Tommy) Alexander	Welding	2
Christian Ibarra	Welding Fabrication	3
Cody Salonis	Welding Fabrication	3
Jacob White	Welding Fabrication	3

Shout out to the CTC Seniors!!! **THANK YOU** for being part of CTC!!! We wish you all the best!!!

THANK YOU, CTC teachers and staff, for your hard work and dedication!!!

THANK YOU, bus drivers, for transporting our students safely to and from their destinations!!!

THANK YOU, custodians and maintenance, for keeping our building safe, clean, and running smoothly!!!

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