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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello CTC Parents, Students and Staff:

We've been very busy over the last few months as FCPS prepares for supporting and implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This unprecedented investment in Maryland's public education system that serves nearly 1 million preK-12 students will lay the foundation from early childhood into postsecondary education and training that is necessary for every child. For more information on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, please go to: <https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org>

These past several weeks, CTC has presented at each academic planning night for all ten FCPS high schools this winter; providing important career and program information to students and parents. In addition, our faculty and Student Services department have been very involved in the recruiting, shadowing and application process for new students and registering second year students for next school year. Thank you to all involved.

An integral part of the CTC experience is participation in the SkillsUSA student organization and skills contests. Our school would like to congratulate all CTC students who recently competed in the regional competitions held in Allegany County last month. Our students competed in twenty-four (24) separate competitions against their peers from western Maryland; showcasing the skills they've attained in their respective technical programs. Students placing first, second and third in the Regional competitions are eligible to compete at the next level; the SkillsUSA State (MD) competition in March. CTC will be sending 112 students to compete!

Finally, as we hopefully come to the end of the winter season, I want to express my gratitude to our staff for consistently putting students' interest first in their decision-making process. Our teachers are continually working to improve instruction for students at CTC; they are to be commended for a job well done, and we look forward to continuing the long tradition of making career preparation and positive student achievement our committed priority.

Sincerely,

Michael Concepcion

# DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The month of March is many things; it is the first month of spring in the northern hemisphere, much of the U.S. set their clocks forward for daylight saving time, and St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. It is also Developmental Disability Awareness Month, named as such by President Ronald Reagan to "increase public awareness of the needs and potential of Americans with developmental disabilities" – in 1987, following major disability rights movement events in the seventies and eighties.

While it was originally meant to raise awareness about intellectual and developmental disabilities and their effects on people. Nowadays, its focus is on acceptance, sparking conversations about the inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, and about the barriers that many people with disabilities still face.

Yes, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a time to celebrate the progress that has been made, but it is also a time to acknowledge and address the work that still needs to be done. If you're looking for ways to participate in DD Awareness Month in your community, here are some ideas:

1. **Wear Orange.** Orange is a color symbolizing energy and positivity. It's also the official color of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.
2. **Hold an Art Contest.** This is a great time to feature artwork created by people with developmental disabilities. You can celebrate the creative talent of individuals with disabilities by showcasing the artwork in your spaces, on your website, and on social media.
3. **Attend or promote an event.** Even if you're not able to attend, you can still help out by promoting these events. The more people who participate, the more opportunities to raise awareness and understanding of developmental disabilities — and that's something we all want.
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### 17% OF CHILDREN



AGE 3-17 HAVE  
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SkillsUSA students can now apply for multiple scholarships by completing just one SkillsUSA scholarship application. Most scholarships are available to both high school and college/postsecondary members. Eligibility criteria for each scholarship is noted on the application so that students know which ones they are eligible to receive. The SkillsUSA master scholarship application is open until April 1st and is [available here](#). The following scholarships are included under this application:

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- Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship
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### TUTORME FREE SERVICE

A reminder about the free online tutoring resource, TutorMe, that FCPS has made available to all students. To learn more about this resource, visit the FCPS webpage: [www.fcps.org/student-services/tutoring](http://www.fcps.org/student-services/tutoring)



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# Congratulations

## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**Lloyd Kufuor**  
Electricity



**Jaylyn Lowe**  
Cosmetology I



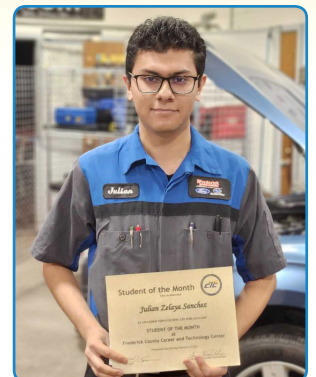
**Jemina Soto Martinez**  
Cosmetology I



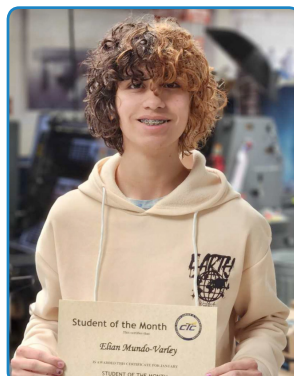
**Trinity-William Ntemi**  
Academy of Health Professions



**Dillen Owusu**  
Biomedical Science



**Julian Zelaya Sanchez**  
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## SKILLSUSA REGIONAL RESULTS

Please join me in celebrating our Regionals top finishers who have the opportunity to move on to States as the next step in their competition.

Our students competed in a total of 17 contests taking home...

- 65% of 1st place finishers!
- 47% of 2nd place finishers!
- 35% of 3rd place finishers!
- 100% of 4th place finishers in a competition that allow 4 competitors to go to States!

Our students won 50% of the overall spots eligible to move forward from Region 6 to States! Make sure to reach out to students to celebrate their hard work.

### 1ST PLACE

Ellie Stevens - Architectural Drafting  
Gray Drennan - Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair  
Damon Catlin - Automotive Service Technology  
Amanda Saldivar Reyes - Baking & Pastry Arts  
Cole Walker - Collision Repair Technology  
Joonas Veimer - Electrical Construction Wiring  
Olivia Ramsey - Esthetics  
Alexandra Kerney - First Aid/CPR  
Skyler Smith - Nail Care  
Adyn Iseman - Nurse Assisting  
Jacob White - Welding



### 2ND PLACE

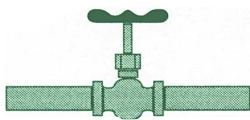
Alexyah (Lexi) Partyka - Architectural Drafting  
Charles Shell - Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair  
Kyle Malone - Automotive Service Technology  
Ashton Tablada Guifarro - Baking & Pastry Arts  
Beckett Taylor - Carpentry  
Mariana Ramirez Niz - Cosmetology  
Angela DeLaCruz - Crime Scene Investigation  
Jade Elizalde - Crime Scene Investigation  
Anthony Flores - Crime Scene Investigation  
Lillian Froehle - First Aid/CPR

### 3RD PLACE

Cameron Latch - Architectural Drafting  
Jeremiah Manahan - Automotive Service Technology  
Emily Llerena - Baking & Pastry Arts  
Paul Ireland - Carpentry  
Kevin Bowman - Collision Repair Technology  
Doug Brown - Culinary Arts

### 4TH PLACE

Declan Brennan - Sheet Metal



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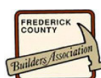
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## Student News

### AOHP HAS GUTS



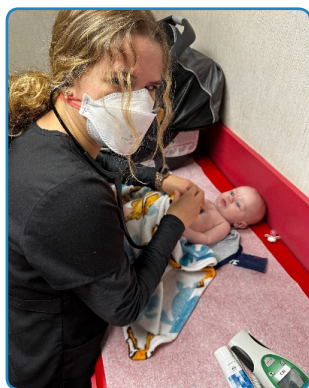
Mrs. White's AoHP students model their designer aprons featuring the gastrointestinal system.

### FORMER CULINARY ARTS STUDENT COMPETES ON FOX'S 'NEXT LEVEL CHEF'



FOX photo

Richard Blais (left) with contestant Tineke Younger (right), a CTC culinary arts alumnus, in the season premiere episode of "Next Level Chef." The episode aired February 12th on FOX and is available to stream on Hulu. You can find the full article in the February 9th, 2023 edition of the Frederick News-Post, 72 Hours insert (J1).



### AOHP STUDENTS GET EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Kidd's AoHP students are working in paid internships as CNA/GNA and medical assistants at local healthcare practices.

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## STUDENT HOUSE PROJECT MAKES GREAT PROGRESS

Considering that the concrete foundation was pour just before winter break, it is very evident that the carpentry students, Mr. Thuman and Mr. DeLashmuth have been very busy. "Much of our progress is due to the after-school time students have invested and great weather," noted carpentry instructor and house coordinator, James Thuman. He added, "We should see a roof, windows, and the siding in the next couple of weeks." The efforts of the carpenters to get the framing finished and house secures means the other trades can get started.

The Student House Project began in 1978 when educators and business representatives came together to develop an opportunity for students to learn about careers in the construction trades. The program includes: electricity, HVAC, plumbing, environmental landscape design and management, and carpentry.

The current Student Hose is located at 111 West 13th Street, Frederick and updates visit <https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/studenthouseproject/current-house-project>



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## PROGRAM SUPPORT STEMS FROM WOMEN IN TRADES

Wednesday was a typical day in the HVAC and plumbing lab with students building ductwork and practicing their plumbing skills for the Student House project ... at least it was a regular day until staff member Mr. Branham came through the door pushing a cart full of boxes.

The boxes were a surprise gift from Stanley Black and Decker's (SBD) Women's Network – Maryland, containing power and hand tools from their family of brands including DeWalt, Irwin, Craftsman, and Lennox. The gift was sponsored by Frederick County Women in Trades founding member Samantha Lawson, who is the Committee Chair of Community and Commerce for SBD's Women's Network, and a Senior Design Drafter for their outdoor tools.

All the students gathered around and the excitement continued to build with each tool pulled out. Levels, squares, saws, chisels ... the boxes seemed to be bottomless as more and more tools were pulled out. "Thanks to Ms. Lawson and the Women's Network," shared their instructor Charles Crum. "I wish the photos taken could have

captured the students' excitement," he added "I have to admit it was great to witness."

SBD's Women's Network supports women in their careers and drives better business results through mentoring, work-life integration strategies, and network building; fostering a robust learning and development curriculum for women. They support development of SBD Women through coaching and leadership via Community and Commerce outreach to partnerships supporting education, skills training, and professional development for women.

"I am so glad to be a part of Frederick County Women in Trades and to be able to support CTC's HVAC and plumbing program through the SBD's Women's Network," commented Ms. Lawson, "The philosophy and goals of Women in Trades match those of the Women's Network and partnerships like ours are going to bring about the necessary changes in the workforce leveling the playing field for women."

Frederick County Women in Trades is a growing organization focused on inspiring women to pursue an interest in education in the trades, and providing guidance and mentorship throughout their careers. For more information on the Frederick County Women in Trades visit [www.fredcowomenintrades.org](http://www.fredcowomenintrades.org)



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## CTC TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

The Career and Technology Center (CTC) nominee for Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Janet Reeder. Janet is currently the Cosmetology I teacher, starting her teaching career at CTC in 2003. Mrs. Reeder started her career in education as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Orchard Grove Elementary School in 2000. She has developed strong relationships with her students that extend far beyond their time together at CTC.

This year, Mrs. Reeder has gone beyond the call of duty as a teacher by supporting both levels of the CTC Cosmetology program while her colleague teacher has been out on maternity leave. Janet has prepared daily lesson plans for the level 2 class and has managed the Shear Impressions Salon and its clients while simultaneously teaching her 2 other Cosmetology classes.



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