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## **Message from the Principal**

**OCTOBER 2021** 

Welcome back! The staff and I hope that your short summer was a good one. We are in full swing at this time and we're glad to be back in-person!

To our incoming new students, welcome to what could be one of the best educational decisions a student can make for their high school experience. We welcome you to our school and offer to you all of our support to make your first year here a very special one. To our returning students, we expect nothing less than your best as you prepare for a successful career. Our staff is committed to accelerating the learning process for you to cover your entire program curriculum.

Thanks to all who attended our Back to School Night on August 16th—what a huge turnout! This year promises to be a rewarding one for all, and students have already begun to focus on their academic studies, career exploration, and extra-curricular activities.

This year, CTC will continue to participate in the FCPS/FCC Dual Enrollment Program; enabling qualified high school students to take Frederick Community College courses as part of their school day here at CTC. Multiple CTC programs will offer qualified students the option of earning both high school and transcripted college credit for a college course that meets the curriculum requirements of the approved high school course.

Working closely with our families, as well as business partnerships, is very important to us at the Career and Technology Center as we continually strive to foster a learning environment where all members of the CTC community have the ability to maximize their potential. As we engage in this partnership, we encourage open communication between school and home to ensure that all of our students are successful learners.

As we continue to strive toward career success for all, our hope is to always keep you informed of what we value at the Career and Technology Center. We will produce approximately five newsletters a year to insure timely communication with families.

Thank you for entrusting your child's learning to us.

Michael Concepcion - Principal

# **Guidance News**

# ATTENTION PLEASE

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## **From Your Guidance Counselor**

ello and welcome to a new school year! I am Kristen Daly, the School Counselor at the Career and Technology Center (CTC). We are all very excited to have your student here and look forward to sharing this year with you. While your student is here with us at CTC, I encourage you and your student to make the most of this opportunity – get involved as much as possible and take advantage of all we have to offer. We do our best each day to provide students with the finest academic, technical, and professional skills education we can in order to help them find future success. There will be many opportunities for students to explore all of the options that are available to them as they plan for a career and graduate from high school.

Additionally, I am available to talk with students one-on-one about any questions or concerns they may have about school related issues, class choices, post-graduation plans, and personal issues – my door is always open if you or your student ever need anything. One of the benefits of being a small school is that we get to know each other very well, as many students will spend two, maybe three years with us. We look forward to being a part of this exciting time for them. Here's to a great year and many more to come!

Kristen Daly, CTC School Counselor www.careertech.net | Phone – 240-236-8494 | Email – Kristen.Daly@fcps.org CTC Schoology Group – FHTR-CDHP-JKDKF

#### What is a CTC Student Ambassador?

A CTC Student Ambassador is any student who wishes to represent their technical program with enthusiasm! They must be willing to take time out of the classroom to share their CTC experiences and help to educate elementary and middle school students within the FCPS community. We bring hands-on activities and present to groups of students, showcasing our programs, and the knowledge we have gained from being enrolled in such programs.

CTC Student Ambassadors also have the opportunity to share their experiences throughout community events, such as The Great Frederick Fair, STEM Nights, and Science Fairs. Our Student Ambassadors gain valuable experience as they become the teachers. Public speaking, lesson & activity planning, and collaboration are just some of the skills that are gained throughout this experience. Several of our CTC Student Ambassadors have gone on to become student ambassadors at their respective colleges and universities. This experience will no doubt give a sense of pride to those involved.

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If you wish to opt out of this text or any of the One Call Now calls you receive, listen to the message through to the end for directions to opt out. Please know opting out will decrease further communications from our school when we are using One Call Now. The texts will occur twice a day. Once in the morning at 10:30 to reflect block I and 2 absences and once in the afternoon at 2:30 to reflect block 3 and 4 absences.

> COVID calls will occur multilingually every Sunday night at 6:00. These calls show as a call from FCPS on the caller id.

your student is absent, please email ctc. attendance@fcps.org so that

the absence may be excused. Otherwise, your student's absence will be unlawful. If you need to pick up your student early from CTC, please email paula.brodell@fcps.org.



### **Learning Lunch**

Learning Lunch is a one-hour period for CTC students that are in their programs all day and for students that participate in the work study program. The purpose of Learning Lunch is to provide time for students taking online courses to work on assignments while eating their lunch. During this period the students also have access to teachers and mentors that guide them through the online courses and help them comprehend the content if they are having difficulty understanding. This is a valuable bonus to attending CTC as it allows students to complete the required courses to graduate seamlessly in conjunction with their CTC program. Thank you to the CTC Learning Lunch Bunch: Lorraine Marshall (Math Specialist), Lera Straits (English Teacher), Jen Leatherman (Mentor), Dina Karakus (Mentor).



health and wellness for our students and staff. One way we do this is by creating and posting fun and informative bulletin boards in the front hallway. Shown below is our most recent bulletin board giving students healthy portable snack ideas to stay nourished throughout the day. We also incorporate activities into our programs that support physical and mental health.









CTC Bucks are awarded by staff members as an incentive to encourage students to improve their academic performance and to participate in various school-based initiatives. When students earn five (5) CTC bucks they may redeem them for a blue ticket at the school store to be entered in drawings for a gift card. The drawings will occur at the end of the 1st and 2nd semester.







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# **Did You Know?**



#### **Welcome to the CTC School Store**



Hello everyone! Mr. K. here! I have the pleasure of greeting all of you at the main entrance of CTC every day when you arrive. The school store hours are 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM and 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM.

We offer a variety of cold beverages for your enjoyment. Currently, we offer Gatorade, Sunny Dee, bottled water, and iced tea. Please let me know if there is something that you would like added to our selection and we can try to get it for you. We plan to offer CTC logo/program baseball style shirts, t-shirts, and face masks for sale in the near future. Stay tuned!

The profits from our sales support your SkillsUSA program expenses. The more we contribute as a group, the less you need to contribute individually when competing. Also, at the school store we collect your CTC Bucks for our gift card drawings at the end of the 1st and 2nd semester. For every five (5) CTC Bucks you turn in you will receive one (1) blue ticket to fill out with your name, program, and whether you are an AM or PM student, then your ticket will be placed in the "hopper" until the drawing. A friendly reminder, CTC bucks are for the gift card drawings only. All school store purchases are on a cash basis, sorry no debt cards.

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# 6 Students Highlights...

#### **AoHP Students Are Back in a Clinical Setting**

After about a year and a half of virtual and hybrid learning, our AoHP Nursing Assistant students are back in a clinical setting. The students are currently fulfilling their clinical hours by practicing and performing required hands-on skills with the residents at Homewood. We have been welcomed by the staff and residents and are already enjoying the daily smiles offered by residents recognizing the royal blue uniforms. During these weeks, the students will work with individual residents, perfecting their skill set in preparation for their certification exams, which will be taken at the end of their semester.





#### **CTC Students in Nation's Top 10**

At the 57th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, 23 of 36 students from the Frederick County Public Schools' Career and Technology Center (CTC) recently placed in the national top ten.

Jaimee Reed from the Academy of Health Professions program won a silver medal, placing second nationwide in the Nurse Assisting competition. Andrew Hahn from the HVAC-Plumbing program won a bronze medal, placing third nationwide in the Plumbing competition. The team of Adebola Adeyemi and Edwin Niemandt, CTC students in the CAD Engineering and Architectural programs, won a bronze medal, placing third nationwide in the Additive Manufacturing competition.

Adrianna Flickinger from the Academy of Health Professions program placed fourth nationwide in the Medical Assisting competition. The team of Abigail Christian, Tessa Croyle, and Bella Koeung-Zambrana from the Homeland Security-Criminal Justice program placed fourth nationwide in the Crime Scene Investigation competition. The team of Dominic Gomez, Johnny Rodriguez, Anthony Terselic, and Rachel Ullman, CTC students in the CAD Engineering and Architectural programs placed fourth the Entrepreneurship nationwide in competition. The team of Viren Mistry,

Curtis Sechler, and Levi Venable, CTC students in the CAD Engineering and Architectural programs placed fourth nationwide in the Career Pathways-Natural Recourses-Agriculture-Food competition.

The team of Simon Granados Duran, Misael Marin, and Ellis Stevens, CTC students in the CAD Engineering and Architectural programs placed fifth nationwide in the Career Pathways-Arts and Communications competition. team of Maxwell Baba, Leila Cornejo, and Andrew Dickerson, CTC students in the CAD Engineering and Architectural programs placed sixth nationwide in the Career Pathways-Industrial and Engineering Technology competition. Alexander Sohm from the Homeland Security-Criminal Justice program placed sixth nationwide in the Criminal Justice competition. Donald Haycraft from the HVAC-Plumbing program placed eighth nationwide in the Sheet Metal competition.

Also recognized for outstanding achievement and representing the state of Maryland were Daniel Koehler for Architectural Drafting, Ryan LaRocca for Carpentry, Jacob Casey and Tyler Davis for Engineering Technology Design, Liam Lowery for Information Technology Services, Justin Filigenzi for Internetworking, the team of



Jordan Patras and Brody Watson for Robitics: Urban Search and Rescue, Vincent Nardini for Technical Drafting, the team of Ayoade Abraham and Luke Penny for Television (Video) Production, and the team of Charlotte Pilch and Ella Ward for Web Design.

SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life.

For more information about the FCPS Career & Tech Center, please contact Principal, Michael.Concepcion@fcps.org, Assistant Principal, Jack.Newkirk@fcps.org, or Lead Advisor, Katheryn.Herfurth@fcps.org at 240-236-8500. For more about the competition please visit www.skillsusa.org/.

# Students Highlights...







## A Day in the Life: Shane Kendall, CTC Student Extraordinaire

Shane Kendall, a senior from Linganore High School, is spending his Senior year at CTC as an "all-day" student. What does this look like? How does it prepare him for his future? And, how does he feel about his decision?

Shane begins his day at 7:15 AM. He demonstrates independence and responsibility by driving to CTC every day for the earliest English class in the county. English at CTC is a traditional English 12 course but with a CTC spin. As Shane says, "We apply our knowledge to the real world and develop connections between our career choice and English skills". Shane arrives on-time every day with a smile, ready to engage and make valuable contributions to the class.

Following English, Shane heads down the hall to the kitchen—to his culinary class—and to his favorite part of the day. When Shane arrives in culinary arts he is ready to take on the task of the day—baking pot pies from scratch, breaking down a chicken or crafting a roux. His desire and motivation to cook for others is unmatched. Shane is the go-to student for the instructor, Chef Liddick, and for his peers; he is always ready to ask and answer a question, demonstrating curiosity and genuine interest. When asking Shane why he chose the culinary arts program he said this "I have a passion for cooking and I love celebrating and rejoicing with food!"

At 10:10 Shane heads to Learning Lunch for math. Learning Lunch is a unique program at CTC where "all-day" students eat lunch and take an on-line course through Frederick County Virtual School. Just like in his culinary class, Shane is a "stand-out" student as he always finds a way to help his classmates; he perseveres and learns more by teaching others. His generous spirit and ability to talk about his program exudes his love of cooking and creating tasty foods; he often shares his culinary treasures from the morning. Needless to say, chocolate chip cookies during math make it better!

Following Learning Lunch, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Shane heads to the Entrepreneurship and Small Business class. This course fulfills the Financial Literacy requirement and is an optional Dual Enrollment course. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Shane heads to work at Green Valley Carryout through the Work Study program where he applies his cooking skills and entrepreneurial spirit.

Overall, Shane thinks being at CTC is an incredible opportunity; he completes his graduation requirements, receives hands-on culinary training and participates as an industry professional — all in the course of a day. When asked why he decided to spend all day here at CTC he says "CTC exceeded all of the opportunities I would have had at my home high school, adding valuable experience AND industry exposure. I'm ready for life after high school!" CTC thinks Shane is extraordinary!

# **Work-Based Learning Spotlight**

Many students at the Career and Technology Center take advantage of work-based learning opportunities during the school day. 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 Dakota Thrasher, a senior at Urbana High School. Dakota is putting the skills he has acquired from the Career and Technology Center's Automotive Program and the family farm to work at Dynamic Automotive - Urbana. Dakota started the Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) in June and will continue with the program throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Dakota's mentor at Dynamic believes he has the aptitude and work ethic to one day be an excellent technician. His instructor at CTC, Tracey Hicks, has high praise for Dakota. He states "The most challenging thing about Dakota is how to curb his enthusiasm! He shows up every day looking to tear into anything I ask him to do." Upon graduation, Dakota plans to attend a technical college to further his education in the Automotive Industry.

Dynamic Automotive has been an active participant in the CTC work-based learning program for many years. Several of their employees and supervisors are graduates of the CTC automotive technology program. Over the last few years they have been instrumental in developing and sponsoring the Maryland Youth Apprenticeship program. If anyone would like more information about the work-based learning programs at CTC, please contact Dave Snyder at david.snyder@fcps.org.



# 8 Students Highlights...

## CTC's New School Nurse... What a Surprise!

By Jacqueline Pieterse RN

There is nothing more fulfilling for a teacher than to witness the success of a student. It is so rewarding to see a student move on to higher education and establish careers and families of their own. It is especially rewarding to learn that maybe you, as a high school teacher, had just a small influence in their achievements. It is not unusual for students to reach out to their former CTC instructors for guidance, support, and just to say "thanks for helping me become the person I am today". This happened just this week.

The afternoon Academy of Healthcare Professions was in session when Mr. Concepcion, CTC's principal, stopped by to introduce our "new school nurse" mentioning that I may know her. I asked the new nurse to pull down her mask so I could see her face and I immediately recognized Erica Zak, now Erika Beach. Mrs. Beach was an outstanding student in my 2005-2006 Nursing Assistant class. I remember her like it was yesterday. She always had a big smile on her face and

she completed every assignment with enthusiasm and excellence. She was such a positive individual in our classroom who was kind and respectful to all. Mrs. Beach continued her education to earn a Bachelor's degree in nursing at York College of Pennsylvania, my alma mater. She had many of the same instructors that I had and did her practical experience in many of the same healthcare facilities.

It is such an honor to see Mrs. Beach travel full-circle to return to CTC as the school nurse. The students in my current class were inundating her with questions about what CTC was like when she was here and about her college experiences as she studied to become a nurse. As Mrs. Beach talked about how CTC influenced her, a student looked over at me and said, "Ms. Pieterse, you are tearing up". I certainly was as my heart filled with pride. There is no greater gift than to witness the accomplishments of a former student. Welcome Mrs. Erica (Zak) Beach! What a tribute and a pleasure it is having you here at CTC as the school nurse.





## CAD Engineering Alumni are Reaching Great Heights and Serving Our Country

Brother and sister, Eric and Meredith Bertulaitis, are both alumni of the CAD Engineering program at CTC.

Eric graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May with a degree in Naval Architecture and Engineering. He received his commission as an Ensign and



was accepted into flight school. He is currently stationed in Pensacola, Florida for his flight school training. While in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Eric returned to CTC to talk with our current engineering students about the Academy, the Naval Architecture and Engineering program he was studying there, and the CTC student's human-powered submarine project.

Meredith graduated from the University of Maryland in May with a degree in Civil Engineering (Environmental track) and a minor in Hydrology. While a student at Maryland, Meredith signed a contract with the Navy for their Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate program. She was the only student in the class of 100 candidates to hit the trifecta: above 95% on physical fitness, top 10% on academic performance, and top 10% on military knowledge. She will start her education in nuclear propulsion in Charleston, SC later this year, followed by submarine school in Groton, Connecticut, followed by a 3-year deployment on a submarine.

Congratulations to these CAD Engineering alumni on their exceptional achievements and service to our country.





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# **Good News**







#### **CTC Goes Purple**

CTC "Goes Purple" to support Frederick County Goes Purple, to bring awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders. and to celebrate those living in recovery. Frederick County observed National Recovery Month during September with Frederick County Goes Purple, a grassroots call-toaction to unify our community and reduce substance-related deaths and overdoses.







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# **Shout Outs!!!**





Shown above (left to right): Alejandra Sanchez, Kevin Grossnickle, Delmira Cruz, and Margaret Morris (not shown)

#### Shout Out to Our CTC Custodians!!!

CTC would like to give a shout out and much deserved thank you to our custodians!!! They work hard and take pride in keeping our school clean, safe, and sanitized.

# Philip Arnold: 2021 Washington Post Teacher of the Year

Each year, the Washington Post recognizes teachers in the Washington Metropolitan area who exemplify excellence in their profession and who contribute to improvements in education. A number of colleagues and students joined Principal Michael Concepcion in recommending Arnold for Teacher of the Year recognition.

Arnold teaches Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs at the Career and Technology Center. "A teacher with the ability to inspire students is the type of teacher who will be long remembered by his or her students,"



Concepcion said. "Mr. Arnold is a superb example of a teacher who motivates his students to maximize their potential and do great things. His approach to teaching and learning is inspirational." Students describe Mr. Arnold as someone who knows how to problem solve while instilling a joy in learning for students.

Arnold is a graduate of Linganore High School. He began his teaching career at FCPS Career and Technology Center in 2010 after serving as a professional system engineer. He received the Charles E. Tressler Distinguished Teacher award in 2017, earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

#### **Welcome New CTC Teachers!!!**

## TIM BROMHAL - WELDING AGRICULTURAL & COMMERCIAL METALS

Originally from Frederick County, Mr. Bromhal comes to CTC with years of valuable experience most recently teaching welding at Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, OH. Mr. Bromhal has almost 10 years of welding experience spanning from the U.S. Marine Corps to welding pipe in the Steamfitters Union. He has welded various projects for contractors such as DuPont, Dominion Power, Honeywell, Merck, the U.S. Capitol Power Plant, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Bromhal enjoys fixing up houses with his wife and spending time outdoors with his daughter.

## KIM CSULAK - WEB TECHNOLOGY/INTEGRATED MEDIA AND CISCO NETWORKING

Mrs. Csulak earned an Associate's Degree from Hagerstown Community College, Bachelor of Science degree from Towson University in both Computer Science and Mathematics and a Master's of Science degree from Hood College in Information Technology. Mrs.

Csulak comes to us from MCPS where she was both a math teacher and a computer science teacher for 11 years. Prior to teaching she worked in private industry in the informational technology field for 15 years. She currently resides in Frederick county with her loving husband and 3 children. She has volunteered for the Girl Scouts organization for the past 12 years and enjoys supporting her children in their education and extracurricular activities. In her free time, she enjoys long walks and doing sewing and embroidery projects for family and friends.

## EVAN MOSER – COMPTIA SECURITY + AND CISCO NETWORKING

My name is Evan Moser and I have always enjoyed learning about IT and History. I started out working at a museum as both a tour guide and network/security employee. I am working on obtaining my 4th degree from Hood College in Computer Science. I really enjoy the concepts of quantum computing as well as the math behind it. In my free time I like to run, paint models, and read.

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