

March 2018 Spring Edition

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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

As we share in the nation's collective grief following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting please know that student and staff safety is a priority for our school district and Charlotte Technical College. Charlotte Technical College has a Safety and Security committee that includes staff, resource officers, administrators and district personnel and the safety plan is updated quarterly. I encourage you to go to the link below on our college website to read the joint message from our Superintendent, School Board Chairman Ian Vincent, Sheriff Prummell and Police Chief Davis.

<http://charlottetechcollege.net/wp-content/uploads/Joint-Safety-Message.pdf>

We encourage our community members to continue to visit CTC for lunch, auto services, cosmetology services computer repair and additional services we provide at reduced costs. The services we provide help our students to improve the workforce skills taught as they prepare to complete programs. We remind all of our patrons to arrive on campus with an ID and prepare to register at the front desk with our administrative assistant.

Charlotte Technical College hosted an accreditation team from the Council of Occupational Education in September of this school year. The formal action of the Commission dated February 19, 2018 was to continue the accreditation of Charlotte Technical College and the Instructional Training Center – Englewood Fire Training Academy. Reaffirmation denotes that our institution has maintained quality programs, again undergone an extensive self-study and team review process, including a review of performance with respect to student achievement, and has continued to meet the Commission's Standards and Conditions for Accreditation. I extend to the community, the students, faculty and staff congratulations on having maintained the status of accreditation.

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The mission of the Charlotte Technical College is to provide an effective, innovative, technical education preparing students to enter, advance and succeed in the workplace.



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As a technical college, CTC understands that educating a student goes beyond the classroom. Bridges to Careers helps CTC on its mission to not only prepare students to enter, advance, and succeed in the workplace, but to succeed in life. Many community members and organizations have generously shared their time and expertise with our students talking on topics like financial literacy, perseverance, and mental health.

CTC students work hard to put themselves on a more lucrative career path, but the fruit of those efforts are eroded if they do not have some understanding of money management. Students participated in a financial literacy seminar about budgeting and learned how to determine one's financial net worth courtesy of Wells Fargo representatives. They also shared online resources with

tools for students and staff along with handouts on budgeting, building credit, and scholarships. Students later told WF representatives that their seminar sparked conversations at home about finances and setting financial goals as a family. This is wonderful because one of the best ways to learn and retain something is to teach it. Way to go CTC students!

Mental health was our most student-requested topic, so we were delighted to host Kim Sanderson, LMHC of Charlotte Behavioral to speak on this essential topic. She identified different skills people can use to handle emotions along with examples of when and how to use them for improved mental health. She spoke about identifying suicide risks in others and the importance of ACT®: Acknowledge Care, and Treatment. The many resources available in our community displayed

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highlights on up-to-date offerings like teleservices and EMDR trauma therapy. Kim answered student questions and provided insight on how students can encourage loved ones to get help if needed.

The events above derived from the wonderful responses from students and staff to the CTC Success Series, which features the Port Charlotte Toastmasters speaking on soft skills topics that help students make the most of their time in the classroom and prepare for the workforce. Toastmaster Rich Emch, of Raymond James has been invaluable in masterminding this so aptly named Success Series and exceedingly generous sharing his time and talent with us. Our winter session focused on perseverance and problem solving. Motivational speaker, Paule Alexandra Rene used a very engaging analogy with our minds as remotes as she emphasized the importance of pushing play in our daily lives instead of rewinding over past experiences. Nate Heinz, of Monarch spoke about consistency and not going 'wobbly'. Daily reminders of how our goals help others and thinking beyond ourselves can keep us inspired when we meet obstacles

and lose personal motivation. Rich Emch shared the RECAP method, a tool useful in self-evaluation, troubleshooting, and in answering interview questions.

Speaking of interviews- Worldwide Flight Services was interviewing and hiring applicants on the spot at our recent job fair. The CTC spring job fair hosted 13 more exhibitors than our job fair last fall. The word is out about our EMT/EMR programs with Charlotte County EMS, Lee County EMS, and Ambitrans in attendance to recruit CTC students. Not only does Bridges to Careers host job fairs we bring community partners with industry savvy into the classrooms to speak with our students. Ray Desjardins, CGCIO, Charlotte County Government visited with our IT students to share insight into the hiring process for IT, and what skills best serve an IT professional looking to work for government entities. Judy Gallo visited with our Criminology students to share the steps it takes to work for the Sheriff's office and the many types of careers they offer in addition to deputy roles. Diane Parolisi, CTC advisory board member and DCS of Harbour Healthcare assisted in panel mock interviews of Practical Nursing

students to help prepare them for their real world interviews.

Bridges to Careers and CTC are deeply grateful to these wonderful community partners for sharing their time and expertise with our students. The knowledge they share creates a ripple effect in the families and friends of these students. CTC students want to be good employees and many want to be leaders in their workplace and the community. Just as our alum, Diane Parolisi pays it forward – our current students may be future advisory board members, toastmasters, and community partners sharing what they have learned with future CTC students spreading the knowledge others have shared with them. CTC's mission of helping students prepare to enter, advance and succeed in the workplace spreads beyond the walls of any "job" and truly is for the betterment of the individual students, their families, and their community.

Thank you to CareerEdge and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation for funding Bridges to Careers so we can be here at CTC where any day really is a great day at CTC!

OUR PROGRAMS

COSMETOLOGY



Spring has sprung at Cosmetology's "The Cutting Room Floor". We have been busy with clients and going out into the community. We have gone to "The Taste of Punta Gorda" doing haircuts, to the Salvation Army for cuts, styles and manicures, and to Dillard's for hairstyles and manicures. The students also went to the Clive mini hair show in Sarasota and came back excited and invigorated. Our March "Retro Day" was designated as: "Victor/Victoria". The student made each other to look like half the face of a man and the other half like a women. They really had fun with this Retro.

We are so lucky to have former students who are now successful Cosmetologists giving back by coming in to do presentations on hair for the students. We have Sonja Laster coming every month to give the students her expertise on styles and color; David Gray, who owns Eschelon Salon, comes every month for haircutting techniques and very recently, Harlie Wilhite, who

is a Professional Chi Enviro Stylist, stopped by to do a demonstration on a straightening, smoothing and de-frizzing product which we now carry. So, if you have that unruly curl, frizzy hair, or unfortunate volume, come see us for a Chi Enviro Treatment that will last up to 3 months. Call us at 941-255-7510 for an appointment.



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CONGRATULATIONS

to Robert Daniels and Nic Pietripaoli. They both graduated on 2/16/18 and are working for Sarasota County Schools. Robert, has been hired as a technician servicing both Sarasota Middle School and Glen Allen elementary school, while Nic Pietripaoli has been working at various sites throughout the county and hopes to land a position as a Network Admin.



CONGRATULATIONS

are also in order for Jeremiah Pierre, who passed his CompTIA Network+ Certification on 2/23/18. Congratulations!



OUR PROGRAMS

CULINARY ARTS

The culinary arts and baking and pastry programs are proud to announce the success from the Skills USA, Regional event that took place on February 22, 2018. Between both programs, we placed 12/13 places. Here are the results:

Culinary Arts Adult Competition:

Aida Alvarado-Gold
John Phillips-Silver
David Lind-Bronze

Culinary Arts High School Competition:

Chloe Tollar-Gold,
Brandon Osborne- Silver,
Thomas Predmore-Bronze

Baking And Pastry Adult Competition:

Alexis Sweeris-Gold
Jennifer Suarez-Bronze

Baking & Pastry High School Competition:

Sasha Verworren-Gold
Miranda Kuehne-Silver

The culinary arts program will be taking 4 students and the baking and pastry program will be taking 3 students to state competition in Pensacola, Florida on May 1, 2018!

Jenna Hartman-Chef Instructor



Pictured Left to Right- David Lind, John Phillips, Brandon Osborne, Aida Alvarado, Chloe Tollar and Thomas Predmore.

CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT

Secondary Career Specialist, Barb McCauley, has been visiting the CCPS high schools recruiting students for dual enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. Interested students apply online through a Google Docs application, the link to which can be found on the CTC website: www.charlottetechcollege.net. Barb spends a few weeks at each high school educating the students about the 20 different career dual enrollment opportunities at CTC. High school students can pursue career-based programs without paying tuition or book fees while they are still enrolled in high school. It is a wonderful opportunity to "test drive" the skills necessary for a career of their interest without incurring the costs of post-secondary education.

CTC has received almost 600 high school applications. Each of the applicants is vetted by Barb who reviews the applicants' grades, test scores, attendance and behavior during their high school career. This is a time consuming process but admittance to CTC has specific requirements that must be met as most of the programs are college level classes with specific GPA requirements. Students can earn college credit and a variety of industry certifications in the career dual enrollment courses.

Letters of acceptance will be mailed during Spring Break in April. Charlotte Technical College is looking forward to another stellar group of high school students for the 2018-19 school year.

STUDENTS COMPLETE P.A.L.M. HOME



The Building Construction students help put the finishing touches on the PALM Home 2 project. This has been a great opportunity for students to meet local contractors on the jobsite and get mentoring from local business owners. The house was recently featured in The Parade of Homes and already there is a full price offer to purchase the house. The students took pride in their work and can now look back at a job well done.

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BAYFRONT PORT CHARLOTTE'S 10 YEAR NEO NATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ANNIVERSARY

As a first year teacher, I have experienced many firsts, but this is truly the most rewarding. When I was a student at Charlotte Technical College 8 years ago, I got to experience visiting the NICU.

When asked if my Dual Enrolled CNA students would be willing to volunteer for this event, I did not hesitate to jump on the opportunity. Bringing 15 high school students to an event in the public, is definitely a nerve-wracking experience. However, my students rose to the occasion and superseded the hospital staff and my expectations. They all portrayed their "SAY YES" attitudes and never turned down an opportunity to hold any of the infants or babies, or help a staff member. As a teacher, it is not only rewarding to see your students shine, but to also become such an asset to this community. As high school students, they have so much going on with their home high schools, jobs, home, and CTC homework, but not one of them made an excuse and all showed



up to support. As an Instructor and former student graduate from CTC, it is extremely rewarding to be a part of shaping the future of my students.

I would like to give a big shout out to each of them as well as Maureen Watts

and Linda Rogers-Antuono for making all of this happen.

I am so proud to be the teacher to each one of my students. You all rock!!

Ron Negrich

AUTOMOTIVE

Our second Car Show/Craft Fair was held February 3, 2018. We had a wonderful turnout. The weather could have been a little warmer, but despite the weather, everyone had a great time. Our Culinary program provided breakfast and lunch for sale. For our silent auction, we had beautiful baskets made and donated by all of our programs.

Many of the cars that entered were awesome cars to look at. As usual, our staff stepped in to make this a success. Cheryl, Darlene K, granddaughter Savannah, Linda D, and grandson Lucien, Cindy G, Darlene R, Glenn, Chip, Karin O',

Chastity, Jenna, Ron, Bibi, Maureen, as well as our great custodians Mark and Lee. Our SkillsUSA and Criminal Justice students worked all day.

I am happy to announce we raised \$1,908.00 for scholarships. Next year, our Car Show/Craft Fair will become even better. We are looking at adding some new attractions, so keep checking our web site for next year's show. Here are some pictures of the event.



Cathy Bohling
Car show coordinator

A Message from our Director Continued...

We are excited to announce that we have received our final approval to offer the following new programs for the 2018-19 school year:

Technology Support Services – 600 hours
Applied Cyber Security – 600 hours
Solar Photovoltaic System Design Installation and Maintenance – 600 Hours
Real Estate Sales Agent – 63 Hours
Real Estate Sales Associate – 45 Hours
Jumpstart your new career! Charlotte Technical College has additional full time programs for adults and career dual enrolled students in various areas of study that will allow you to pursue a new career. Develop a new skill . . . get certified. . Learn a trade! Look for Charlotte Technical College on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see what is happening!

Please consider CTC for August enrollment. You can research our course offerings by going to <http://charlottetechcollege.net/>. Please contact us at 255-7500 to discuss enrollment in August for all new programs or existing programs. Financial aid is available for most programs and we encourage future students to start this process early.

Skills USA competition begins! Over 50 students will be traveling with Skills Advisors from the school to participate in the Skills USA State competition in Pensacola, FL. The students qualified through the Regional competition and now start their road to Nationals. Skills USA allows our students to compete in academic competitions using their learned workforce skills. This is an outstanding venue for seeing the job competition and building a network with future employers. Good Luck to all the students and advisors!

Several years ago, CTC began producing this newsletter, Kaleidoscope. It is published four times a year and shared with parents, students, businesses and community members. We highlight our business partnerships, industry certifications, job placements; upcoming activities, new program development and any additional news that that program advisors want to share with the community. The four issues of the newsletter go out to over 1,500 CTC supporters each printing. Advertising your business in the newsletter is the way CTC is able to put out this important informational and advertising tool. If you are interested in purchasing a business

card size add for the 2018-19 school year for a cost of \$200 for 4 issues, please contact Bibi Ullah at 255-7500, ext. 118 or by email at Bibi.Ullah@yourcharlotteschools.net.

On a final note, Charlotte Technical College has outgrown the capacity to host the end of the year graduation ceremonies on our campus. Our graduation is a combined ceremony, which includes adults and career dual enrolled students. Graduation will take place on May 23rd at 6:00 at the Center for Performing Arts on the Charlotte High School Campus. Tickets will be distributed at a graduation meeting that will be hosted in late May.

Thank you for taking the time to read our quarterly review of the great things happening at Charlotte Technical College. Please check out our web page and consider enrolling in one of our career ready programs at www.charlottetechcollege.net.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO

As a former member of the CTC automotive advisory committee, I never really appreciated how important their role is until I became a member of the instructional staff.

Our community, industry partners and members of our advisory committee are a driving force, helping us with curriculum advice, job shadowing, equipment recommendations, scholarship funding and employment opportunities for our students. We meet four times during the school year in addition to periodic visits to their facilities to check up on former

students and find out what is going on in the industry.

In addition to the time commitments committee members make, their generosity is beyond expectations. Some stand out members of our advisory committee and community need to be recognized for their above and beyond dedication to our school, programs and students. Members from The Gettel Automotive Group, Don Gasgarth's Charlotte County Ford and Patriot Auto Parts have made very special efforts for us, including providing transportation for visitors, sponsoring receptions, a recent move of a large lift donated by a generous community member and Sunbelt Equipment Rentals providing a forklift for us to unload the donation from

a member's truck. In addition, The Peace River Corvette Club and Harbor Corvettes Car Club have created scholarship funds for our adult students, making their education more affordable and obtainable.

The support from our community and industry partners is both humbling and greatly appreciated. They enrich the lives of our students and everyone associated with our school. Sincerely from the bottom of our heart, we thank you for all you do.

Tom Viele

Automotive Instructor and Program Planner