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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome Back to another workforce training year at Charlotte Technical College. We are proud to start and host our new Paramedic program as we open the 2017-18 school year. Throughout the year, you will read about the many accomplishments of this institution and the opportunities we offer our students through our 20 Career Training programs.

The Charlotte Technical College staff gathered at the beginning of the year to review and update our strategic plan and core values for the college. The core values define what our organization believes and how we operate the college to resonate within our local school district and community. They represent our actions with customers and the fundamental driving force of what we do in preparing a skilled workforce for Charlotte County and surrounding areas. The CTC core values include:

- **A student-centered society focused on STUDENT SUCCESS**
- **A safe, clean learning environment**
- **Customer service**
- **Skilled knowledgeable instructors**
- **Consistent communication**
- **A staff that embraces technology**
- **Community involvement**

Our staff is dedicated to helping to change and shape the lives of hundreds of students as they train to

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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.

REAL WORLD SKILLS PROGRAM STARTS THE YEAR STRONG

The Real World Skills Program started the year with a big clean up effort in the garden and greenhouse. Students will be growing sweet potatoes, Moringa, cherry tomatoes, basil and cilantro. Students also helped pull weeds in front of the three story building in preparation for open house.

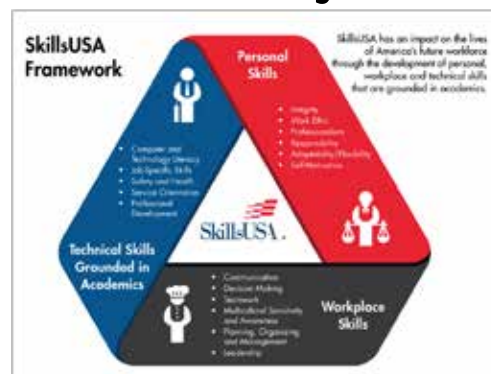
A big addition this year is the tilapia in the aquaponics system that will support growing lettuce. The Real World Skills Program will collaborate with Ms. Johnson's Academy class to learn how to raise tilapia and grow lettuce in the aquaponics system.



Cleaning up for Open House L to R: Randy Rhodes, Jose Ortiz, Hannah Hernandez, Michaela Colleen, and Marquell Jackson.

Students will participate in SkillsUSA with a Community Action Project. The theme this year is Healthy Eating Through Gardening. Some of the projects will be Growing Sweet Potatoes, Herb Growing for Handicapped Gardeners, A Worm Farm, Hydroponics, and Aquaponics.

SkillsUSA CHAMPIONS AT WORK: JOB-READY, DAY ONE



The Charlotte Technical College SkillsUSA Chapter Membership Rally is October 4th. The program with the highest percentage of members signed up by September 29th will be announced. The officer team will also be announced. The officer team will attend the State Leadership Training Workshop in Leesburg, Florida, October 23rd to 25th.

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit national association serving middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students and their teachers. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

The SkillsUSA Program of Work has seven areas: Professional Development, Employability, Community Service, Ways and Means, Championships, Public Relations, and Social Activities. The program of work is created by the members of the chapter to outline activities that they plan to conduct during the upcoming year.

WELCOME BACK!

AUTO

Current events are a strong reminder of how preparation is a necessity. Being ready for the unexpected is paramount to the protection of our family and our hard-earned possessions. Our vehicles are tasked with providing mobility in sometimes very harsh conditions. Keeping up with scheduled maintenance is an important step in making sure we get to where we are going when we need to be there. Regular visits to our local mechanic should be a routine we all fall into to keep our vehicles running strong and prepared for whatever conditions they encounter.

Maintenance is not just about changing oil. It involves multi-point inspections to ensure our vehicles are healthy and roadworthy. Belts, hoses, filters, tires, steering and braking systems must be up to the task for trouble free and efficient operation.

Take a moment to review your vehicle maintenance history and make sure you are up to date. Your owner manual should have the information you need to get started. Your mechanic should be able to help you make the right decisions and keep you on the road and happy.

Tom Viele
Automotive Instructor
& Program Planner



COSMETOLOGY

First I am thankful that all of our students came out of the storm safe and are back in the classroom and hope that all of you out there came out the same. The cosmetology program's "cutting room floor" salon is open for business. We are off to a roaring start and have graduated seven students in May 2017 and all have passed state board and are now licensed cosmetologists. Six of the seven are now successfully working in local salons. We began the new year with 14 new students and 6 returning students that will graduate in December. We have been out in the community to several back to school events giving complimentary haircuts and styles. We have several community outreach events coming up – October 16th we will be at CCPS health fair, the 17th we will be at the salvation army giving manicures, cuts and styles, November 18th we will be at Dillard's for their "little black dress" event doing hairstyles, and December 2nd we will be at the Harley Davidson dealership for their retro ladies day doing hairstyles and cuts.

I invite you to come see us and get a makeover, cut, color, style, pedicure, manicure and a facial – give us a call at 941-255-7510. Thank you and have a great rest of the year.

Mary Curby
Program Planner/Lead Instructor
Cosmetology Program

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Our newly formed student advisory board met for the first time Thursday, September 21st 2017. They shared some amazing and wonderful ideas to our Director Dee Lynn Bennett; she left with goosebumps because the ideas and conversation were flowing so well. We know we are off to a good start with these young, amazing and exciting students.

1. Wyatt Jacobs - Auto
2. Tammy Morazes - C.J.
3. Fedor Bichenkov- Auto
4. Kacey Meddaugh-Dental Assistant
5. Eddine Santana -C.S.I.T.
6. Adolfo Cortez- B.C.
7. Leticeia Cortez- H.S.
8. Sarah Raymond- H.S
9. Victoria Roe - E.M.R.
10. Tiffanie Conrad -Business Management
11. William Furlow - HVAC
12. Erica Smalls- CA/CF
13. Brandon Osborne- CA/CF
14. Jessica Tackett-Cosmetology
15. Danielle Booth - Cosmetology
16. Kyle Roy - C.S.I.T.
17. Nathan Arsberg - C.S.I.T.
18. Marlha Brobeck- E.C.E.
19. Caizer Ballesteros - LPN
20. Robert Daniels - C.S.I.T.
21. Carolina Egloff - Business Management

PRESS RELEASE

CHARLOTTE TECHNICAL COLLEGE A QUALITY POST-SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING COLLEGE!

Congratulations to the students, staff and community of Charlotte Technical College! CTC completed a site visit for their reaffirmation of accreditation from the Council of Occupational Education on Sept. 28th. Accreditation has two fundamental purposes; (1) to assure the quality of the institution or program, and (2) to assist in the improvement of the institution or program. The Council on Occupational Education is recognized as a national institutional accrediting agency.

The six member team led by Dr. Myra West, Director of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Livingston reviewed 20 programs and the following 10 Standards:

- 1 – Institutional Mission**
- 2 – Educational Programs**
- 3 – Program & Institutional Outcomes**
- 4 – Strategic Planning**
- 5 – Learning Resources**
- 6 – Physical Resources**
- 7 – Financial Resources**
- 8 – Human Resources**
- 9 – Organizational Structure**
- 10 – Student Services & Activities**

Charlotte Technical College is proud to announce to our community that of the 20 programs and 10 standards evaluated, 19 programs and all 10 standards had no findings of non-compliance and no recommendations or suggestions for improvement. CTC was out of compliance in one program due in part to low membership in the program advisory board. The accreditation process includes the participation of community business partnerships in the support of each program. The business partnerships support the program by helping the instructor(s) with program review and by signing an employer verification form. The employer verification form is provided by the Council on Occupational Education and provides verification that we have community support for the program and potential employers that will hire our students into the workforce for which they are being trained.

We are looking for members for our Digital Design I and II program advisory boards. Our Digital Design program is growing at CTC. We have added another digital design lab this year as we prepare students for employment in digital publishing positions such as Information Technology Assistants, Production Assistants, Digital Assistant Designer's, Graphic Designers, and Multimedia Designers. Students receive certifications in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator and learn how to use these skills in website development and marketing/advertising. If you are looking to hire someone with these skills, we are looking for you to become a part of this program. If you own a business in Marketing, Design Publishing or Web Design and are interested in helping us to build a strong advisory board for our Digital Programs, please contact us at 941-255-7500 and ask to speak to Deelynn Bennett, Director.

Charlotte Technical College is surrounded by a wealth of program advisory members and affiliates. We thank you for your participation and support in assisting us to achieve what we have accomplished in this reaffirmation of accreditation for Charlotte Technical College. This was a monumental accomplishment and could not have done this without your dedication and commitment.

Much appreciation to Dr. Daniel O'Leary III MD, Tri-County Air Conditioning & Heating Inc., and Sysco for the generous donations in support of our opening Kick-off dinner event which took place at Lashley's Crab House. Special recognition also goes to the Gettel team for providing shuttle transportation to and from the school during the team's visit.

OUR PROGRAMS



CULINARY ARTS

Over the summer, the Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Program underwent construction to update our building. The floor drains and pipes were replaced in the kitchen and the air conditioning unit was completely updated and replaced. We are excited for the 2017-2018 school year and would like to welcome all new students!

On behalf of the Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry programs we would like to announce the success that we had over the summer at the Skills USA National Competition! Brandon Osborne is currently a culinary arts student who advanced to nationals as a junior in high school. He medaled gold for regional and state competition and finished in the top half of 45 students! Brandon plans to compete again this year and to hopefully bring home the gold one last time! Taylor Mohn competed as an adult baking and pastry student. She is currently graduated and working at Zoet in Punta Gorda. Taylor also placed in the top half of 21 competitors! As instructors, we could not be more proud of these students! They are truly dedicated and determined for greatness. The Culinary Arts Program would like to wish Brandon GOOD LUCK in his last year at Charlotte Technical College. The Baking and Pastry Program is sad to see Taylor go but we know she is going to do great things! She truly is a model student and we hope that she will return to us with knowledge about the up and coming industry!

Jenna Hartman-Chef Instructor

DENTAL

As a new school year begins, we would like to welcome our new groups of students to our Dental program. The adult class and returning adults are at full enrollment of twenty (20) students and the Dental Aide Program is pleased to welcome fourteen (14) senior high students. We look forward to a sensational year with our new students while learning unlimited new material that will lead to a rewarding career.

The dental department also welcomes back our January enrolled group of dental assisting students who will be participating in their first clinical rotations in August. We appreciate our participating Doctors in our community for giving our assisting students the required hands-on experience needed. This opportunity provides them with the knowledge and skills necessary to become industrious and productive dental assistants. Our August enrolled adult students will be experiencing their first clinical rotations after the winter break in January.

The dental team would like to say welcome to all the students in our programs here at Charlotte Technical College. We wish you all the very best in your educational journey here at CTC.



OUR PROGRAMS

EVENING PROGRAMS

Charlotte Technical College tries to work around a variety of schedules. CTC offers evening classes for the following programs: Emergency Medical Technician, Nursing Assistant, Paramedic, and Practical Nursing. The newest program is Paramedic, which just started in August.

The Adult Career Center also offers English as a second language classes at CTC in the evening. There are continuing education classes for people needing certification as a Class B or Class C Drinking Water or Wastewater Operator. You can find more information on the CTC website at charlottetechcollege.net. Follow the link for programs to find information on these classes.

Maureen Watts



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education is having a great beginning of the year here at CTC. Many of our students look forward to the classes each day. We will soon take a state mandated test given by the Department of Children and Families to finish our first 20 hours of the 45 hour mandatory classes. Our adult students are looking forward to the CPR/First Aid classes that bring them much closer to finishing their professional portfolio that leads to graduation. The Early Childhood program is a 600 hour class that ends with the opportunity of a great job with 0-8 year olds or is the entry level when looking to start college for elementary education. What other program allows you to work and play with children for 480 hours and then at the end get a paying job!

I would also like to tell anyone looking to further their career in Early Childhood Education, our program gets you started right with 9 articulated college credits. If you want to talk more about the wonderful fun and fulfilling work with young children, please give us a call. You could be on your way to a great career in less than a year.

CONSTRUCTION

Students in Building Construction are gearing up to begin work on a house to be built for Habitat for Humanity. In the process, students have been learning how to work safely using equipment properly to prevent accidents and injuries. One activity students have participated in was to fall from scaffolding. There were no injuries as students were able to don and demonstrate the use and function of their personal fall arrest systems. Students are also working to complete the OSHA certification training for the construction industry.



A Message from our Director Continued...

become the professionals we see in the workforce today. I feel honored to be a part of this unique learning institution that provides amazing learning opportunities for adult and career dual enrolled high school students.

Our 20 career programs are offered within in a sequence and developed in collaboration with the workforce industry and the Department of Education. All programs are designed to maximize the opportunities for students to earn industry certifications or state licensures and aligned to state or local articulation agreements which allow students to receive credit from receiving state institutions toward AAS/AS degrees pending the enrolled program of study. Courses are hands on, rigorous and relevant and will prepare students with workforce ready skills upon graduation. We pride ourselves on staying up to date with all the businesses and industries we represent so that our students complete our programs with skills that will lead to career or college placement. Our students are entering a highly competitive information based economy. Our

programs integrate employability skills that will allow students to be competitive in this highly competitive world.

Charlotte Technical College is accredited by the Council of Occupational Education. By the time this newsletter goes to print, we will have hosted a Council of Occupation Accreditation team to reaffirm our college accreditation. We would like to thank our district leadership, business community, advisory boards and staff for their support as we prepared for the visit and completed the reaffirmation process. Stay tuned for the final report in the next newsletter.

Charlotte Technical College would like to thank all of our advisory board members for their dedication and support of our institution and the specific programs they serve. Our community partners/affiliations that allow our students to practice skills within their business establishment are an invaluable part of the total learning experience provided to our students. We thank you for your dedication, trust and loyalty to Charlotte Technical College staff and training programs.

Charlotte Technical College is currently

taking adult applications for January enrollment. Please contact us at 941-255-7500, check out our website at www.charlottetechcollege.net or stop by and someone will be available to assist you with questions. For high school students, enrollment takes place in the spring of each school year. CTC will begin to host information sessions for high school students in November. Please stay tuned for a calendar of activities which will be posted to our website soon.

I hope that you enjoy reading our Kaleidoscope newsletter. The staff and I are committed to making your learning experience one that will fulfill your goals and propel you in a forward direction of success. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and look forward to many years ahead in working with the community to provide career and college training for all.

Sincerely,



Deelynn Bennett, Director

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE

for my warm welcome to Charlotte Technical College. I am delighted to be with Bridges to Careers, courtesy of CareerEdge, helping prepare students to enter, advance, and succeed in the workplace. Bridges to Careers provides workshops on employability skills, resume-writing, interview preparation, and more. You can find us in Student Services at the Charlotte Technical College.

On October 10th we will host the Port

Charlotte Toastmasters as they speak at our first event in the CTC Success Series. Topics will include goal setting and time management. If you are not a student and you would like to attend this event, please contact me for more information.

We are excited to host two on-site Job Fairs at CTC this 2017-2018 school year. If you have interest in attending our job fair or you would like to offer employment opportunities to our students, please contact me, Mindy Hanak. We are available to help individual students and alumni with job placement services. Bridges to Careers is proud to offer

tutoring services for our students. Please contact us directly if you are interested in a tutor. We are also recruiting volunteers interested in tutoring this school year. Should you have interest in tutoring CTC students please contact us.

Do you have a suggestion for us on how we can help you succeed at CTC? If so, please do not hesitate to let us know. claudette.baines@yourcharlotteschools.net (941) 255-7500 ext. 280 and mindy.hanak@yourcharlotteschools.net (941) 255-7500 ext. 195

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