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CCTI SkillsUSA Competitors SkillsUSA National Skills Leadership Conference

Seven CCTI SkillsUSA competitors and their advisors, Lisa Walck and Kevin Kuehner, traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to compete at the SkillsUSA National Skills Leadership Conference (NSLC) from June 24 - June 27, 2014. Over 6,000 students from across the nation showcased their technical and “soft” skills at this event.

All seven CCTI students earned the trip to nationals by winning gold medals at the state competition. All finishing in the top 10 in their contests at the NSLC. This is a tremendous accomplishment.

Following are the students’ names and results:

CNC Milling

Gary Higgins (Lehighton ASD) - 4th place

Instructor - Kevin Kuehner

Career Pathways Health Services

Alexa Everett (Palmerton ASD) - 9th place

Bridgette Miller (Palmerton ASD) - 9th place

Jessica Braker (Palmerton ASD) - 9th place

Instructor - Michele Dominic

Career Pathways IT Business

Preston Smith (Palmerton ASD) - 10th place

Hunter Simmons (Jim Thorpe ASD) - 10th place

Jocelyn Mansberry (Panther Valley SD) - 10th place

Instructors - Joseph Farkas and Michael Lewis.

Tyler Wentz (Lehighton ASD) also attained a gold medal at the state competition for Automotive Service Specialization—Hal Resh, instructor. However, this contest was not continued at the national level.

Congratulations to all!



CCTI SkillsUSA Competitors



Career Pathways Health Services Competitors from left to right: Jessica Braker, Alexa Everett, Bridgette Miller

Career Pathways IT Business Competitors from left to right: Preston Smith, Jocelyn Mansberry, Hunter Simmons





CCTI SkillsUSA Competitors shown standing left to right: Jocelyn Mansberry, Bridgette Miller, Alexa Everett, Hunter Simmons, Gary Higgins, Jessica Braker, Preston Smith

CCTI Welcomes 373 Students for 2014-2015

Opening Day at CCTI on August 25, 2014, welcomed 373 new and returning students. Eager to get started in their Technical and Academic programs, students from Jim Thorpe, Lehigh, Lehigh Valley, Panther Valley, and Weatherly with tools, safety glasses, notebooks and calculators in hand moved a step forward to realizing their career goals.

New students were greeted in the cafeteria by Principal Brent Borzak, and Guidance Counselor Eugene Colosimo. As with any new adventure, housekeeping items were discussed such as the student handbook, contact information, emergency forms, and resources. New this year to CCTI is the addition of AP Calculus and AP English Literature courses. Not only can a student leave CCTI with 12 credits in a technical area, but they also have the opportunity now to earn 6 credits through our AP program, in addition to numerous other credits via Lehigh Carbon Community College dual-enrollment classes offered at CCTI.

Without wasting any time, returning classmen went directly to their respective technical areas to begin working on their Program of Study (POS) required by the State of Pennsylvania. All technical areas follow the POS to meet the industry standard skills. To assess the students mastery of those skills, CCTI students will take the National Occupational Competency Institute (NOCTI) and National Institute of Metalworkers (NIMS) exams. CCTI is very proud to share with you that 96% of our 2014 graduates have achieved a rating of competent or advanced on those assessments which earns the students up to 12 college credits at select institutions with career and technical programs.

Our students are also preparing for academic oriented post-secondary schools. Recent graduates are attending post-secondary institutions such as Drexel University, Cedar Crest College, Johnson & Wales University, Penn State University, Bloomsburg University, and a host of others.

Our talented staff will continue to enable our new and returning students to become community and industry leaders.



CCTI Welcomes New Staff

This past summer we hired several new employees. Ken Walters is our new Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Autumn Frey and Jeff Hazelton have been selected to fill two instructional aide positions. We are confident that Jeff, Autumn, and Ken will be tremendous assets to our staff. Their experience and knowledge will enable them to work with the CCTI team to meet school goals and improve student achievement. Their brief biographies follow:

Ken Walters

Ken Walters recently joined the facilities management leadership team for CCTI. He offers more than 30 years of experience in areas of facilities management, business operations, administrative services, financial services, and human resources. His work includes managing departments with substantial financial responsibility, encompassing day-to-day business operations, contracts, competitive bid processes, and corporate measurements.

Prior to joining CCTI, Mr. Walters worked for Telerx Marketing, CBRE's Cigna Healthcare account, Genpact Financial, Capital BlueCross and Cushman & Wakefield's Fireman's Fund account. He was responsible for planning, organizing, directing and controlling the activities of more than 15 corporate services, including Operations & Maintenance; Engineering; Building Security; Space Planning; Custodial Services; Audio Visual; Landscaping; Shipping & Receiving; Records Management; Procurement; Fleet Management; Reception; Mail Services; and Real Estate Services. His work for these companies included managing multiple in-house and contractor employees who were responsible for maintaining multiple locations.

Mr. Walters is a veteran of the US Navy where he acted in an engineering capacity. He was responsible for the engine rooms aboard the Air Craft Carrier/USS Saratoga. Mr. Walters is also a matriculated LLLS of Business Administration at Cedar Crest College. He is certified in many aspects of facilities management and OSHA safety practices.

Ken enjoys spending time with his family and cross country Motorcycling.

*Supervisor of
Buildings & Grounds*

Autumn Frey

Autumn is an alumna of the former Carbon County Area Vocational Technical School. She resides in Lehighton with her husband and two daughters. Autumn graduated from the CCAVTS Health Medical Assistant (HMA) class in 1998 and continued her education at Lehigh Carbon Community College where she received her certificate in Practical Nursing. Autumn has worked with clients/patients from pediatrics to geriatrics in all health care settings.

From September 22-25, she attended Train the Educator Certification Training at Harrisburg Area Community College. This certification makes her eligible to oversee CCTI students' clinical experience while they perform direct patient care. Currently Autumn is assisting the primary instructor to teach the current students about safety, and prevention of abuse and neglect. She is also teaching students direct patient care including complete bed baths, oral care, foot care, ambulatory assistance, and dressing techniques. Later in the school year, Autumn will be assisting students with "hands-on" experience with actual clients and many different disease processes. She will also help our students learn theory about anatomy and all of the body systems and functions. The HMA students are highly involved in HOSA (Health Occupations of America) and will be competing in the upcoming months in Lancaster and California. Autumn will play an integral role in getting the students ready for those competitions.

Most importantly, Autumn will be preparing our students to pass their Certified Nursing Assistant Certification exam, write a resume', and hone their employment interview skills to enable them to be practitioners immediately after graduating high school.

Autumn is extremely proud to be a part of the CCTI faculty and to share her wealth of knowledge with the students. Her goal is assist our students in becoming the best Certified Nursing Assistants in the community.

Instructional Aide
Health Medical

Jeff Hazelton

Jeff has been married to his wonderful wife for 12 years and has 4 children. He has been in construction for over 20 years. Jeff started on his career path by attending the Monroe County Vocational-Technical School's carpentry program during his high school years. He was then hired by a contractor for whom he worked for over 10 years. Jeff next started his own general contracting business in 2005. Since then he has done many projects including custom built homes, log homes, remodels, decks and roofs.

Jeff enjoys the carpentry field and loves teaching others the trade. He also has a history of hiring students from Carbon Career & Technical Institute to help with various projects. Jeff takes pride in what he does and is excited to be a part of CCTI and the carpentry program. Jeff looks forward to passing on his skills and knowledge to the future generation of carpenters.

Instructional Aide
Auto Service Technology