

YEAR-END STUDENT RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

College Tech Prep gives students an opportunity to excel and be recognized for outstanding accomplishments. The 2009 Year-end Student Recognition Celebration, which was held in April at the Hilton Columbus at Easton, was attended by over 250 people. Attendees included students, parents, program teachers, school administrators, consortium Board members, and business/industry/labor representatives. Fifty-three seniors from Tech Prep high school programs throughout the eight-county consortium were acknowledged for their hard work and achievements.

Anthony Adkins, C-TEC Satellite Program at Lakewood HS (Computer Information Systems)
 Austin Bennett, Eastland Career Center (Programming & Software Development)
 Stephanie Breece, Delaware Area Career Center South (Architecture & Engineering Technologies)
 Amanda Bringman, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Health Academy - Pre-Nursing)
 Nicole Brush, Delaware Area Career Center South (Health Technologies)
 Danielle Callihan, Pickaway-Ross JVSD at Chillicothe HS (Health Technologies)
 Joel Clark, Eastland-Fairfield CTS Satellite Program at Gahanna-Lincoln HS (International Business)
 Faith Collins, Eastland-Fairfield CTS Satellite Program at Pickerington North HS (Multimedia)
 Ryan Dale, Fairfield Career Center (Computer Support Technology)
 Anna Denega, SWCS - Central Crossing HS (Accounting and Finance)
 Brittany Eddy, SWCS - South-Western Career Academy (Health Technologies)
 Melissa Ernest, C-TEC (Medical Office Administration)
 Austin Everett, Eastland Career Center (Electrical Technology)
 Branwyn Flinders, Eastland Career Center (Interactive Media)
 Tamika Foster, West H.S. (Interactive Media)
 Rachel Fox, Pickaway-Ross JVSD at Circleville HS (Health Technologies)
 Pierce Freshwater, Tolles Career & Technical Center (IT Academy – Video Game and Software Design)
 Tonya Gruel-Wright, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Health Academy - Sports Medicine & Exercise Science)
 Staci Hannah, Watkins Memorial HS (Business Management)
 Megan Hannigan, C-TEC Satellite Program at COTC (Computerized Accounting)
 Billy Hayward, C-TEC (Computer Networking & Applications)
 Erika Helminiak, SWCS - Grove City HS (Accounting and Finance)
 Brandee Homer, Lancaster HS (Health Technologies)
 Frederick James Jr., C-TEC Satellite Program at COTC (Engineering)
 Hannah Jones, Fairfield Career Center (Health Technology)
 Seth King, SWCS - South-Western Career Academy (Automotive)
 Kelley Knisley, Pickaway-Ross JVSD at Paint Valley HS (Interactive Media)
 Rachel Kruse, Eastland-Fairfield CTS Satellite Program at GLHS (Architecture/Construction Mgt)

Danielle Lindsey, Fort Hayes Career Center (Advance to Nursing)
 Louis Lugo, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Automotive Technology)
 Andy Mix, Liberty Union HS (Agri-Science)
 Kiaira Moran, C-TEC (Legal Office Administration)
 Hayley Morrison, C-TEC (Criminal Justice)
 Kwasi Osafo, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Health Academy – Pharmacy Tech)
 Jacob Peddicord Delaware Area Career Center South (IT Academy – ISS)
 Bianca Quintana, SWCS - South-Western Career Academy (Health Technologies)
 Frank Rivera, Westerville North HS (Interactive Media)
 Kathryn Robinson, Delaware Area Career Center South (IT Academy – Networking)
 Kevin Robinson, Delaware Area Career Center South (IT Academy – Interactive Media)
 Granville Schmidt, Pickaway-Ross CTC (Network Systems)
 Alexander Shoup, Tolles Career & Technical Center (IT Academy - Computer and Network Support)
 Justin Singree, Eastland Career Center (Financial Services)
 Catrena Sizemore, Fairfield Career Center (Health Technology)
 Stephanie Smith, C-TEC (Medical Academy)
 Ronnie Speakman, Pickaway-Ross CTC (Law Enforcement Management & Public Safety)
 Casey Stewart, C-TEC Satellite Program at COTC (Computer Information Systems)
 Mark Stiles, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Engineering Design)
 David Thompson, SWCS - Franklin Heights HS (Accounting and Finance)
 Zachary Ulrich, SWCS - South-Western Career Academy (Interactive Media Design)
 Jordi Wallace, C-TEC (Architecture and Engineering Design)
 Nicholas Walters, SWCS - South-Western Career Academy (Interactive Media Design)
 Linda Wheeler, Westerville South HS (Interactive Media)
 Harry Yruegas, Eastland-Fairfield CTS Satellite Program at GMHS (Marketing and Logistics Mgt.)



TECH TALK

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Director's Message



The Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium is a partnership of high schools, career centers, colleges, and employers in Central Ohio. Over 2,200 students are enrolled at high schools and career centers in Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Ross Counties.

College Tech Prep programs in our consortium offer learning experiences in 13 career fields at 39 sites. Over two-thirds of College Tech Prep students go on to a college or university within a year of high school graduation, many at one of the consortium's partner institutions – Central Ohio Technical College, Columbus State Community College, Ohio University Chillicothe Campus and Ohio University Lancaster Campus. An opportunity for Electrical Technology students links them to apprenticeships with The Electrical Trades Center.

I am very happy to be a part of the Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, I have spent the past eight years serving as the Director of the Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center at Western Illinois University providing staff development opportunities and resources for adult education students and educators. Prior to that, I worked as an advisor and adjunct faculty member at a local community college.

My work with non-traditional and transitioning students has reinforced my belief in the need for open access to educational opportunities that develop academic skills and knowledge while preparing students to compete successfully in this new economy.

Ohio labor projections indicate that the greatest job growth is in high-skill technology-related fields requiring at least a two-year associate degree. Ohio College Tech Prep is more than an educational strategy. It is a high school-to-college-and-career program that is closely linked to the needs of business, industry and labor. Tech Prep's primary mission is to provide a seamless, non-duplicative, integrated pathway of education and experience that starts in high school and continues through both two- and/or four-year colleges.

As the stories contained within confirm, Tech Prep works! It provides students with a solid foundation in both technical skills and college-prep academics; assists students in becoming more focused and self-confident; and prepares them to succeed in college and the real world.

On behalf of the staff and partners of the Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium, I thank you for your interest, welcome your questions, and look forward to an exciting year!

Raemarie Oatman, Director
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Opportunities at New Columbus Downtown High School

Located in the heart of downtown Columbus (corner of Fourth and Mound) is the new Columbus Downtown High School. Built to replace three closing career centers (Northeast Career Center, Northwest Career Center, Southeast Career Center) this state-of-the-art facility has the capacity to prepare 800 juniors and seniors for careers in Business, Information Technology, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology and ROTC.



The building officially opened in January 2009 with technology students and cosmetology students. Fall semester brings the addition of Information Technologies Tech Prep programs (Interactive Media, Networking, Software Development, and Support Services) as well as Business Tech Prep programs (Business Management). The Tech Prep curriculum offers rigorous, challenging academics where problem-based learning experiences serve as a centerpiece of the curriculum. A student who completes the Tech Prep program should be well on his or her way to be ready for the college classroom.

The location is unique. The Downtown High School site allows students access to colleges, universities and opportunities for internships with Ohio businesses and corporations located in the downtown area.

Eastland Career Center Hosts Nearly 400 Students for Career Exploration Summer Camp

More than 400 middle school students had the opportunity to attend a career camp with a unique design. The students selected career sessions they wanted to explore. Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools hosted its fourth annual *Test Drive Your Future*, a three-day career exploration day camp that was held in June at Eastland Career Center.



The students had the opportunity to choose sessions from a list of seventeen topics. The sessions included: Bake and Take (Restaurant Services); Beyond Beauty (Cosmetology); Business Bootcamp (Computer Support Tech); Dental Detectives (Dental Assisting); Dream House; (Design Drafting); Future Stars (Performing Arts); GuardStart (Health Recreation Services); Green Hands=Green Earth (Horticulture); Konnichiwa! (International Business); RoboCamp (Electronics); Movie Makers (Multimedia); Law Leaders (Criminal Justice); Respect Your Ride (Automotive Technology); What's Cooking (Culinary Arts) and Take it to Court (Legal Office Tech). The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students were able to choose morning and afternoon sessions for all three days. The activities were "hands on" so the campers left with a completed project.

Caroline Davis, Career Pathways Specialist for Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, noted that the camp was designed to allow students to explore possible careers so they would be able to identify classes to take in high school that would apply to that career. The camp was also an opportunity to illustrate to students some of the program opportunities at the career center. The camp was free and was sponsored in part by the Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium and the Human Resource Association of Central Ohio.

It's All About Time and Money

Through agreements created between the Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium and its five postsecondary partner institutions, students enrolled in College Tech Prep programs are able to earn college credit while in high school. Each institution has its own policies and format for articulation. Our college partners are:

Central Ohio Technical College: www.cotc.edu
 Columbus State Community College: www.cscs.edu
 Ohio University Chillicothe Campus: www.chillicothe.ohiou.edu
 Ohio University Lancaster Campus: www.lancaster.ohiou.edu
 The Electrical Trades Center: www.electricaltrades.org

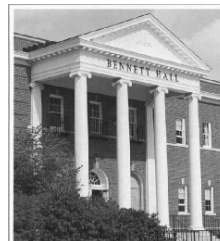
By taking advantage of this incentive, students may be able to save money on tuition, fees, and books and earn a college degree in less time than it takes the traditional student who does not have this advantage. More and more schools are taking a look at Tech Prep to provide another pathway to higher education besides the traditional college preparatory program. The Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium has added 28 new programs at central Ohio high schools and career centers for the 2009-10 year. This brings the total to 106 College Tech Prep programs. Parents and students are recognizing more and more that the integration of a "real world" experience with a demanding academic curriculum is a good formula for being ready for college and successful careers. For more information about College Tech Prep programs, contact Raemarie Oatman, Consortium Director, at 614.287.2452 or roatman@cscs.edu.



Central Ohio Technical College



Columbus State Community College



Ohio University Chillicothe



Ohio University Lancaster

Tech Prep Director Visits Pickaway-Ross Health Technologies Program

Director of Heart of Ohio Tech Prep Consortium, Raemarie Oatman and Pickaway-Ross JVSD Berger Health Tech Prep teacher Mindy Fox, RN/BSN, viewed the clinical lab with Health Tech Prep student Shawn Morrison on August 26. Raemarie toured the facility, discussed the various aspects of the program and viewed Tech Prep in action.

Shawn is a student at Circleville High School. He is employed at Circleville Care and Rehab as a CNA and is preparing to take his STNA in the near future. Shawn says he enjoys taking care of people and he finds taking care of others meaningful. Shawn's goal, once he graduates from the Pickaway-Ross Health Tech Prep Program, is to attend Hocking College to study for an associate degree in Radiologic Technology (through Sinclair Community College) and perhaps some day attend medical school.

A typical teenager, Shawn adds he likes to have fun. He describes Mrs. Fox's class as an exciting class where one can meet many new friends. Shawn mentioned when not in school or when not working he enjoys music and skateboarding. The Pickaway-Ross Health Tech Prep Program sounds like a perfect match for Shawn as he begins to achieve his goal to have a career as a health professional.

In addition to the Berger Hospital program, additional Pickaway-Ross JVSD programs include Health Tech Prep at Chillicothe High School, Agriculture Production at Westfall High School and at Logan Elm High School and Media Design at Paint Valley High School.



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Scholarship Awards

The following Tech Prep students received a scholarship from one of our partner postsecondary institutions.

Central Ohio Technical College

Kyle Anderson, C-TEC
 Brian Brandenburg, C-TEC at COTC
 Tashaya Burris, Fairfield Career Center
 John Clark, C-TEC at COTC
 Darsha Decker, C-TEC
 Mindy DeLong, C-TEC
 Emily Holbrook, Fairfield Career Center
 Shannon Jackson, Fairfield Career Center
 Hanna Jones, Fairfield Career Center
 Brooke McLaughlin, C-TEC
 Kiaira Moran, C-TEC
 Meagan Nelson, Eastland Career Center
 Brian Rabe, Eastland Career Center
 Aaron Sherman, Eastland Career Center
 Allegra Sherman, C-TEC
 Jessica Sliger, C-TEC

Columbus State Community College

Ashley Abele, Central Crossing H.S. (SWCS)
 Jarrod Aeling, Central Crossing H.S. (SWCS)
 Rebecca Bagwell, Fairfield Career Center
 Samantha Baltus, Delaware Area Career Center
 August Barnes, Eastland Career Center
 Esi Bransah, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Tynesha Broadnax, Eastland Career Center
 Kaitlin Brubaker, Eastland Career Center
 Nicole Brush, Delaware Area Career Center
 Nathan Bryan, C-TEC
 Miranda Burris, Fairfield Career Center
 Johnathan Cannon, C-TEC
 Tim Chhoeun, West H.S.
 Emily Collins, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Richard Conley, Delaware Area Career Center
 Harley Cook, West H.S.
 Chris Cooper, Delaware Area Career Center
 Staci Earles, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Sara Marie Finnell, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Jonathon Flores, Eastland Career Center
 Aminata Fofanah, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Ian Freshwater, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Pierce Freshwater, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Teresa Gorrell, Eastland Career Center
 Kennee Hall, Eastland Career Center
 Roco Hernandez-Diaz, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Sarath Ien, Eastland Career Center
 Shannon Jackson, Fairfield Career Center
 Wendy Jenkins, Delaware Area Career Center
 Kalia Johnson, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Samuel Kappes, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Elizabeth Lape, EFCTS at Pickerington North H.S.
 Nina Lombardo, Westerville South H.S.
 Estefania Luque, Fairfield Career Center
 Ja'Quale Mullens, Eastland Career Center
 Fanta Nabe, SW Career Academy (SWCS)
 Meagan Nelson, Eastland Career Center
 Seth Paxton, Eastland Career Center
 Johnathan Pennell, EFCTS at Pickerington North H.S.
 Zachary Pressler, Delaware Area Career Center
 Danielle Pulley, Eastland Career Center
 Misha Rickard, Eastland Career Center
 Danny Schlagel, Delaware Area Career Center
 Monica Sivixay, Eastland Career Center
 Beth Stevens, Eastland Career Center
 Trent Underwood, Eastland Career Center
 Stacy Wade, Fairfield Career Center
 Jennette Warner, Delaware Area Career Center
 Caryn Weeks, Tolles Career & Technical Center
 Mercedes White, Fairfield Career Center

Ohio University Lancaster Campus

David Landis, C-TEC at Lakewood H.S.
 Ryan Murphy, EFCTS at Pickerington North H.S.

Tech Prep Student Reflects on Experiences

College Tech Prep, a school reform model that has been in Ohio for fifteen years, continues to produce opportunities for students to link what they learn in high school to a postsecondary education institution. Tech Prep provides students with a pathway to a college program with an associate degree and/or a baccalaureate degree. Keith Bell, Jr., 2007 Tech Prep high school graduate, shares the following story.

A resident of Gahanna, Keith Bell recalls that as a sophomore at Gahanna-Lincoln High School, he was intrigued by what students ahead of him were doing in the International Business Program through Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools. Keith was sold on the idea that this was a program for him and enrolled as a junior in the program taught by Mrs. Wendi Howell and Ms. Lee Link. Keith knew from the beginning that he had made a good choice. As Keith shared, "I will never forget the amazing people I met, as well as the unique experience during what seemed to be two very short years. I quickly became involved with learning about Japanese culture and language. I experienced interesting field trips, heard interesting presentations by professionals in the field and became engaged in group projects."



One of Keith's favorite activities was his job shadowing experience with Mr. Rador, Lee Wayne Corporation of Columbus, where he observed Mr. Rador market a logo for a hockey puck to the management of the Columbus Chiller Ice Arena. On another occasion--a field trip to The Limited Distribution Center--Keith and his classmates had the opportunity to meet workers on the assembly line, visit a variety of departments and meet some of The Limited Corporate management team.

Keith also participated in Business Professionals of America (BPA) which was both challenging and fun. Keith and his team members were able to meet the challenge of the assignment, demonstrate the necessary expertise and produce a presentation that awarded them 1st place in the region for their Small Business Management project. Another experience that Keith enjoyed was campaigning for a fellow classmate at the 2005-2006 BPA State Competition.

Keith is currently a junior at Bowling Green State University where he is majoring in Event Planning & Tourism. The connection he has found between what he has studied in high school and his college major includes business tactics like networking and becoming well involved with activities on campus and learning about how people interact with one another through different cultural backgrounds and ethnicities. After Keith graduates from college, he plans to obtain a career in Hospitality and Resort Management or Event Marketing and Merchandising. Keith reflects, "The International Business program has been very helpful to me in college, and I highly suspect that all of the knowledge I have obtained will stay with me forever! I want to thank the entire faculty at the Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, and I am very appreciative for this marvelous opportunity!"