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MIDWEST WELDING CONTEST

Ten students in the Welding Technology program at Whitewater Technical Career Center participated in the 30th annual Midwest Welding Tournament held in New Castle, Indiana. Twenty two schools from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois competed in the tournament.

WTCC had two students receive awards in the contest. Adam Bolyard received second place in Gas Metal Arc Welding and JR Clines received fourth place in Shielded Metal Arc Welding; both students are seniors from Rush Consolidated High School. Other participants included Kyle Timms, Scott Miers, Mike Firsich, Chris Miller, all from Connersville High School; Kyle Mc Daniel, Ross Carr and Ben Hoeing, all from Rush Consolidated High School; and Cody Schmidt from Franklin County High School. Pictured below are Adam Bolyard and JR Clines.



In addition to the students receiving awards, WTCC received a large cutting torch head as a door prize and Mr. Bedel, the Welding instructor, received the Professionalism and Sportsmanship award.



SKILL USA WINNERS

Fourteen students from WTCC competed in the State Skills USA competition on Friday and Saturday, April 11-12 in Indianapolis.

Two students received awards and two students were elected as 2008-2009 Skills USA officers. Jennifer Norris, a Culinary Arts junior from Union County High School, received 5th place in Commercial Baking. Michael Kowalsky, an Information Technology Academy junior from Connersville High School, received 3rd place in Chapter Display. Ariana Kuhn from Connersville High School and Caleb Ochsenrider from Rush Consolidated High School, both from the Culinary Arts program, were elected as Skills USA officers for 2008-2009. Adam Timms, a Welding student from Connersville High School, was chosen as an alternate officer.

WTCC was fortunate to have two Skills USA officers who will be completing the reign as officers this year. Nicole Kimmel, a Culinary Arts student from Centerville High School and Adam Bolyard, a Welding Technology student from Rush Consolidated High School, represented WTCC very professionally. Pictured below are Jennifer Norris and Michael Kowalsky.



SKILLS USA OFFICERS



Pictured above is Adam Bolyard, outgoing officer, Ariana Kuhn, newly elected officer, and Nicole Kimmel outgoing officer. Newly elected officer, Caleb Ochsenrider was not available for the picture.

NEW PROGRAM SPARKING INTEREST

A new program combining courses at area high schools with courses at WTCC is designed to spark an interest in engineering.

Project Lead the Way is being introduced at the Career Center and currently involves students from Centerville High School, Connersville High School, Rush Consolidated High School and Union County High School.

The goal of Project Lead the Way is to increase the number, quality and diversity of engineering students and technologists graduating from the educational system. The program will also offer students the chance to find out if engineering is the best career choice for them before they spend thousands of dollars on college classes

Students will complete eight semesters of the curriculum for Project Lead the Way. Students will take two semesters of "Introduction to Engineering" their freshman year and two semesters of "Principles of Engineering" their sophomore year at their home school. The students will then come to the Career Center their junior year and take one semester of "Civil Engineering and Architecture" and one semester of "Digital Electronics." During their senior year at the Career Center they will take one semester of "Computer Integrated Manufacturing" and one semester of "Engineering Design/Development."

Project Lead the Way will generally be one-third theory and two-thirds application. Students will receive hands-on experience in problem solving, teamwork and project-based learning, and they will have the opportunity to earn college credit for their work.

Project Lead the Way was made possible through grant funds. With a portion of the grant money, the Career Center was able to purchase a prototype printer that will bring computer images to life.

The Dimension SST 1200ES will take any 3D Computer

Aided Drafting program drawing saved in lithographic format and print a 3D prototype of the designed part for use in instruction or display in ABS plastic.



Pictured above is Cody Short from Centerville High School, Instructor Mr. Colgan, and Holly Maxwell from Connersville High School.

FUTURE WORKFORCE CONNECTION

The Indiana Workforce Development and Indiana INTERNet paired up to offer 22 Career and Technical teachers around the state of Indiana internships in businesses related to the field of teaching.

Of those 22 teachers, two WTCC teachers were selected to participate. Mrs. Linda Bley and Miss Hayley Harvey will be completing a four week internship this summer in an area business where they will work, write lesson plans, and bring valuable information back to the classroom from their experience to prepare students for the expectations of future employment. Pictured below are Ms. Harvey and Chef Linda Bley.



IMPORTANT DATES

- ✚ April 23 – P.M. In-Service (No P.M. Students at WTCC)
- ✚ May 7 – WTCC Awards Program (held at Connersville High School – Wise Auditorium) 9:00 – 12:30 P.M
- ✚ May 16 – Student Appreciation Picnic (held at WTCC)
- ✚ May 23, 2008 – Last student day at WTCC.

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