

# JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



### “ON THE HORIZON”

The staff at Whitewater Technical Career Center hopes our students and their families enjoyed the holiday break.

Back to business means new initiatives for Career and Technical Education as we move forward.

- “Programs of Study” – This year our Automotive Technology Program will become the first “Program of Study” at WTCC. This is a new system of validating Career and Technical Education programs for the Department of Workforce Development/Department of Education.
- “End of Course Assessment” – This is the pilot year for Career and Technical Education programs to meet a state mandate for “End of Course Assessment.” This year 4 programs (Automotive Technology, Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), Construction Technology and Precision Machining) will be given the year end tests developed by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI.) Once these tests are approved, all other Area 34 programs will come on board with this requirement.
- “Project Lead the Way” – PLTW moves forward with a total of 125 student enrolled in five schools (Centerville High School, Connersville High School, Rushville Consolidated High School, Union County High School and Whitewater Technical Career Center.) Eight instructors currently make up the team for PLTW in Region 34. (Brenda Campbell, Centerville High School; Tony Bishop and David Short, Connersville High School; Ryan Standish, Rushville Consolidated High School; Matt Davis, Union County High School; Richard Bever, Derald Colgan and Beth Shank, Whitewater Technical Career Center.) A concentrated effort to stay the course and finish the sequence has been made by all. Ivy Tech dual credit for PLTW shall be granted to students who meet the requirements.

We look forward to a great second semester and wish all a “Happy New Year.”



## SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS

### WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Kyle McDaniel is a senior at Rushville Consolidated High School and a Welding student at WTCC. Kyle participated in the Skills USA and the AWS Midwest Team Welding Tournament last year and plans to again this year. Kyle works very hard in both the shop and the classroom. After graduation he plans to join the Air Force. He wants to pursue a welding career in the aeronautics industry. Kyle is also a 10-year 4-H member and a great example of a student excelling through career education.



KYLE McDANIEL

### COSMETOLOGY

Caitlin Taylor is a senior from Lincoln High School and a student in the Cosmetology program at WTCC. Her forte is up-styling, but she is well rounded in all areas. Her aspiration and passion is made apparent by the work that she does on a daily basis. She hopes to one day become a platform artist. Caitlin is currently enlisted to compete in 2 competitions, one of which is the Skills USA contest to be held at WTCC in February. She has also been active in attending hair shows. Recently she helped Nick Ciarletta on stage in Cincinnati. Hair is not her only creative source; she also plays piano, guitar, and violin, has won awards for her photography and paintings, and also makes some of her own clothing and jewelry.



CAITLIN TAYLOR

## CAD/DRAFTING

Matthew Johnson is a junior at Connersville High School and first year student in the Computer Aided Drafting/Design class at WTCC. Matthew is a very special, hard working, student. His favorite subjects are history and CAD. He hopes to go to Ivy Tech in Richmond after he graduates from high school. He is not sure what field he wants to go into at this time but he is thinking about the video gaming industry. In his free time, Matthew enjoys reading, swimming and especially playing video games. Matthew puts his best effort into everything he does and with that kind of determination he will make the most of every opportunity.



MATTHEW JOHNSON

## CULINARY ARTS

Ashley Cleary is a junior from Connersville High School and is known as the "little dynamo" in Culinary Arts. She is the first student in the door everyday and is always ready to work. Whatever task needs to be completed, Ashley is willing and ready to help. Don't let her petite stature fool you; Ashley is a dynamic force in Culinary Arts.



ASHLEY CLEARY

## APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Each year a Christmas Appreciation Luncheon is held to honor the guidance counselors at the six sending schools for all their hard work in scheduling students to attend WTCC. This year's luncheon was held on Thursday, December 4th.

Chef Bley and her assistant, Katherine King, along with their students prepared a delicious meal for everyone. The dining room was decorated very nicely and provided a warm cheery atmosphere for the occasion.

Students from the Connersville High School Choir performed Christmas songs for the group. A good time was had by all.



## CAN FOOD DRIVE

Faculty, staff and students at WTCC pulled together to sponsor a can food drive to help the needy residents of Fayette County. The items were picked up by staff from the Salvation Army on December 11. Students in Mrs. Shank's ITA program volunteered to help load the items.



## SKILLS USA CONTEST COMING TO WTCC!



On Saturday, February 14, WTCC will host the Indiana Regional Skills USA Contest. It is a great way for our students to show off their skills.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

You are invited to attend an evening parent/teacher conference for your son/daughter at Whitewater Technical Career Center on February 18, 2009. Please mark your calendar. More information will be sent home with your student closer to the date. You may schedule a conference by calling (765) 825-0521. "Free gas cards" to be given away to winning parents who attend.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ✚ January 19 – P.M. In-Service (No P.M. students at WTCC)
- ✚ January 21 – HOSA Blood Drive @ WTCC
- ✚ February 11 - P.M. In-Service (No P.M. students at WTCC)
- ✚ February 16 – There will be classes at WTCC all day – this was previously scheduled as a snow make-up day.
- ✚ February 18 – Parent/Teacher Conferences at WTCC (Evening)
- ✚ March 4 - P.M. In-Service (No P.M. students at WTCC)
- ✚ March 23 – 27 – Spring Break

**Look For Our Next Newsletter in February!**

