

# NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



## PARTNERSHIP AWARD

On Thursday, October 1, WTCC announced this year's Partner of the Year. This presentation took place during our parent/teacher conference night at WTCC. This year's recipient went Wilson, Lawson, Myers Insurance Company. The award was accepted by Brad Wilson.

Wilson, Lawson, Myers Insurance Company not only takes care of WTCC's insurance needs but they also have been very dedicated in working with Cooperative Education students.

Pictured below left to right is Brad Wilson receiving the award from Milt Eley, Director at WTCC.



## SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (ITA)



Sylvia Rose, a senior from Connersville High School, was chosen as the Interactive Media Spotlight student. She designed the new Project Lead the Way t-shirts that will be distributed to all PLTW students in the five participating school districts. Sylvia is currently preparing her portfolio for college entrance into a visual communication/graphic design program.



Scott Neal, a senior at Union County High School, has been in the ITA program since the fall of 2008. Seniors in the ITA program can choose to specialize in 1 or 2 areas. Scott chose to focus on building and repairing PC's and setting up networks. Scott is very good at working with computers and can be depended upon to do what it takes to get the job done. Scott plans to attend Ivy Tech next fall and take classes that specialize in computer technology.

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## COSMETOLOGY



Kasia Beach is a junior from Connersville High School. She excels academically at both CHS and WTCC. She is active in church and the foreign exchange program. She plans to receive her cosmetology license upon graduation from high school.

## COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING/CAD



Jonathan Solsby, a senior from Franklin County High School, is a very successful second year "Mechanical CAD Design" honor student at WTCC. Jonathan plans to attend college and pursue engineering after graduating high school.

Last Spring, as a junior, Jonathan distinguished himself by being the second place winner in the State Skills USA Mechanical Drafting Contest held in Indianapolis. It is very unusual for a junior to place that well against seniors who have a great deal more experience. This year Jonathan has been working with two WTCC instructors preparing manufacturing problem and fabrication drawings to be used by students in classes other than CAD/Design. One of the major projects was the steel stairs to be placed on the back side of the Connersville High School press box located near the football field. Jonathon hopes to be able to Co-op in a CAD/Design job this year. He would like to start earning money for college next year.

## NEW FACE

Whitewater Technical Career Center's faculty and staff welcome Phillip Morris as part of our team. Mr. Morris is a new Educational Assistant working with the Welding, Precision Machining and Industrial Electricity programs. He resides in Brookville, Indiana with his wife, Valerie, and their two sons.



## **MATH IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

This summer two instructors from the Career Center, Phil Bedel and Lisa Harrison, and one math teacher from the Connersville High School, Emily Skoglund, attended a Math in Career and Technical Education Conference.

The purpose of this conference was to enhance the math lessons being taught in the welding and health careers programs and to bridge the gap between how they are taught at the high school and how they are taught in CTE. The conference focused on lesson plan development for the teachers to take back to their classrooms using real world examples of applying math skills. The lesson plans teach math in the CTE context but also use the same terminology and some of the same math concepts that would appear in a traditional math class.

The entire WTCC faculty will benefit from this conference as Phil and Lisa will be helping with in-services and teaching this process to the rest of the program areas. They will assist the instructors with developing more math enhanced lesson plans.



Pictured above is Lisa Harrison, Health Careers instructor and Phil Bedel, Welding instructor.

## **MILITARY POLICE PRESENTATION**

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, The United States Army Military Police visited with the WTCC student body. A video highlighting various trainings was shown. Discussion took place on military rankings, the variety of weapons used by the Military Police and the different opportunities available for someone wanting to pursue a career as a MP.



## **CULINARY ARTS BAKE SALE**

The Culinary Arts class is sponsoring a Holiday Bake Sale. They will be taking orders from October 29 thru November 19. Pick up of the items will be on Wednesday, November 25. Items that are being sold are listed below.

- Pumpkin Pies - \$4.00
- Pecan Pies - \$7.00
- Pumpkin Rolls – \$10.00



## **FOOD DRIVE**

WTCC Faculty and staff along with the student organizations, Skills USA and HOSA, are teaming up to sponsor a canned food drive for the needy. The food drive started on November 9, 2009 and will continue through December 11, 2009.

Everyone is encouraged to help make this a very special holiday season for those in need. Students will be eligible to put their name in for a prize drawing once for every five items they donate. The drawing for prizes will take place on Monday, December 14, 2009.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- November 26 -27 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 23 – Holiday Vacation Begins
- January 4 - School Resumes For Students

***LOOK FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY!***

***WTCC FACULTY AND STAFF WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!***



