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Get Your "Java Jolt!"

A new coffee shop, **CTC Common Grounds**, is slated to open in mid-March, thanks to the efforts of the second-year Entrepreneurship students in the **Accounting/Office Technology** program. The idea for a CTC coffee shop resulted from a conversation they had, in the fall, with Ms. Julie Gauthier, their Accounting/Office Technology instructor and Mrs. Janie Lesinski, the English teacher working in the program. As second-year students, Sam Healy and Sara DeLong, Benzie Central, Nikita Larson, TCC, and Christina McCann and Beth Cairns, Glen Lake, were well aware that, before any business could be started, a business plan needed to be drafted. Each of them, too, was aware of how a team member's skill set would dictate which business role he/she would assume. During their first-year Entrepreneurship class, each student had written an extensive business plan for a fictitious business; however, writing one for an actual business was another story! Once their business plan was written, edited, re-edited, and finalized, the five then presented their plan, in early February, to four CTC staff members: Dr. Jason Jeffrey, Principal, Ms. Julie Gauthier, Mrs. Janie Lesinski, and Mrs. Mary Smith, Curriculum Supervisor. These four individuals reviewed the students' written plan and oral presentation and determined that the business should get the "green light" and would qualify for a loan. A week later, the students signed their loan agreement and, following that, the students were involved in getting the coffee shop space ready, finalizing the ordering of supplies and equipment, as well as preparing marketing materials. Throughout the process, they all have learned to work as a team and that has been one of the most valuable lessons of this project. When the **CTC Times** goes to print, they hope to have the coffee shop "open for business" – Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 9:35 AM and 10:20 – 10:55 AM. Flavored coffees, hot chocolate, bagels/muffins, fruit, and cookies will be on the menu, and it might even be expanded a bit, depending on the public's response. The staff, students, and public are encouraged to come in and get their "java jolt" and support these young entrepreneurs!



A Witness to History

Nick Christensen, a Glen Lake student in **Auto Technology**, was one of the millions in Washington D.C. on January 20 for the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Traveling with his mother and a friend, Nick experienced the hordes of people in Washington D.C. as he waited in many lines to view the swearing-in ceremony and the parade. In spite of the huge crowds, Nick said everyone around him was in a good mood and excited about the "changing of the guard" to a new president. Nick indicated that this was an event he would never forget.



Teacher Academy Graduates Out in the Field

Amber Hanson, a graduate of Bellaire High School, is currently an all-day kindergarten teacher in her first year at Pellston Elementary School. She feels grateful for her experience in the **Teacher Academy** and knows that the time she spent working in classrooms before even starting her college studies provided her with the assurance that teaching was exactly what she wanted to do. She saved valuable time while in college, not having to decide on a college major or starting out in a program and then learning later that it wasn't something she liked. In addition, her Teacher Academy classroom observations, interactions, and assignments were used as her 80 hours of interaction with students so that she could enter the School of Education at Lake State University early! She is certain that the Teacher Academy played an enormous role in helping her arrive at the place she is today with a classroom all her own. Although Rachel Galla, Glen Lake graduate, doesn't currently have a classroom, she knows, without a doubt, that the Teacher Academy helped her decide what age level of student that she wanted to teach. Presently guest teaching in the greater Traverse City area, Rachel graduated in December, 2008 from Central Michigan University (CMU). She is hoping to "land" a job sometime soon and put into practice her instructional techniques with her own students. Another CMU student, Daryl Dimon, a graduate of Kalkaska High School, will soon begin to look for a teaching position. Daryl is currently finishing his degree and student teaching at Kalkaska Middle School in 5th grade and 6th/7th grade Social Studies. He credits the Teacher Academy with helping him be a "step ahead" of other college education majors. He had, while in the Teacher Academy, multiple opportunities to interact with teaching professionals, observe children of different ages, and research the teaching profession.



Amber Hanson



Rachel Galla



Daryl Dimon



Former Culinary Arts Student Now a Chef in Colorado

Webster Lee, a CTC **Culinary Arts** student in 1993, is currently the chef at Big Horn Bistro in East Vail, Colorado. After high school graduation, he moved to Vail and worked at the Vail Cascade Restaurant for several years before moving to Lahaina on the island of Maui where he developed and used his culinary skills. Experiencing a little "island fever" and sensing a need to return to the mainland, he moved back to Colorado and, for four and a half years, worked in Arrowhead at The Bristol, a beautiful, upscale-dining restaurant that catered to the golf community during the summer months. During the off-seasons and for many years, he also worked at The Wildflower, located in the Lodge at Vail, where he gained even more fine-dining culinary skills. At Big Horn Bistro, Webster uses organic ingredients with an Asian flair and adds his special style to the menu while using the freshest ingredients. How far Webster has traveled in his culinary career since leaving CTC!



Webster Lee

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Perfect Attendance Pizza Party

In early February, 72 students from the both the AM and PM sessions were treated to a pizza party to reward them for having perfect attendance for an entire semester. CTC emphasizes the importance of work ethic and good attendance is one of the characteristics of a solid work ethic. All of these students demonstrated that they have this essential attribute that employers are looking for in employees. Hats off to these students!



PET Students Work at Area Golf Courses

As part of the **Power Equipment Technology (PET)** program instruction, students learn how to repair the golf course equipment necessary for maintaining the manicured greens and fairways. Northern Michigan is blessed with many top-notch and challenging golf courses and these golf courses have hired CTC PET graduates as well as current students. The Crown (Joe Schwettman) in Traverse City, Crystal Mountain Resort (Jeff Nordbeck) in Thompsonville, the Bear at Grand Traverse Resort and High Pointe (Corey Dunn) in Williamsburg, Kingsley Club (Chris Chilson) in Kingsley, King's Challenge (Greg Alsip) in Cedar, and the Leelanau Club (Kyle Weber) in Suttons Bay all have hired former PET graduates. Although on seasonal layoffs presently, current students will return in the spring to use the technical skills learned and developed in their program – Tim Nurenberg, Bellaire (A-ga-ming in Kewadin), and Dominic Holly and Tiffany Richmond, Bellaire (Hawk's Eye at Shanty Creek in Bellaire). Thanks to these current and former students, our area golf courses will continue to remain in pristine shape!



NEWS AND NOTES

Career-Tech Center, "A Great Place to Learn"

Recently, Michigan's high school graduation requirements have been a hot topic for legislators and the news media. Starting with the class of 2011, students will be required minimally to earn:

- 4 credits in math
- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits in science
- 3 credits in social studies
- 1 credit in physical education
- 1 credit in art
- 2 credits in a language other than English (beginning with the class of 2016)



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Principal, CTC

Our Career-Tech Center supports high standards and increasing achievement levels for all students. Did you know that students participating at CTC have the opportunity to earn academic credit as part of their technical education program? Program instructors are co-teaching with highly-qualified academic teachers to recommend credit for students in Geometry, English 12, science, Algebra II, and fourth-year math. In addition, students have the opportunity to earn college credit and/or certifications in each of our programs. For more information on articulated academic and/or college credit, go to: <http://www.tbactc.org> and click on the tab marked "General Information." Best of luck for the spring season.

Coming soon in a future issue of the CTC Times - student achievement test results.

Career and Technical Education Month Activities Celebrated in February

As part of a national effort to recognize career and technical education, CTC hosted a variety of activities – all intended to reflect the theme for this month-long celebration of career and technical education, "Building Blocks for a Successful Career." In early February, over 1,200 area tenth grade students visited CTC to get an "up front and personal view" of CTC programs and to help guide them as they began to plan their schedules for the upcoming year. CTC students participated in a Spirit Week (February 23 – 27) celebration. Organized by Student Council, students in both AM and PM sessions "donned" crazy clothes that clashed, wore hats, "sported" their favorite college logo wear, dressed in camouflage or hunter orange, and even came to class with wild hair styles. Students who participated in this fun received a special treat at break time in the Commons Area. On Wednesday of Spirit Week, the CTC staff provided free cookies to all students to show its appreciation for the students being part of the CTC family.

