

**PARENTS, SHARE THIS ISSUE WITH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER!**

**A Senior Speaks.....**

Hello, my name is **Sean Griffard** from Glen Lake High School and the **Electrical Occupations** program. As a graduating senior, I was asked to reflect back upon my experiences at CTC and share a few words with **CTC Times** readers. Knowing that this newsletter is sent to parents of prospective students, I thought that perhaps my words might provide some "food for thought."



Leaving the familiar setting of a student's home high school for part of the school day might seem like a sacrifice at the beginning; however, as I learned very quickly, that sacrifice becomes non-existent as time goes on. In fact, attending CTC has been an overwhelmingly positive educational experience for me. I have learned such practical real-life skills in my program – how to troubleshoot and fix electrical problems, among many others. Probably one of the most exciting and memorable moments I had at CTC was being able to compete at SkillsUSA in residential wiring at a state contest (with other students across the state) held in Lansing last April where I placed third. As a result of my time at CTC, I have realized that two of the most important qualities one must have are a strong work ethic and a good attitude. If a person has those two qualities, he or she will succeed.

This fall I will begin my college career at Ferris State University on a full tuition merit-based scholarship where I hope to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. I am extremely grateful to CTC for its part in enhancing my education and I encourage any student thinking about attending CTC to "go for it!"

**Welding Students Pass "Standard of Industry" Tests**

Three seniors in the **Welding/Fabrication** program recently received Welder Qualification Test Certification, each "passing" a specific skill test that is recognized as a standard of industry for welders in America and also recognized internationally. Both **Zeke Chambers**, Forest Area, and **Nick Pupel**, Grand Traverse Academy, successfully earned their certifications in Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) in flat, horizontal, and vertical positions. Nick will continue his training in the NMC welding program and then plans to attend Ferris State University in Welding Engineering. Zeke hopes to establish his own fabrication shop, using the skills learned at CTC.



*Zeke Chambers*

**Joe Schroeter**, Traverse City West, successfully earned his certification in Shielded Metal Arc Welding (STICK). Next year, Joe will also attend the NMC welding program. Certifications in GMAW and STICK are only a few of the hundreds of possible certifications that welders can receive through this Welder Qualification Test Certification process.



*Joe Schroeter, Nick Pupel*

**Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!**

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, honored 18 Merit Award students from across the state on May 15 at the 2008 Breaking Traditions Ceremony held in the G. Mennen Williams Building in Lansing. The **Breaking Traditions Awards** were established in 2002 to recognize students who



*Patti Cantu, Melissa Cole, Elizabeth Bauer*

have been successful in high school career and technical education program areas or post-secondary occupational programs that are nontraditional for their gender.

**Melissa Cole**, a Traverse City West student in the **Power Equipment Technology** program, and **Amanda Florenski**, an Alba senior in the **Auto Body Repair** program, were two of the 18 students recognized.



*Kris Wendland and Amanda Florenski*



**MTA Graduate Moves on to the Naval Academy**

Kudos to **Mike Haydell**, a **Manufacturing Technology Academy** student and a Central Lake senior, who has been accepted into the **United States Naval Academy!** An Eagle Scout, Mike also has earned a Black Belt in Hapkido, a Korean Martial Art. At the Naval Academy, Mike hopes to major in physics and, ultimately, hopes to earn a PhD in physics, specializing in research-controlled nuclear fusion.

**Initiative, Hard Work, and Design Skills Pay Off**

In March, **Katie Miller**, St. Francis junior and **Visual Imaging Technology** student, explored a web site that advertised scholarships. In the course of her "web surfing," she discovered a contest, sponsored by the McCormick-Tribune Freedom Museum. She competed in the editorial cartoon category and was chosen as the first place winner, among 30 other entries, to reflect the principles of the First Amendment, which ensures to all Americans the freedom of speech. Her award-winning entry resulted in a \$500 cash prize, a trip to Chicago for herself and her parents, and a chance to tour the Museum. Congratulations, Katie, for your initiative, hard work, and skills!



*McCormick-Tribune Museum representative and Katie Miller*

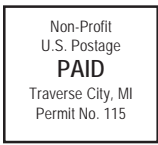
**Students "Get a Leg Up" on College Credits**

CTC students can earn college credits by successfully completing their technical programs. This is possible as a result of articulation agreements CTC has with many post-secondary institutions. Articulation involves interrelating coursework between CTC and post-secondary schools. Because of this, many colleges will give credit for competencies achieved at CTC if they are the same as an entry-level college class – thus, promoting a "seamless transition" between CTC and college. All this takes place at no cost to the student! Each post-secondary school has its own procedures for articulation, but, typically, a student needs to earn a "B" or better grade in the CTC program, complete an articulation form, and have the CTC technical instructor verify the student's level of competency. In some cases, a student might need to take some form of assessment to prove his/her competency. More than ten post-secondary Institutions have articulation agreements with CTC. For more information about this cost and time-saving opportunity, please contact Pat Buron at 922.6298 or [pburon@tbaids.k12.mi.us](mailto:pburon@tbaids.k12.mi.us).





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Our mission is to prepare students with skills and learning experiences for employment and life-long learning.

## CTC Scholarship Winners

### \* Denotes Multiple Scholarships

Alison Arnold	TC West	Visual Imaging Technology
Jarin Beard	TC Central	Culinary Arts
Drew Broadway	GT Academy	Accounting/Office Technology
Rachelle Brzezinski	Glen Lake	Certified Nursing Assistant
Jamie Campbell	TC Central	Teacher Academy
Kaitlynn Cassem*	St. Mary	Certified Nursing Assistant
Norah Chalker	Buckley	Manufacturing Technology Academy
Chris Chism	GT Academy	Drafting/Design Technology
Melissa Cole	TC West	Power Equipment Technology
Ryan Couturier	St. Mary	Health Science Technology
Erica Dopp	Elk Rapids	Visual Imaging Technology
David Dreves	Buckley	Manufacturing Technology Academy
Mica Kole	Kalkaska	Visual Imaging Technology
Sara Pickerd	TC Central	Visual Imaging Technology
Nicole Potts	TC West	Visual Imaging Technology
Grace Reinhold	TC Central	Visual Imaging Technology
Isaac Richardson	St. Francis	Visual Imaging Technology
Morgan Sandow	Leland	Visual Imaging Technology
Jacob Schaub	TC West	Automotive Tech Academy
Jacob Schell	St. Francis	Teacher Academy
Ian Sliker	Elk Rapids	Teacher Academy
Vincent Stevens	TC Central	Public Safety/Protective Services
Trevor Stillin	St. Mary	Agriscience/Natural Resources
Sara Sweet	Glen Lake	Accounting/Office Technology
Megan Thurkettle	Glen Lake	Early Childhood Education
Jansen Tolle	TC West	Computer Programming/Web Design
Ben Videan	St. Francis	Drafting/Design Technology
Tim Waters	Leland	Automotive Tech Academy
Natalie Westcott	Alba	Visual Imaging Technology
Amanda Wheatley	St. Francis	Manufacturing Technology Academy
Ben Wyatt	Forest Area	Welding/Fabrication

## Tools of the Trade Winners

Tim Allen	Mancelona	Electrical Occupations
Jason Bush	TC Central	Precision Machining Technology
Zeke Chambers	Forest Area	Welding/Fabrication
Justin Harrington	TC West	Auto Tech Academy
Ethan Hohnke	St. Mary	Culinary Arts
Corey Holz	Alba	Auto Body Repair
Benjamin Hughes	St. Mary	Auto Mechanics
Erich Lautner	TC West	Electrical Occupations
Caleb Leach	Glen Lake	Skilled Trades
Dylan Onken	Benzie Central	Skilled Trades
Nick Pupel	GT Academy	Welding/Fabrication
Andrew Riley	TC Central	Welding/Fabrication
Bryce Spitzer	Buckley	Skilled Trades
Allan Sweetman	Benzie Central	Auto Mechanics
Curtis Walters	St. Francis	Construction Trades
Kellen Warner	Bellaire	Power Equipment Technology
Justin Wilkins	TC West	Auto Mechanics
Brandon Zientek	Glen Lake	Skilled Trades

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

Student achievement is the focus at the TBAISD Career-Tech Center. This issue of the CTC Times provides many concrete examples of the successes of our students and the dedication of our staff. This year, CTC students have earned college scholarships and Tools of the Trade Awards, articulated college credit, industry certifications and numerous medals in state-level technical skill competitions. On behalf of the entire CTC staff, congratulations to our graduating seniors! We are proud of your accomplishments. We are looking forward to working with all returning students in the fall. Have a great summer.



Jason M. Jeffrey, Ed.D.  
Principal, CTC

## SOS! Student Organization Success!

Students in the various CTC student organizations have recently competed at state contests and have brought home winning medals. The student organizations and the winners are:

### HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

Katie Kent	Bellaire	Therapeutic Careers in Med.	Physical Therapy Assisting (Silver)
Ryan Couturier	St. Mary	Health Science Technology	Community Emerg. Resp. Team (Gold)
Treyer Voice	Kingsley	Health Science Technology	Community Emerg. Resp. Team (Gold)
Jessica Roesler	Glen Lake	Certified Nursing Assistant	Personal Care Assisting (Silver)
Sherry Flores	TC Central	Therapeutic Careers in Med.	Interviewing Skills (Silver)

### FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)

Megan Comben	Bellaire	Early Childhood Education	Race to Literacy (Gold)
Chelsea Gould	Kingsley	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Category (Gold)
Ashley Liley	Benzie Central	Early Childhood Education	Creative Movement (Gold)
Keenan North	Home Schooled	Early Childhood Education	Creative Movement (Gold)
Samantha Sanchez	Kingsley	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Category (Gold)
Liz Stokes	Kingsley	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Category (Gold)

### SkillsUSA

Kamren Longton	TC West	Public Safety/Protective Serv.	Firefighting (Bronze)
Josh Litwiller	TC Central	Power Equipment Technology	Power Equipment Technology (Silver)
Korey Hague	Mancelona	Power Equipment Technology	Marine Service Technology (Bronze)
Josh Corey	Benzie Central	Welding/Fabrication	OAW Welding/Oxy-Fuel Cutting (Silver)
Dan Gleason	Leland	Power Equipment Technology	Power Equipment Technology (Gold)
Jesse DeMouplied	TC West	Electrical Occupations	Residential Wiring (Gold)

### Ferris State University State High School Welding Competition

Dave Salyer	Benzie Central	Welding/Fabrication	Oxyacetylene (Gas) Welding (Silver)
Dan Machuta	TC West	Welding/Fabrication	Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (Bronze)

### Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES)

Ben Jensen	TC Central	Automotive Tech Academy	Fastener Identification (Second)
Jacob Schaub	TC West	Automotive Tech Academy	Engine Performance (Third)
Mike Valesano	TC Central	Construction Trades	Construction Team Build (First)
Jared Prusick	St. Francis	Construction Trades	Construction Team Build (First)
Curtis Walters	St. Francis	Construction Trades	Construction Team Build (First)
David Gilbert	TC Central	Prec. Machining Technology	Lathe Arbor (First)
Jason Bush	TC Central	Prec. Machining Technology	Lathe Arbor (Second)
Brendan Wright	TC High	Visual Imaging Technology	3-Color Print (First)
Erica Dopp	Elk Rapids	Visual Imaging Technology	Electronic Publishing (Third)
Program Students		Skilled Trades	Mass Production (First)

## National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)

On March 18, 66 students were inducted into membership in the NTHS at the Dennon Museum, located on the Northwestern Michigan College campus. These students were selected because they demonstrated leadership, wonderful academic and technical skills, and service to the community, along with a strong work ethic. The National Technical Honor Society stresses the importance of community service – both inside and outside of the school setting. Graduating NTHS members received their honor cords at the Outstanding Student Ceremony at the Grand Traverse Resort on May 27, 2008.

