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TBAEC Earns Excellence in Practice Award from the Michigan Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education

The TBAISD Early College was recognized with the Excellence in Practice Award as one of four outstanding career-tech education programs across Michigan. Identified as an innovative program that produces positive student results, the Early College, now in its fourth year, helps to pave the way for students to make the transition from high school to college. The three-year program provides students opportunities to begin their post-secondary course work while still in high school and bridges the divide between the two with advisors and other supports necessary to help navigate the college culture. Meredith Schmidt, the TBAISD Early College coordinator who serves as students' high school advisor, helps students develop the skills to manage college level work and engage in the process of college registration. She also teaches students how to advocate for themselves on a college campus while they earn both high school and college credits. "It's never been more important for students to have post-secondary education or training, and it's never been more cost prohibitive to families. This program creates opportunities for students to get a head start on college course work and alleviate the financial strain," Schmidt said. With eighty-eight students from the five counties currently enrolled, the Early College provides six pathways from which to choose: Allied Health, Business Careers, the Manufacturing Technology Academy, Drafting & Design Online, Welding, or Precision Machining Technology. Plans are underway to add Agriscience and Front Street Writers next year with the hopes of expanding the program to include all CTC programs. Twenty-four students graduated in the spring of 2015 and enrollment is open for the fall of 2016.



Accepting the state award at the Office of Career and Technical Education annual conference in Grand Rapids in January:

L – R: Meredith Schmidt, Early College program coordinator; Cathryn Claerhout, NMC Admissions Director; Debra Curtiss, Ferris State University Coordinator; Patrick Lamb, CTC Principal; Mary Smith, Instructional Services at CTC, and Patti Cantu, Office of Career Technical Education Director for the State of Michigan.

National CTE Month Essay Contest

Students at the Career-Tech Center were invited to submit essays in honor of Career and Technical Education Month discussing what career and technical education or their experience at the Career-Tech Center means to them. Two essays were chosen at random from those submitted to receive a \$100 Meijer gift card. One of the winners was Angel Schauer, an eleventh grader from Mancelona High School, who participates in the Public Safety/Protective Services program with teacher Tom Lennox. Angel discussed that she has participated in two programs at CTC and both have helped provide her the skills she will need to succeed in the Marines.



Angel Schauer



Savannah Blair

The second winner was Savannah Blair, a twelfth grader from Kingsley High School, who is in Allied Health II with teacher Leeann Fountain. She commented in her essay that, "the Career-Tech Center shapes you into the person you are called to be." Both girls credited the Career-Tech Center with inspiring them to improve and take advantage of the opportunities that a career and technical education provides.

Film and New Media Students Win Contest

Jolene Therrien, a senior at Glen Lake High School currently enrolled in the Film and New Media program at the Career-Tech Center, won first prize in Up North Live's No Text Zone competition. She was awarded \$4,100 to benefit the Film and New Media Program, and \$500 for herself from contest sponsors Williams Chevrolet and Credit Union One.



L to R: Pat Lamb, principal CTC; Tom Mills, Film & New Media Instructor; Tamara DePonio, Credit Union ONE; Jolene Therrien, First place winner, \$500; Mariah Middaugh, Third place winner, \$100; Samantha Glover, TV 7&4

Mr. Tom Mills, program teacher, said that the program will use the award to purchase camera equipment for classroom use. Mariah Middaugh, another Glen Lake High School senior in the Film and New Media program won third prize, and was awarded \$100. Program entrants were required to create a five-shot storyboard and script for a fifteen second public service announcement. Winning ideas were then turned into commercials which aired in January. The videos can be viewed at <http://upnorthlive.com/news/local/three-students-awarded-for-no-text-zone-commercial-contest>. When asked about her message, Therrien said that "I just want people to realize how precious every moment of life is and kind of like say, 'is it worth it to just send a quick reply for everything that can happen in life?'" She plans to pursue a career in filmmaking. Middaugh said that she just wants people to realize that they are not invincible. "You should be a more cautious driver whether that be through texting and driving or just paying attention when you're driving." Both students and Mills were presented with their awards at the Career-Tech Center on January 26, 2016.

Spirit Bus Project in Graphic Arts B

Students in Julie Orr's Graphic Arts program have been approached by Bill Kennis from Benzie Bus, which provides public transportation in Benzie County, to partner with Benzie and Frankfort High Schools' fine arts students to create bus wraps that would showcase the school spirit of each high school. The community project involves students from both high schools working with Graphic Arts students from the CTC. Benzie Bus will have final approval on the designs and Dan Walker, a graduate of the Career-Tech Center who works for Pro Image, will produce the actual product. Graceland Fruit is funding the project via scholarships to all three schools. The original, hand-rendered drawings were delivered to students at the Career-Tech Center. Michael Kunkel, twelfth grader at CTC from Benzie High School, was selected to translate the designs into Adobe software to produce high-quality, digital images. He will work with Pro Image's template to scale the drawings to meet the industry-required specifications, garner approval from Benzie Bus, and edit as necessary to produce the final wraps. At that time, students from all three schools' art programs will be invited to watch as the wraps are affixed to the busses - one wrap for each bus to represent the two local county schools. Look for the finished products to be unveiled in early spring.



Michael Kunkel

Career and Technical Education in the News

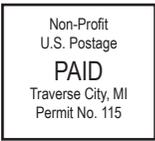
Below are some links to local, state, and national media articles and features that highlight the benefits and advantages provided to students who pursue their education through a career and technical education pathway.

Career-Tech Center Helps Students Plot Job Paths – Traverse City Record-Eagle http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/career-tech-center-helps-students-plot-job-paths/article_a3c52aa8-0509-5001-968d-3765620e693c.html



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and life-long learning.



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As a teen, have you ever wondered if there are any services you are legally able to receive without your parents' permission? As a parent, do you know what services your child can legally obtain without your permission?

Teens and young adolescents need specialized medical care and a provider that they can trust. They need to be able to discuss anything from preventive care, acute illness, growth and development, emotional problems, and sexual concerns. Parents also need special guidance and support through these years. In the current healthcare environment, we are asking teens and individuals to take a more proactive and interactive role in their health. While at the same time, parents want to stay involved in their child's care. How do we find the balance with the teen's autonomy and the parental rights?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) it is considered best practice to have parents wait outside for part of the exam to encourage the teen to discuss their point of view on their health. Varying thoughts on when this should begin, but many schools of thought believe it best at around age 12-13. This sets the stage for a child's growing independence. This also gives the teen a chance to ask questions about things they may feel self conscious about or they are too embarrassed to talk about in front of their parents.

Michigan state law does require that some services are available to teens privately. This includes pregnancy testing, contraception, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse treatment, and mental health counseling. To note, Michigan state law does not allow contraception to be offered on school property, therefore, school-based health centers like Youth Health & Wellness do not offer any contraceptive services.

As we are encouraging teens to invest in their own healthcare, we are attempting to help them build a strong foundation for a lifetime of investing in their own health and being an advocate for themselves. This includes being comfortable talking honestly to their own provider. Our staff is always available to discuss health problems and concerns and to answer any questions. In addition, our staff wants to work with parents to promote the best health outcomes for your child and with the youth to make the best choices for their future endeavors.

Please do not hesitate to contact our staff for an appointment or with any questions.

Youth Health & Wellness Center
Office hours 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday
Call for an appointment 922-6416
Walk-ins welcome as time is available
YHWC is a Medicaid enrollment site and can help you
get medical coverage for your child.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

February was National Career and Technical Education Month. As part of the celebration, students had the opportunity to submit an essay describing what attending the Career-Tech Center had meant to them. I am using this month's column to showcase one of the essays. Thanks to all students who participated.



Patrick Lamb,
Principal, TBAISD CTC

What CTC Means To Me **Kori Weatherholt, Allied Health 1A, Glen Lake High School**

CTC has provided me with opportunity. Because of CTC, I have been privileged to earn real-world work experience as well as a head start to my college career. Through TBA Early College, I have a two-year college lead ahead of my fellow classmates that has kick-started my life while still pursuing a high school career at the same time. This program has given me the equivalent of an Associate's Degree by the time I graduate high school. Allied Health has also opened doors to my future by giving me insight as to what nurses actually do. Working with real people with real problems has helped me make up my mind on which career pathway I am looking into. Taking advantage of the opportunities was the smartest thing I could have ever done as I am sure it will affect my career and future directly. CTC has given me hope for the future. I have never thought seriously about what I want to do with my life, nor have I ever thought about going to college. My grades are not perfect and I have not done anything fantastic in my high school career. I think of these programs as if they are little gifts – and these gifts are the best ones I have ever gotten. I thank TBACTC for providing me with a great start to live and a beautiful sneak peak of reality after high school.



CTE In the News - Continued

TBAISD CTC Could See Impact from Governor's Proposed Budget – 9&10 News
<http://www.9and10news.com/story/31191977/tbaisd-career-tech-center-could-see-impact-from-governors-proposed-budget>

TBIASD Recognized for Career-Tech Center's Early College Program – 9&10 News
<http://www.9and10news.com/story/31135758/tbaisd-recognized-for-career-tech-centers-early-college-program>

'You're Too Smart For That' – Huffpost Education
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sothy-eng/youre-too-smart-for-that_b_7917862.html

Employers Share CTE Experiences at Senate Briefing – ACTE Policy Watch Blog
<http://ctepolicywatch.acteonline.org/2016/02/employers-share-cte-experiences-at-senate-briefing.html>

