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CTE Academy

Vitality #2

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Home of the Seekers!

CTE: *Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Illinois provide instruction for careers in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations in Agricultural Education; Business, Marketing and Computer Education; Family and Consumer Sciences; Health Science Technology; and Technology and Engineering Education (Industrial). CTE programs continue to strengthen students' technical skills; articulate transitions to postsecondary programs, employment or both; assist in meeting the Illinois Learning Standards; and close achievement gaps. These programs are instrumental in supporting local districts to ensure student success and promoting continuous improvement. – Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)*

CTE Academy Alumni: *Over 1,500 students have attended the CTE Academy & the former Area Vocational Center (AVC) since 1972 (47 years & counting). We would love to hear (read) from you. JUST to say "Hi!" or share your testimonial. Please e-mail us or find us on facebook!*

CTE Academy Staff: Staff Day: 7:45 AM – 3:15 PM

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AM School Districts: River Ridge, Stockton, and Warren

PM School Districts: Galena, Scales Mound, and West Carroll

NEW Staff: *Please welcome William Connor as our NEW Construction Trades Instructor!*

William Connor, Construction Trades Instructor: *William is a Professional Journeyman Carpenter with 30-years experience in residential and commercial construction. He is versed in all aspects of carpentry: framing, millwork, trimming, blueprints, and knowledge of the safe operation of hand and power tools. Williams knowledge also includes residential and commercial building codes. William has Technical Certification from Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL in aviation maintenance completing the 2-year technical program for airframe and power plant maintenance. We enthusiastically welcome William Connor to our CTEA Staff!*

NEW staff profiles will also be on display on our website: www.cteacademy.net

Student Union: *Our Student Union opens Friday, September 20, AM & PM arrival.*

Open House: *The CTE Academy will be opening our doors to our students, families, and community on Thursday, October 24, 3:00 – 7:00 PM.*



Sophomore Tours/Work in the Real World Day: *Sophomore Tours of the CTE Academy by NW IL school districts have all been scheduled for Tuesday, November 5. The Tours will also include Tri-State Area employers to share occupations in their field (Work in the Real World Day).*

Annual Chili & Chicken Noodle Cook-OFF: *Our 2nd Annual Chili & Chicken Noodle Cook-OFF will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, @ the CTEA. More details to follow...*

Donations (Wish LIST): *The CTE Academy does NOT have a school supply LIST. However, we do have a “Wish LIST” and sincerely appreciated donations to our programs/courses: Example: construction trades clothing (for inclement weather). A 1986 Pierce Arrow Pumper was donated LAST year (with diesel engine for our Auto program). We’re also looking for a retired police vehicle for our Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement program.*

CTE Academy Billboard: *Please look for our CTE Academy billboard by Lamar Advertising Company on Highway 20 west of Elizabeth. The billboard was paid for with private funds. Our NEW CTE Academy logo was designed by Trinity Law, ’19 Scales Mound School District graduate.*



We love teaching CTE!

CTE Academy Foundation: *We’re extremely interested in filing for 501(c)(3) status (non-profit). We have written DRAFT by-laws and looking for Foundation Board members and a fiscal agent. Please e-mail (khall@cteacademy.net) or telephone (815 858-2203 X 122) if you have any interest in joining our Foundation as a Board member.*

Calendar: September 20, Student Union Opens

Monday, October 14, Columbus Day Observed (NO School) *Columbus Day is October 12 officially celebrating the anniversary of Columbus’ arrival in the Americas in 1492.*

Tuesday, November 5, Sophomore Tours/Work in the Real World Day

Thursday, October 24, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Teacher Institute (NO School)

Thursday, October 24, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 24, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, CTE Academy Open House

Friday, October 25, 8:00 – 12:00 Noon, Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO School)

Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-6:00 PM, Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Cook-OFF



CTE Academy FAQs: *How is the CTE Academy funded?*

The CTE Academy is funded by two (2) grants (CTEI and Perkins) and per student tuition paid by six (6) NW IL school districts: Galena, River Ridge, Scales Mound, Stockton, Warren, and West Carroll. The school districts share ownership of the Academy.

Be Safe 7 Expectations

1. *Respect yourself, other students, staff, &*
2. *Do NOT distract your Instructor & peers w/inappropriate behavior. Do NOT disrupt the educational environment.*
3. *Do NOT bully/harass physically, verbally, &/or online.*
4. *IF you eat/drink @ the CTEA; recycle & “leave no trace.”*
5. *No unauthorized photography/video.*
6. *Cell phone use subject to Instructor approval.*
7. *Keep our Academy safe & secure! Report threats! In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.*

