



CTE Academy Vitality

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Welcome (Back): *Welcome (back) to the 3rd year of the CTE Academy Vitality! This is the 21st edition (July 1, 2020). We hope this edition finds everyone well and looking forward to the FY'21 (2020-2021) school year (whether in-person or remote learning). Our Staff have been preparing for both... We're also spending time thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing the CTE Academy. A special thanks to Tri-State Clean!*

CTE Academy In-Person Learning Resumes: *The CTE Academy is scheduled to be back in-session with in-person learning on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. This marks the 49th Anniversary of the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational Center (AVC) and CTE Academy!*

Remote Learning: *Thank you to our CTE Academy students and families for participating in Remote Learning during the spring! We sincerely appreciate your patience, support, and understanding during these unprecedented times. We're looking forward to welcoming back our Juniors as Seniors and welcoming our NEW Juniors. We congratulate our graduated Seniors and wish them success! Thank you for spending time with us and we're genuinely sorry we were unable to finish your Senior year with you!*

There are certain words and phrases we will always carry with us into the "new normal:" *Coronavirus; COVID-19; challenging; face coverings/masks; metrics; mitigation; in-person and remote learning; pandemic; personal protective equipment (PPE); positivity-rate; social distancing; stay-at-home; unprecedented; Restore Illinois; and many, many more. Our thoughts are with the individual and families in the United States and around the world impacted by COVID-19! Our thoughts and sincere thanks are with our 1st responders, health professionals, front-line workers, and volunteers! We cannot thank them enough!*

CTE Academy Foundation: *A \$10,000 gift from Emily and Kevin Nicolin (in honor of Emily's father, Roger Stoddard) launched a new fund for the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy this summer. The gift will start a fund for the CTE Academy Foundation to support facility improvements to the CTE Academy's 1972 building. The Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County will administer the fund and support the CTE Academy's efforts to raise funds for facility improvements.*

CTE Academy Receives \$500,000 Gift: *The CTE Academy received a \$500,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor this summer. The grant will match dollar-for-dollar all donations to support facility improvements at the CTE Academy. Gifts to the CTE Academy Foundation can be made in any amount online on the Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County (www.cfjodaviess.org) or by writing a check to: Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County, P.O. Box 77, Elizabeth, IL 61028. Write CTEA Foundation in the memo. Thank you!*

CTE Academy Funding: *The CTE Academy is funded by the Galena, River Ridge, Scales Mound, Stockton, Warren, and West Carroll school districts through student tuition; Illinois and Federal grants (CTEI and Perkins); and donations/gifts (CTE Academy Foundation). We also pursue other grants as they become available. For example: CARES Act; Dubuque Racing Association (DRA); and Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG).*

We Say Goodbye and Thank You to Irene Thraen-Borowski: *Ms. T has been the Graphic Communication Instructor since 2000. She also facilitates our website, facebook page, & has been a National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Advisor. So much of the energy and inspiration in the CTE Academy is attributed to Irene! There is only one (1) Ms. T. and she will be missed tremendously! We wish her the BEST in her NEW position in the Galena School District!*

We welcome Ms. Nicole Koester: *Nicole was offered and accepted the position as the CTE Academy's Graphic Communications Instructor on Friday, May 15, 2020. Ms. Koester holds a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design and Interactive Media from the University of Dubuque. Nicole is the owner of Orange Anchor Photography in Galena, IL. Welcome, Nicole! P.S. She graduated from the Stockton School District and attended the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational Center (AVC) for Graphic Communications!*

Exterior Doors: *The CTE Academy applied for and received an Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be applied to the replacement of our exterior doors as required by our Health Life Safety Study (HLS). Sealed bids are due in the CTE Academy main office by Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 10:00 AM.*

Tuckpointing: *Tuckpointing of our exterior brick walls is scheduled to begin late July and continue for several weeks. Fred Jackson Tuckpointing was awarded the contract through the bid process. Pardon our noise and dust!*

CTE Academy Board of Control (BOC): *We welcome Tim Vincent (Galena Superintendent) and James Bunting (Stockton Superintendent) to our CTEA BOC! We wish to thank Steve Bianchetta and Craig Mathers (Galena Interim Superintendents) and Colleen Fox (Stockton Superintendent) for their dedication, professionalism, and service to the CTE Academy! Very much appreciated!*

Calendar:

Monday, August 3, 8:00 AM, CTEA Budget Hearing
CTEA BOC Meeting (following CTEA Budget Hearing)
August 17-18, CTEA Professional Learning Days
Wednesday, August 19, 1st Day for CTE Academy Students
Monday, September 7, Labor Day (NO School)

CTE Academy Be Safe 7 Expectations: Non-Discrimination Policy posted on our website.

1. *Respect yourself, other students, staff, & guests.*
2. *Do NOT distract your Instructor, peers, & the educational culture w/inappropriate behavior.*
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 CTEA safe & secure! Report threats! In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.*

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Take care! Be safe! Be well!