

CCC Academic Olympics

By G. Washington



Michelle Oyola, Teach for America, is the 9th grade English teacher.

On Thursday, March 19, 2009 nearly 50 Construction Careers Center students participated in the first Title I Academic Olympics. The idea for this academic intensive competition came from a creative group of teachers who have been working with students as part of the Title I after-school program every Monday through Thursday. The teachers were looking for a way to get students at CCC more excited about academic programs and to take pride in the work they have accomplished after school throughout the year. Teams were formed according to the respective teachers and students designed their own t-shirts to denote their team pride. Teams competed in five different academic competitions that focused on everything from basic skills to higher level problem solving in English and Mathematics. The competition was intense and students and staff had a wonderful time celebrating academic achievement at CCC.

Job Shadowing

By G. Crimm

The second AGC of St. Louis Job Shadowing event was Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Construction Careers Center students shadowed at Sitelines, Paric, City of St. Louis Civil Engineering, BSI, Castle Contracting, Simms Building Group, The Lawrence Group, HOK, SM Wilson, The Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship Program, URS, C & R Mechanical and Zurich. The students were greeted with warm welcomes and signs.

Our students were given the opportunity to shadow skilled trades and professional men and women performing their daily task in careers they plan to pursue in addition to having lunch. The shadows visited the New I-64 construction site, a project owned by the city of St. Louis, a senior living center under construction and many other sites and offices. This is a meaningful industry outreach and networking for the students. Thank you to all the participants for making this a successful day!



C & R Mechanical welcomed Brandon Dickerson and Titus Mayo for job shadowing day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Gina Washington

Respect, Responsibility and Safety!

Spring is in the air and we are currently at the end of our third term! I am pleased to announce how well this school year has been going. Just recently we celebrated academic achievement with our first Title I Academic Olympics. The Title I and before/after-school enrichment programs are continuing to provide academic support as we add rigor to our already outstanding curriculum.

After spring break, we will begin our End of Course Exams for Algebra I, Biology and Applied Communications II, as well as WorkKeys testing for our seniors. Please encourage your students to do their very best on these tests. Many of these scores will be placed in your child's portfolio. Please make sure your students are on time to school, get plenty of rest, and take the tests seriously!

The CCC track and baseball teams will begin their seasons on March 24, 2009. The junior/senior prom will be held May 9, 2009 and graduation will be held 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Harris Stowe State University.

Student Recruitment

By G. Wilson

Now Enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Construction Careers Center Charter High School (CCC) has been committed to providing the best career and technical education in St. Louis for your students since 2001.

Students can pursue multiple career pathways within the construction industry. This will provide them with the means to enter directly into a construction apprenticeship or pursue a college path, both of which enable them to earn a living wage. Careers in construction include architect, project manager, craft worker, designer, engineer,

field supervisor, inspector, supplier and many more.

Your student is working hard at the CCC Charter High School and is presently seeing the benefits. We would like you to partner with us by sharing information about the excellent education and wonderful future job opportunities that your student is receiving with someone you know.



Here's the offer: If you refer a student and he or she is accepted, your student will receive a **FREE** school uniform.

For more information, call our student recruiter, Patience Jones-Washington, at 314.588.9991 ext 130.

Honor Roll Breakfast

By A. Butler, PhD

On January 28, 2009, Construction Careers Center hosted its second annual First Semester Honor Roll Breakfast. There were seventy-two students, along with their parents and/or guardians invited. Students involved earned a 3.00 GPA or higher during the first semester. Everyone enjoyed a continental breakfast, along with a message from Rich Ledbetter, President of the Construction Careers Center Board of Education. The honor roll students were also rewarded by being invited to an assembly featuring Brian Barton, former St. Louis Baseball Cardinal.



Former Cardinal Brian Barton addresses the CCC assembly.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

By B. Gill



Spring at Construction Careers Center means group volunteer projects with our matches in Big Brothers Big Sisters! All of our matches have divided into two groups in order to work together and do some good. One group of Bigs and Littles will be working on a project at Our Little Haven to revitalize the organization's landscaping. Our other group of Bigs and Littles are planning on improving the outdoor area near the deck at CCC.

This spring we are planning to increase the number of matches served by Big Brothers Big Sisters at Construction Careers Center from 25 to 50. Of course, this means that we need to recruit more volunteers! We would love for you to begin the process to become a Big Brother or Big Sister by applying online or in person at CCC, or feel free to contact Betsy Gill at 314-588-9991. We are looking for mentors in every sector of the construction field.

These two groups were deeply focused on planning the community service projects for the spring.

Charter Schools Day In Jefferson City

By M. Meehan

On Tuesday March 3, 2009, 40 CCC students/future politicians took a field trip to Jefferson City for Charter Schools Day. First on the agenda of planned activities was a tour of the Governor's Mansion, where our guide informed us about the possible presence of a haunted spirit! Our Bobcats remained brave however, and no one ran from the home screaming.

Next up was a visit to the Senate where our own State Senator Robin Wright-Jones introduced us to thunderous applause both on the floor and in the gallery. In the same building we visited with State Representative Tishaura Jones who also announced us to the other representatives in the midst of the most entertaining part of the day which was a spirited debate on the floor. Arguing, yelling, and biting sarcasm opened the eyes of our students as to what state politics can be like.



CCC students visit Jefferson City.

Project Lead The Way®

By A. Butler



CCC is pleased to announce that the Project Lead The Way® Pathway to Engineering series of courses will be offered to our students beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. PLTW provides project and problem-based courses that will add more rigor and relevance to our current technical and academic programs. The PLTW curriculum makes math and science more relevant for students by engaging them in hands-on, real-world projects that help them understand how the skills they are learning in the classroom can be applied in everyday life. Research shows that schools committed to delivering the types of learning experiences offered through PLTW will see an increase in student motivation, critical thinking skills, and student achievement. We believe that PLTW will offer our students an excellent introduction to engineering while serving as a logical next step to providing our students with the best career and technical education in St. Louis.