

**Interview Day**  
By G. Crimm

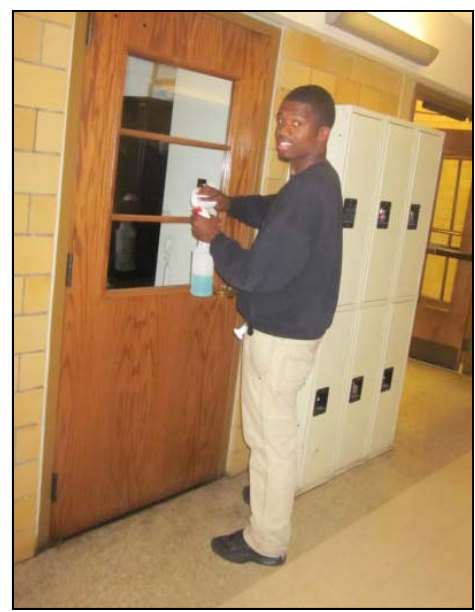
The Construction Careers Center Charter High School 2011 Interview Day was Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the school's cafeteria. This is the culmination of what we have imparted to our students for four years on work ethic and productivity. Our students are given an evaluation of their interviewing skills to assist them with future employment searches. The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District was seeking to employ one of CCC's graduates. A young man from the class of 2009 came prepared and had already made his application online, which was impressive to the interviewer. Ameren has invited a 2011 senior and a 2005 graduate to take their assessment for hiring. They were impressed that our 2005 graduate had obtained certification from a training school as well as how articulate our current seniors spoke. Way to go!



L-R: Dan Regelean, Ameren Missouri, interviews senior JaVonte Dillehay.

Many thanks to the participating firms who see the value in this event as our seniors move on and up.

**Internships**  
By G. Crimm



Senior Kevin Bassett interned with Hudson Services for six weeks and will intern with a project manager at a Clayco site for the next six weeks.

We are having a great internship program this year at CCC sponsored by the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) office of Youth Services. The seniors participating in Career Development are finishing up their school year internships and are now being assigned summer internships.

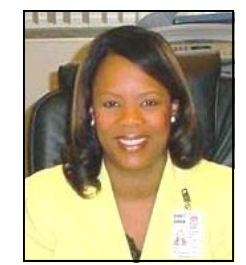
Some of our placements are with the Construction Training School, AGC of St. Louis, the Construction Careers Center, City of St. Louis Civil Engineering Department, Metro St. Louis Construction and Engineering Department, Missouri Women in Construction, Clayco, and other businesses in the area.

These internship opportunities give our students an edge on having some work experience and a view of their career pathways as well as a chance to build a relationship with professionals in the various careers.

CCC looks forward to next year's internship program for all our senior students to have the opportunity to earn and learn.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

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Gina Washington

Congratulations Bobcats, for a job well done! I am excited to announce that CCC students performed outstandingly on the EOC (End of Course) state mandated exams. Our students worked really hard and took the exams very seriously. I am very proud of the students and teachers and applaud all of their hard work. Below is a table of student achievement on the high stakes tests over the last few years:

CCC Yearly Scores	Biology (% proficient)	Math (% proficient)	Comm. Arts II (% proficient)
2011	53%	54%	58%
2010	18%	50%	29.9%
2009	0%	13.8%	35.5%

It is with great sadness that I inform you I will not be returning to CCC next year. It has truly been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve CCC families over the past ten years.

With Bobcat Pride,  
Mrs. Washington

**Student Recruitment**  
By C. Weaver

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## Project Lead The Way and Accreditation

By A. Butler

On April 18, 2011 Construction Careers Center was awarded the prestigious Project Lead The Way National Certification. Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education offers a rigorous curriculum that allows students to apply what they are learning in math and science class to real-life engineering and technology projects. A National Business Roundtable report states that to remain competitive in the global marketplace, America needs to produce 400,000 science, engineering, mathematics and technical graduates annually. CCC is providing students with a foundation and proven path to college and career success with its PLTW program. The primary purposes of the certification program are to recognize schools that have successfully demonstrated a commitment to the quality national standards of the Pathway To Engineering program and to provide an opportunity for students to apply for college credit at PLTW affiliated universities and community colleges.



L-R: Zachary Hamilton, member of the PLTW Advisory Group and Board of Education Vice Chair with Elgin Carnes, PLTW teacher.

## Industry Mentors

By A. Butler



CCC teachers and construction industry representatives attend an Industry Mentor Meeting.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Construction Careers Center staff members and construction industry representatives began the collaborative CCC Industry Mentor Program. Through this program, CCC teachers and staff are matched up with leaders from the St. Louis area construction industry to form working partnerships that bring more construction related ideas and projects into CCC classrooms. Whether it is hearing from a guest speaker, attending a field trip, or calculating the amount of cubic yards of concrete needed for a project, students were given an opportunity to make real world connections with the academic courses at CCC. In addition to some of the exciting projects and field trips that were conducted this school year, plans are being made to expand the program next school year to include college and career planning. This is just one more way that CCC is working to build the next generation of construction industry leaders in St. Louis.

## End Of Course Exams

By A. Butler



CCC students took their state End of Course (EOC) exams from April 25 - May 6, 2011 and continued to raise the bar for student achievement. This year's scores were the highest in the 10-year history of CCC in all subject areas with scores in Algebra I, English II, and Biology approaching the state average. These scores continue the trend of phenomenal growth in student achievement. During the past four years, student Math scores have increased from 4% Proficient to 54%, English scores have increased from 14% Proficient to 58%, and Science scores have increased from 0% Proficient to 53%. These levels of improvement are a testament to the hard work of CCC students, parents, teachers, and administrators and rival the top student achievement gains in the nation. Great job Bobcats!

## Spring Sports

By G. Wilson

As the spring sports season comes to an end, the girl's soccer team pulled off an incredible win on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> against Yeshiva with a victory of 3-0. The team played a full game with no subs, impressive if you know anything about soccer. Highlights included a hat-trick by Jada Holmes, no fouls for Asia Robinson, three ball-clearing boots by Breanna Devrouax, four headers for Taylor Jones, exceptional goal tending by Briana Morehouse and the amazing speed of Jamiria Cannon and Jazmin Clacks as they ran the length of the field in 14 seconds flat.

The track team closed their season on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with many winning medals at their meets. They worked hard and demonstrated great Bobcat spirit!

The baseball team went 2-5 this year with senior Michael Avery pitching a complete game with 18 strikeouts against Carnahan earlier in the season.

Way to go Bobcats!!

