



DCTS Welcome Back

September/
October 2018

FIND YOUR DIRECTION

Exciting Changes!!

By Dr. Grimm, Administrative Director

Each year I begin to write this message and as always cannot believe that it is nearing the end of October! Our 9th graders have completed their exploratory rotation and will be entering into their academies and programs at the end of the first marking period. We just hosted the 8th grade tours two weeks ago and are preparing for our DCTS Middle School Xpo on November 7, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. The Xpo provides an opportunity for families of middle school students to visit and tour our state of the art facility and meet our teachers. Included at the Xpo is one of our favorite school lunches which will be served in the cafeteria. If you are the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a Dauphin County middle school

student please join us for an incredible evening.....bring the family!

For nearly three years, the administration and Planning for the Future Committee has been researching and collecting data on welding. Welders have a multitude of career choices (inspection, robotics, engineering, education, project management, and sales). Skilled welders are in high demand and can expect to earn competitive salaries. Welding does not require a college degree. While we identified the need for a welding program at DCTS, we simply have



Exciting Changes, continued

no room within our facility to create a welding program.

We are fortunate to be in the backyard of Harrisburg Area Community College. After visiting their state of the art welding facility at HACC's Mid-town campus, I reached out to the community college to see if they had interest in partnering with DCTS to provide classroom space and use of their welding lab. While we had many details to work out, I am pleased to announce that beginning in August 2019 DCTS will be offering a welding program for

secondary students (grades 9-12) at the HACC Mid-town Campus!

Although our students (seniors) have been traveling to HACC for academic coursework for several years, this will be the first time that our students will have the opportunity to travel to the Mid-town Campus for a CTE program. The instructor for welding will be employed by DCTS along with a para-educator.

Our region faces a significant need in coming years to replace retiring, skilled welders. The average salary for welders in Pennsylvania is \$39,000.00.

Women only make up five percent of welders in the U.S. We are encouraging non-traditional participation in our new welding program. We are hoping to see applications from both young men and women. Dauphin County Technical School continues its commitment to helping students to Find Their Direction. Please contact our school to find out more about the welding program.

In closing, stay tuned to the Blast for more exciting events, activities, programs, and happenings at Dauphin County Technical School.

Governor Wolf's Administration Visits DCTS

On September 6, Department of Labor & Industry Deputy Secretary Eileen Cipriani visited Dauphin County Technical School. The tour highlighted Governor Tom Wolf's PAsmart initiative to prepare students with the education they need to obtain good, middle-class jobs and to demonstrate how the school works with local employers to ensure students have the skills they need to succeed in the job market.

"Governor Wolf's PAsmart initiative is investing in both Pennsylvania's workforce and its businesses, to improve access for students to education, training, and career readiness programs."

The Deputy Secretary toured DCTS's job training programs including the Electronics Technology, Medical Assisting, and Information Technology programs as well as the school's Transportation Academy. She also spoke with employers who partner with the school to provide cooperative education program opportunities for senior students, including Hoffman Ford, Penn Dot, Country Meadows, Coco Medical Penn State and Phoenix Contact.

"In our mission to strengthen Pennsylvania's workforce through initiatives such as PAsmart, DCTS and their employer partners are providing Pennsylvania students with the opportunity to learn both the technical and soft skills that businesses need," Cipriani added. "The employers benefit from having a pipeline of skilled, trained talent that they need to grow and thrive."

2018/2019 New Teachers



Melissa Casey, English Teacher

Melissa received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Wofford College. She previously worked at Southbridge Public Schools, Cumberland Valley School District, and Trinity High School.



Deborah Funk, Learning Support Science Teacher

Deb received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a Minor in Biology from James Madison University and her Master's Degree in School Administration from Johns Hopkins University and a second Master's Degree in Reading from Morningside College. She previously worked at Antelope Valley Union High School District and Learning 4 Life Charter School.

Enjoy Local Living Magazine

The Culinary Arts Program is being featured in the *Enjoy Local Living Magazine*, Hershey/Harrisburg Area. The magazine is "a celebration of community." Each month will feature a recipe and a Culinary Arts senior student.

Chef Lou Sackett and Chef Claire Dacko were featured in the September Edition with a recipe for Pasta Caprese.

Alasia Ross is a senior in Culinary Arts and her home school is Harrisburg. She was featured in the October Edition with a recipe for Loaded Turkey Chili.

Bre'Ln Grant is a senior in Culinary Arts and her home school is Harrisburg. She is featured in the November Edition with a recipe for Bre's Beef Stew.



ACEFAC Blue Ribbon

DCTS's Culinary Arts Program has been awarded "exemplary" status by the American Culinary Federation Secondary Accreditation Board. DCTS is one of only two schools in the State of Pennsylvania to have been given this honor.

"Exemplary Programs symbolize the highest educational standards recognized by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACEFAC). The award is presented to programs that have proven full compliance with all ACEFAC accreditation requirements in the last visiting team report along with excellent management of the program."

Congratulations to Chef Dacko and Chef Sackett!



Curious about DCTS

Did You Know?

- You can attend DCTS and still go to college
- We offer AP Courses
- You can earn college credits while attending DCTS
- You can still participate in athletics while attending DCTS
- We have student activities and organizations

Christine Noll, Vocational Transition Counselor, and the student ambassadors conducted 8th grade presentations at the Home Schools on October 5, 9, 16, 25.

DCTS hosted 8th grade tours on Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19. Our student ambassadors spent the day taking our Member District students on a tour of the seven career and technical academies.

On Wednesday, November 9 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., DCTS will be hosting the Annual CTE Xpo for middle school students. The staff and students open the doors to provide students in grades 6th through 8th an opportunity to visit our state-of-the-art programs, learn about the rigor of academics, and taste our students' favorite lunch.

Annual Minority Law Day

The Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association conducted its Annual Minority Law Day in Central PA, on Thursday, November 1 at Widener University Commonwealth Law School. The purpose of the Minority Law Day is to introduce students, especially African-American, Asian, and Hispanic students, to the possibility of a career in the legal profession. The theme for this year's program was Protests and Punishment: Student Speech After Parkland.

The day consisted of several activities designed to expose students to the law and the daily work of lawyers. These activities included a presentation of a legal problem, a mock oral argument, and a Q & A session with members of the legal profession. The day is structured to encourage interactive critical thinking activities.

Aaliyah Morales, Yulmy Garcia-Lorenzo, Alajah Green, Jalyn Williams, Naysa Lewis, Viviana Ostrowski, Emmanuel Martinez-Vega, Imani Payton, and Jemily Figueroa from the Criminal Justice/Police Science program participated in this workshop. Aaliyah Morales, Jalyn Williams, Naysa Lewis, and Jemily Figueroa were selected for outstanding student advocate awards in recognition of their performance. These students were judged by practicing lawyers from a variety of legal backgrounds.



DCTS Education Foundation

The DCTS Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization, provides supplemental funding and support for DCTS's initiatives and innovations to benefit the students.

The goals of the Foundation are to support educational opportunities and/or professional development for DCTS Professional staff through mini-grants; support post-secondary opportunities to DCTS students through scholarships; support DCTS infrastructure improvements; and support educational opportunities for students who attend DCTS.

The DCTS Education Foundation is a participating charitable organization on Amazon Smile. The Foundation is looking for your support. Getting started is easy! Use Amazon Smile for your regular Amazon purchases and 0.5% of participating purchases will be donated to the DCTS Education Foundation. Simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign up or sign into your Amazon account. Type "DCTS Education Foundation" in the search bar. Select "DCTS Education Foundation" on the following page to link it to your account.

If you are interested in getting involved or donating to the Foundation, please contact Lori Ribbans at lribbans@dcts.org.



Announcements

DCTS MIDDLE SCHOOL XPO

Interested in what DCTS has to offer, or intrigued by what you could learn? Experience DCTS first hand by coming to the CTE Xpo for Middle School students and their families on Wednesday, November 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

The Senior Casual Yearbook photo deadline is Thursday, November 1. The Senior Baby Ad deadline is Thursday, November 15. For additional information, please contact Matt Stumpf, Yearbook Advisor, at mstumpf@dcts.org.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Do you need help with Academics? Are your grades not where you would like them to be? After School Tutoring is available.

Tuesdays & Thursdays in Room 2102

From 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m

BOOK FAIR

The Annual Fall Book Fair will be held in the Media Center from November 5-9. The Annual Spring Book Fair will be held in the Media Center from April 29 – May 5, 2019.

WOLVERINE LOG

2018-2019 Yearbooks are on Sale!

Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com

POWERSCHOOL PORTAL

To monitor your student's progress on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, check out Parent PowerSchool Portal on the dcts.org website under Student Resources.

SAVE THE DATE

- Fall Play – Nov. 16 - 18
- Financial Aid Night – Mid Nov.
- DCTS Education Foundation Talent Show – Feb. 1
- Spring Musical – Apr. 5-7
- NHS Induction – Mid April
- NTHS Induction – Mid April
- Spring Dinner & Silent Auction – Apr. 26
- Industry Partner Appreciation Banquet – May 16
- Senior Awards – May 23
- Graduation – June 5 (Farm Show Complex)

NO SCHOOL

- November 21 to November 26 (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 24 to January 1 (Winter Holiday)
- January 21 (Martin Luther King Day)
- February 18 (President's Day)
- March 1 (In-Service Day/Parent Conferences)
- April 12 (In-Service Day)
- April 18 to April 22 (Spring Holiday)
- May 1 (NOCTI – 12th grade only)
- May 27 (Memorial Day)

DCTS ALUMNI

DCTS is seeking alumni. Please register on the Alumni Page on the DCTS website, www.dcts.org. Click on "Community", then "Alumni". This webpage is the start of creating an Official DCTS Alumni Chapter and Class Reunions.

ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Adult & Continuing Education Program at DCTS offers evening courses for adults who might be looking to enter/re-enter the workforce or to make a change. Popular courses include Precision Metals/Machining, Small Engine Repair, Electrical Fundamentals, and the OSHA Certified Forklift Operator course. We are taking registrations for these courses now. Please go on line to our webpage – Adult Education/Evening Programs for more information or call 717-652-3170 x 7445.



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