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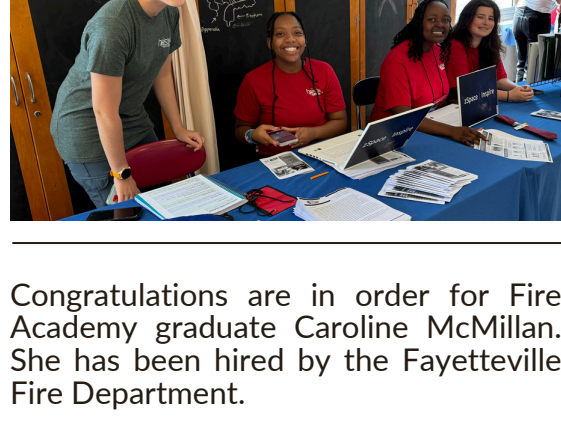
Cumberland County School's ICON (Innovative Career Opportunities Now) internship program was a remarkable success, providing over 120 students with valuable hands-on experience across 31 different businesses. The diverse range of industries and companies involved offered students a broad perspective on various career paths, fostering both personal and professional growth. By working closely with experienced professionals, the interns developed key skills, expanded their networks, and gained practical knowledge that will benefit their future careers. The collaboration between the businesses and students also strengthened community ties, demonstrating the program's positive impact on workforce development and local industry engagement. For more information on how to get involved, please email: icon@ccs.k12.nc.us



As the new school year begins, FTS Health Science students are diving into a world of hands-on learning designed to provide students with practical skills, foster teamwork, and enhance their understanding of health science concepts.



FTS HOSA has kick-offed a new year with great success. Inspired by the national theme, "Powered by People", guest speaker Loyda Smalls, Director of Health Careers, provided guidance on the opportunities provided by the SR-AHEC Scholars Program and activities that will further enrich their education and foster their passion for healthcare pathways.



Congratulations are in order for Fire Academy graduate Caroline McMillan. She has been hired by the Fayetteville Fire Department.



Douglas Byrd students are studying the transfer of energy in Clean Electronics. Students participated in a pop up challenge to create a wind turbine to lift a weight.



Pine Forest's Food and Nutrition students were able to visit the school's cafeteria and receive information from the cafeteria manager on how the breakfast and lunch menus were planned using the MyPlate guidelines.



CTE is excited to welcome Guy Hermis, the new Culinary Arts teacher at Seventy-First High School. He previously taught Culinary Arts for eight years in Plant City, Florida, and is also a retired Army Veteran. He is eager to contribute to and enhance the Culinary program. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!



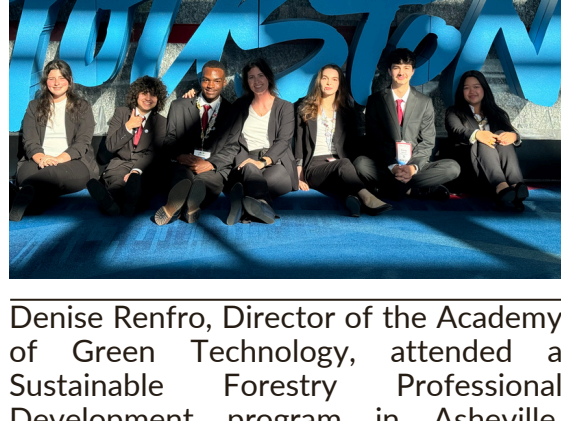
South View Culinary Arts students are already hard at work this semester. Students are embarking on a culinary adventure by learning new multicultural dishes.



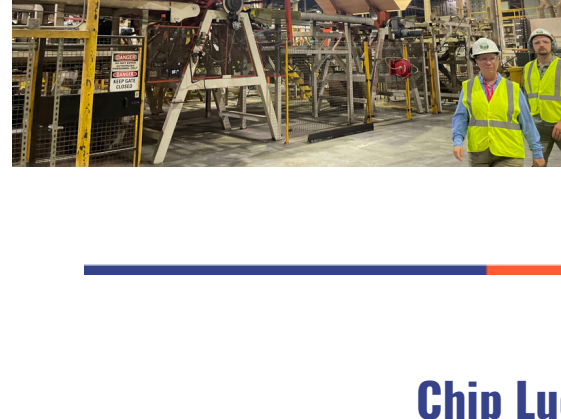
Terry Sanford's CTSSO HOSA- Future Health Professionals chapter attended the International Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas. This gathering of aspiring healthcare professionals showcased a remarkable display of talent, dedication, and passion for making a difference in the world of healthcare. Terry Sanford's HOSA chapter had two exceptional students selected as International Finalists. Their remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence in the field of healthcare.

- Tyshawn Claude; Speaking Skills, Top 10 Finalist
- Camila Delgado-Santos; Interviewing Skills, Top 10 Finalist

These students showcased outstanding skills and expertise in their respective area, distinguishing themselves as top performers among their peers on an international stage.



Denise Renfro, Director of the Academy of Green Technology, attended a Sustainable Forestry Professional Development program in Asheville, where she gained valuable insights into forest management practices aimed at ensuring sustainability.



A successful start to the year sets the tone for continued progress. This year, Career and Technical Education (CTE) began on a positive note with a countywide professional development session. CTE teachers convened at Seventy-First High School to launch the new school year and celebrate the achievements of the previous year. During the event, educators participated in sessions focused on high-yield strategies, effective lesson planning, and strengthening the instructional core. Congratulations to all of our schools on their success.



CTE would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Tonia Emmanuel for her exceptional effort in coordinating the professional development for our teachers. Her dedication and meticulous planning ensured that the event was a success. We truly appreciate her hard work and the positive impact it has had on our teachers and, ultimately, our students.

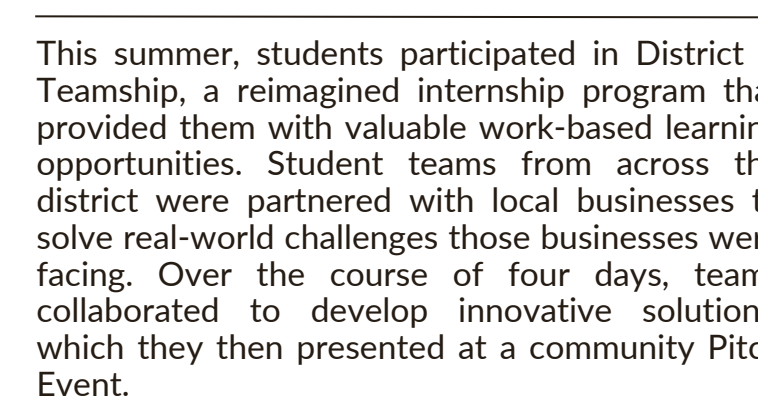
Three CCS CTE Health Science Educators; Betsy Vera, Kelli Canady, and Kinsey Flather were recently awarded grants from the North Carolina Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). This generous funding will greatly support special projects in their classrooms, enhancing the educational experience for CCS students. These grants will empower our Health Science Educators to implement exciting new projects that will benefit students and prepare them for successful careers in the healthcare field. We commend our educators for their commitment to fostering a dynamic learning environment and thank AFCEA for their support in making these initiatives possible.



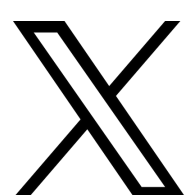
In an exciting and inspiring visit, the Home Builders Association recently partnered with E.E. Miller Elementary School to read The House That She Built to students. This educational book, based on a true story, showcases the important role of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers in construction. It highlights how these fields work together toward a common goal—building a home. After hearing the story, students were so inspired that they returned to their classrooms to design their own houses using shapes. This hands-on activity encouraged creativity and helped students explore non-traditional careers, especially for women in construction.



This summer, students participated in District C Teamship, a reimagined internship program that provided them with valuable work-based learning opportunities. Student teams from across the district were partnered with local businesses to solve real-world challenges those businesses were facing. Over the course of four days, teams collaborated to develop innovative solutions, which they then presented at a community Pitch Event.



Sincere Priester, rising senior at Gray's Creek HS, was selected as FCCLA State President. Sincere represented our county and state at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Sincere also attended the NC CTE State Conference, serving as a delegate in Career and Technical Education.



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