HART CAREER CENTER

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CTE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Personal Finance
We are reading We're Talking Millions by Paul Merriman and Richard Buck. Paul is a retired investor that wrote the book specifically for young adults to help open the door to investing. In our investing unit, students have played STAX! an interactive game that gets them thinking about the different investments they could have access to and the game is based on true historical data. We have gone over stocks, bonds, and index funds so far.

Entrepreneurship:
Interviews are complete for Bingo's Biscuits and students have been assigned their job for the learning lab. Our facebook page is up and running with our new crew members picture and our link for October orders. Students are excited to get into the kitchen next week to start baking and learning how to run a small business.

Marketing
We have been learning about the 4P's and the marketing functions. Students are currently learning about the different jobs available in the world of marketing.

Cosmetology
We are about half way through basic training preparing for the clinic floor to open part time in December. Here are some skills we have covered so far:

Sectioning
Draping
Shampooing
Thermal Styling
Pin Curls
Roller Sets
Scalp Treatment
Manicures
Pedicure
Updo's
Waxing
All Over Color

Cap Highlight
Root Touch up
Slice & Weave Foiling
Basic Perms

Cosmetology Advisory Board Meeting coming is up at the end of October.

Pretty In A Minute (PIAM) - Mini Hairshow for students with tools. November 12th 8AM & 12:15AM

Welding
The welding department held an in-person advisory meeting on September 30. Several area businesses as well as former students and parents were in attendance. There was good discussion regarding expanding partnerships and opportunities for students. Since that time, Hitachi Energy has reached out with an offer to donate steel to the program.

Diesel Technology
Diesel students have had a busy fall in the shop so far. Aside from several small repair projects, they have serviced several trucks and tillage equipment for local farmers. The have also been learning about welding and fabrication on various projects. Mike McCurdy (father of one of our HCC students Chase McCurdy) and Mr. Witherspoon worked together this summer trying to source different donations. Most recently, we were blessed with the donation of a Ford 9000 road tractor courtesy of GC Dunns Fertilizer in Middletown. With this donation, we can now have more in depth lessons on air brakes and drivetrains as well as driving/operating lessons.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CTSO) ACTIVITIES

FFA
The 99th annual FFA National Convention will be held Oct. 21-24. Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Pettit will be taking 15 Mexico FFA students to Indianapolis for this event. In addition to the convention, students will be touring local ag related businesses.

SkillsUSA
Three students interested in District officer positions attended SPARK, the SkillsUSA Missouri District Officer Training Institute, in Columbia October 15-16. We look forward to having HCC students represent us in district leadership positions. This is a great opportunity and the first time in many years we have had students run for district office.

FCCLA
We officially have an FCCLA chapter chartered at HCC and several students interested in competing at contest.