



The CTE Express

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WE ARE CTE!

- Automotive Technologies
- Business Education
- Carpentry
- Construction Technologies
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Media Arts
- Technology Education

CTE Mission

To illuminate numerous paths to success for our students to ensure they are both college and career ready. With high-quality preparation for college and career, our graduates will have access to meaningful, long-term career opportunities and a more hopeful future.



Certified Nursing Assistant

- La'Daysha Gayle
- Denaja Gonzalez
- Javon Green
- Jasmine Gumabay
- Dachea Hartfield
- Caitlyn LaBarge
- Shar Reh

CTE ALUMNI NEWS Licensed Professionals



Licensed Cosmetologist

- Armani Faison
- Neria Walley
- Chikia Williams

The graduates to the left and right should be commended. During their senior year, they took full advantage of their opportunities in CTE and earned professional licenses which allow them to begin working in their respective fields full-time or part-time while pursuing a post-secondary education. Albany High School offers both programs free of charge. Similar programs cost \$13,000.



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

ACE Mentor Program

(ACE: Architecture, Construction & Engineering)

During the summer of 2016, several local businesses in the architecture, construction and engineering (ACE) fields met and offered to establish an AHS ACE Team as part of the ACE Mentor Program. We graciously accepted their offer and have been meeting every Wednesday from 3-5 PM. Students are divided into teams and are organized like a real-life construction project. For example, a team might include a corporate "owner," an architectural firm, a construction company, and an engineering firm. The AHS ACE's project is the new high school building's courtyard transformation from an open-air space to an enclosed area. Each company provides one to two mentors who give students a taste of what it is like to work in various ACE fields and help students consider their own career pathways. On December 14, students toured a Turner construction project at Howe Elementary in Schenectady and met with project managers, engineers and carpenters.



CULINARY ARTS

Albany Fund for Education Gala



Chef Valentine and a team of Culinary Arts students volunteered at the 19th Annual Albany Fund for Education Gala Reception on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at the Renaissance Albany Hotel. The students spent several days preparing squash pillows, eggplant tapenade and Thanksgiving pinwheels as hors d'oeuvres and served over 150 guests throughout the night.

Culinary Team Wins 1st Place in Non-Professional Category at 3rd Annual Capital Holiday Lights Chili, Chowder and Soup Fest

On November 20, Chef Valentine and a team of Culinary Arts students volunteered at the 3rd Annual Capital Holiday Lights Chili, Chowder and Soup Fest. The charity fundraising event featured soup samplings from many of the Capital Region's favorite restaurants and delis! Proceeds from the festival benefit the Albany Damien House, Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, and the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York.



CTE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tishawn Austin
Culinary Arts III

CO-OP Placement: Yonos Restaurant

Tishawn Austin spends Thursday and Friday nights at Yonos Restaurant at 25 Chapel Street. Yonos has hosted students for various types of internships for many years. Under the supervision of Chef Pete, Tishawn is putting his basic kitchen skills to the test and learning how a high-end and very busy kitchen operates. We asked Tishawn how his placement is progressing and received the following response: "I like working at Yonos. It's nice working in a real kitchen, meeting new people and learning how the business works."



COSMETOLOGY

Community Service

Ms. Love and her cosmetology students never rest; they are always beginning or finishing some type of community service.

- 1) **African-American Day** on August 6, at the Empire State Plaza. The students hosted a table where they displayed various hairstyles and also hair products they created in class and hope to one day market.



- 2) **Pink Hair Extension Fundraising** on Wednesday, October 5, at AHS. The students made and then applied the extensions. They sold out in under an hour and all proceeds were donated to the APSTA Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team.



- 3) **Wigs** The students began a project based endeavor to make wigs for women experiencing hair loss due to Chemo/Cancer and Alopecia Areata. To date, the cosmetology students have made three wigs and welcomed three local women to their class to fit the wigs and offer other spa services. In addition, the women will return on a regular basis to have the students perform maintenance on the wigs.

- 4) **Helping Fellow Students** Throughout the year, cosmetology classes welcome teachers to bring their classes to learn about various spa services and also so students can receive some of those services. Services include haircuts, manicures and pedicures. Recently, students from several Life Skills classes visited and left with new hair-dos.





PRE-ENGINEERING AHS Robotics Team

FIRST Robotics Team 1493 attended the Robot Rumble Competition at Ballston Spa High School on November 5, and competed with two of their robots against 24 other teams. Team 1493's robots finished 6th and 13th overall.



THE WORLD OF CTE

QUESTION: What is the Carl D. Perkins Grant?

Congressional Representative Carl D. Perkins (1912-1984) of Kentucky, wanted to see students better prepared for the world of work. The Perkins Act provides Federal funds for CTE programs for both youth and adults. In accordance with the statute, states must



allocate at least 85 percent of the funds to eligible recipients, which include local education agencies (LEAs), two- and four-year colleges and universities that offer sub-baccalaureate CTE programs, area CTE centers, and post-secondary education institutions controlled by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). For the 2016-17 school year, the City School District of Albany received \$129,515 in Perkins funding to support CTE programs.

CARPENTRY

Take a Load Off Your Feet



Thank you to all our supporters who purchased either Adirondack chairs or Cornhole game sets. The Carpentry Club sold the chairs and Cornhole games as a fundraiser this year. After a bit of advertising, the club was overwhelmed with orders. The chairs and games sold out very quickly, with requests for more the next time the students are building them. We'll let you know when production begins.

Raffle Winner

The Carpentry Club raffled off a Cornhole game set at the open house in September. There was no cost to enter. The lucky winner, shown at right, was Tifanie Tucker, mother of one of our ninth-grade students.



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AHS BUSINESS ALLIANCE 2017 Meetings @ ACTC

Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM
Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

NYS OGS High School Internship Program

Albany High School to Serve as Pilot Program



The NYS Office of General Services (OGS) has partnered with Albany High School to pilot an internship program for students who are seniors. The internship is competitive and a paid after-school opportunity with the possibility of long-term employment. Over 80 seniors submitted applications and eligible students were interviewed by Albany High School staff. Roughly 25 student applications were forwarded to OGS who then conducted the final interviews to fill 15 available internship positions. Beginning in December, students will be placed in a variety of career fields ranging from real estate to skilled trades at either the Harriman Campus or Empire State Plaza. More information can be found at www.ahscte.com.

INTRO TO CTE

9th Grade ACTC Tours

Mr. Erbe, carpentry teacher, thought it would be a good idea to have ninth graders become more familiar with their CTE options at Albany High School so they could make more informed decisions regarding course selections. It was a good idea. So, on November 21, and 22, every section of the College & Career course visited the ACTC (Abrookin Career & Technical Center) for a tour of CTE programs housed in the building. (Business, FACS: Food and Pre-Engineering are housed in the main building.) In all, roughly 400 students were introduced to Culinary Arts, Construction Technologies, Carpentry, Cosmetology, FACS: Early Childhood, FACS: Textiles, Automotive Technologies, Graphic Arts and Digital Film & Television. Students were then surveyed in class to see which particular pathway(s) they are interested in and if they would like to visit a class in the future.



Mr. Erbe discusses to-scale building models.

WORK BASED LEARNING PARTNERS

Real-World Experience

