



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

We are off to a great start, and it is hard to believe that we already have a 9 weeks in the books! I want to congratulate Mr. Jared Delancey for being selected the October Student of the Month by the Mississippi Construction Education. Jared, a third year JCTC student from Vancleave High School, has completed the Welding Program and is now a Career Pathway Education Student in the Maritime Academy.

The Jackson County Technology Center has also been awarded the Center of Excellence Award by the Association of Builders and Contractors Mississippi Chapter. The award recognizes that the JCTC has demonstrated innovative class instruction, structured course paths for students at all levels of learning, and implemented instructor leadership and peer mentoring. JCTC also has an early program introduction to potential future students and an accurate and appropriate feedback system in order to optimize all programs.

Dr. J.J. Morgan



MCEF STUDENT OF THE MONTH – JARED DELANCEY

Congratulations to Jared Delancey for being selected as the October Student of the Month by the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation! He was selected for his excellent grades, attendance, discipline in class, outstanding achievements, leadership abilities, and post-graduation plans. He will go on to compete for student of the year recognition at the MCEF annual awards program next May.



Counselor Spotlight: Mrs. Goff

For this edition of the JCTC Newsletter, we sat down with Mrs. Connie Goff, JCTC guidance counselor and our counselor spotlight for the month of October.

What do you do as a counselor?

“As a counselor, I work with students on credits, researching colleges, and career goals.

Also, I work with any personal needs a student may have.”



What do you enjoy most about your job?

“Working with students and helping them prepare for adulthood or ‘The Real World.’”

What is something you think we should know about you?

“I have been married for 32 years to my high school sweetheart, I have 3 wonderful children, and I still enjoy talking to my mother and father, and try to talk to them daily.”

Students of the Month

I&C: Cheyanna Pierce

Automotive: Devon Fedele

Welding: Colin Wren

Medical: Kaylan Gunter

Teacher Academy: Shelby Frazier

Construction: Layton Owenby

IT: Kaitlyn Culpepper

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM



For the month of October, JCTC's spotlight program is our medical class. This program is the largest in the school district--so large that it is offered at all three attendance centers! Filled with students eager to learn as much as they can about the medical profession, this class teaches countless skills such as healthcare safety and protection, anatomy and physiology, first aid skills, CPR, healthcare law, taking vital

signs, suturing and suture removal, and surgical procedures and sterilization, as well as facilitating the exploration of different career paths related to healthcare. We also have three fantastic nurses ready to challenge their students in any way they can: Nurse Latisha Collier for St. Martin, Nurse Brianna Bean for Vancleave, and Nurse Lisa Green for East Central. Nurse Collier says, "The great thing about this is that they can experience different fields, and decide if they absolutely don't want to be involved in a particular field. I'd hate for them to get into college and decide that it wasn't what they wanted to do after they had spent money to go to college for it." Nurse Bean further explained the benefits of this program, saying, "We are practicing real life scenarios, focusing on what "real world" scenarios may be like in their future of healthcare."

These students are definitely being challenged to learn and understand as much as they can about the medical field--one of their first assignments is to learn over 350 medical terminology elements. It's no wonder our Medical program placed 5th in the state for year 1 state test scores and 7th in the state for year 2 state test scores! As well as demonstrating great achievement through their test scores, many students have taken the skills they learned out of the classroom and into the workplace; Nurse Collier has had multiple students hired at a local doctor's office to room patients. Many other students display their knowledge of the medical field by winning competitions sponsored by HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), a national career and technical student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE.



No matter how our students choose to utilize their medical knowledge, we are proud of them and their instructors for the hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence they have brought to this program.

TOYOTA EXPRESS MAINTENANCE COMPETITION

Our Automotive class represented the Jackson County Technology Center well in the annual Toyota Express Maintenance Competition! These students prepared for weeks in advance, learning the skills necessary to service a car as would a Toyota Express Maintenance worker. This nationwide competition judges high school students of their ability to follow procedures, efficiency in servicing the car, and quality of work demonstrated. JCTC had two students participate, winning 4th place in Brookhaven this past weekend, as well as learning skills marketable to future employers. Congratulations to Mr. Wages, Dominic Colella, and Devon Fedele for their success in the Toyota Express Maintenance Competition!



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