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# CTAE SPOTLIGHT



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### <u>Career Pathway Spotlight:</u> Audio-Video Technology & Film

In this pathway, students will design, manufacture, operate and/or repair audiovisual equipment. Students are involved in the presentation of sound, video and data in a variety of venues. They may gather information and prepare broadcasts or be involved with the setup and operations of equipment used to record and transmit programs and/or motion pictures. This pathway culminates with an opportunity for students to take the SkillsUSA Television Video Production end-of-the-pathway assessment.

### Business/Industry Spotlight: Fincher, Denmark & Minnifield LLC, Law Firm



Fincher, Denmark and Minnifield, LLC (FDM) is a law firm that practices government law, personal injury and criminal defense. The firm has a commitment to family and community and invests a great deal of time in both. Their partnership with Clayton County Public School's CTAE department and internship program proves their case. Business Manager, Lee Fincher serves on the CTAE Business/Industry and Community Leaders Advisory Board, and actively participates in CTAE and WBL events and initiatives throughout the year.

In March 2016, FDM hosted a WBL "Get Into Industry" afternoon that focused on the business perspective of



hiring interns and apprentices. Another value of the partnership is that WBL instructors gain insight and first-hand knowledge of what it means to the employer to hire or bring on students as interns and apprentices.

Career Technical Student Organization

### **Featured CTSO:**

Future Farmers of America (FFA)



FFA is committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education and its broad range of agricultural career pathways. FFA members are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America!

### CCPS Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Programs Receive Industry Certification

Thirteen Clayton County Public School CTAE Programs have received industry certifications in the areas of Engineering, Audio/Video & Film Technology, Healthcare Science, Marketing, Business and Technology, Programming, and Web and Digital Design by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA), the American Marketing Association (AMA), Media Education Foundation of Georgia (MEFG), Blue Ridge Area Health Education Center, or the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Pathway students and instructors of these programs have also received this merit under the Georgia Department of Education.

When a program becomes industry certified, it receives a "stamp of excellence", which represents the apex of program quality. Only those programs that have successfully undergone rigorous reviews by leaders from business and industry are recognized with this distinction.

"The CTAE Department is dedicated to providing our students real experiences in the classroom, at work sites, in competitive events and in their daily lives," stated Dr. Eboni Chillis, CTAE Coordinator. "The industry certification process is another authentic opportunity for students to demonstrate hard and soft skills that are needed in the global marketplace."

CTAE programs that have completed the industry certification process in specific high school pathways are: the Engineering Program at Jonesboro, certified by ITEEA, Marketing Programs at Mundy's Mill and Forest Park, certified by the AMA, the Business & Technology, Web and Digital Media, and the Programming Programs of Mt. Zion, North Clayton, Riverdale, Forest Park, Mundy's Mill and Lovejoy, certified by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). In addition, Mt. Zion's Audio/Video & Film Technology Program is the first to ever be certified in Clayton County Public Schools and the Healthcare Science Program was recertified after 12+ years. There are approximately over 2,400 students enrolled in these programs.

## **Teacher Spotlight**



Shannon Curry Law Enforcement Services Instructor Jonesboro High School

Shannon Curry, Law Enforcement Services/Forensic Instructor from Jonesboro High School received the Outstanding Career and Technical Specializations Teacher Education Student Award from Georgia State University.

The award is given to a student who has outstanding academic results, collegiality and commitment to the mission and guiding principles of career and technical education teacher certification program; and who exemplifies the highest standards in their secondary classrooms; and conducts innovative activities that promotes student success in their respective career and technical fields. Dr. Janet Burns, Clinical Professor and Program Coordinator, Career and Technical Education stated, "Mr. Curry is an asset to any school district and Clayton County is very fortunate to have him to teach and expose students to the field of Law Enforcement". Mr. Curry also has a 100% student pass rate on the end-of-the-pathway assessment moving students closer to college and career readiness.

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### **CTAE Career Clusters**

CCPS offers different pathway courses within each of the 17 Career Clusters

- 1. Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- 2. Architecture & Construction
- 3. Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications
- 4. Business Management & Administration
- 5. Education & Training
- 6. Energy
- 7. Finance
- 8. Government & Public Administration
- 9. Health Science
- 10. Hospitality & Tourism
- 11. Human Services
- 12. Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
- 14. Manufacturing
- 15. Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
- 17. Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics



Mundy's Mill High School – 2016 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

#### CTAE Spotlight Staff: Forest Park High School

- \* Dan Moorer, Marketing Instructor
- \* Tiffany Hua, Marketing Student
- \* Sadie Wilborne, Marketing Student
- \* Jubilee Sengphonexay, Marketing Student

#### **CTAE Department:**

- \* Dr. Eboni Chillis, CTAE Coordinator
- \* Greg Guhl, Youth Apprenticeship Program
- \* Jackie Walker, CTAE Administrative Assistant

## Did you know?

- ★ Three Air Force JROTC students from Forest Park High School and Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI), Lt. Col Kevin Grill, celebrate the exemplary success of his cadets who received Georgia Military College Scholarships. Angelica Marquez and Pilar Martinez were selected for the Georgia Military Scholarship at University of North Georgia and Joshua Apolinario was selected for the State Service Scholarship at Georgia Military College.
  - Lt. Col Raymond King, SASI Air Force JROTC instructor at Mundy's Mill High School's cadet also soared high. The 2015-2016 Wing Commander, Cadet Col. Elizabeth Bourdeau has been offered a scholarship to attend the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School and was offered a direct entry/appointment into the United States Air Force Academy. The future leader of tomorrow has accepted the direct appointment to The United States Air Force Academy.
- ★ Chuck Little, Executive Director, Atlanta Electrical Contractor Association (AECA) is scheduled to network with carpentry students at Jonesboro Hlgh School about careers, apprenticeships and post-secondary education in the construction industry on May 13th.
- ★ Laura Kinchen, Business and Technology Pathway Instructor from Mundy's Mill High, is a Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certified in five programs: Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Word Expert.
- ★ Janine Walton, Web and Digital Design Instructor from Lovejoy High School, received her PhD in Business. Her dissertation title: Factors Determining Loyalty in Retailer's Online Community Among Female Shoppers: A Multiple Case Study.
- ★ WBL "Get Into Industry" tour on May 9th was hosted by Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation (GAIEF), Debbie Phillips, Executive Director. Instructors learned about the many career opportunities available in the apartment management industry and toured several local communities to gain first-hand knowledge of the industry.
- ★ Carpentry students from Jonesboro and Lovejoy High Schools were recognized for the second consecutive year for their contributions to home builds, homeowner storage sheds, and volunteerism at the annual Habitat for Humanity Golden Hammer Awards Ceremony.
- ★ Lonnie Smith, District Grant Writer and Dr. Eboni Chillis, CTAE Coordinator worked successfully with five middle schools and two elementary schools who expressed interested in STEM education to acquire the Project Lead The Way Grant (PLTW). The PLTW grant will fund teaching and learning practices through PLTW Elementary (LAUNCH program) or a PLTW Middle school (Gateway Program). Grant total funding amount over two years for Clayton County Public Schools: \$115,000.00.



Luvenia Jackson, Superintendent and Keynote Speaker, Captain Barrington Irving, Guinness World Records at the CTAE Achievement Ceremony on May 4.

Over 500 students and guests attended the ceremony.