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From the Coordinator!

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Tech Prep Scholarships

Tech Prep scholarship flyer and application forms for 2004 have been sent to Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach public schools guidance supervisors and Tech Prep Executive Committee members. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to each city in the Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium, a total of \$4,000. Scholarships are not renewable for the students, but \$500 should be a real help during their first year on cam-

pus. Please contact the Tech Prep representative from the public schools for further assistance on how to qualify for the scholarships.

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Tech Trek Tour for Summer 2004

The Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium Tech Trek Tour is scheduled for July 21, 2004. We ask that eight counselors from each school division participate during this informative tour. Participants will be visiting the following local businesses: Chesapeake General Hospital for Health and Human Services, E.V. Williams Construction for Technology Education, Dam Neck Naval Base for

Information Technology, and Hall Honda for Automotive Technology and Customer Relations. Applications and agendas have been sent to public schools superintendents, guidance supervisors, and Tech Prep representatives from each public school system. Contact the guidance supervisor and/or Tech Prep representative at each school system for additional information and registration.



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Tech Prep Summit

In March 25, 2004, a Tech Prep Summit was held at the Norfolk Vocational Technical Center to gain support from public high schools systems and the community college in promoting Tech Prep to students. Ms. Judy Begland,

CEO of Opportunity, Inc., was the guest speaker and talked about Workforce De-



velopment and the different opportunities available to high school students. During the two-hour summit, attendees had the opportunity to go online and

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Norfolk News

Norfolk's First Annual Senior Career Summit



Two hundred and fifty career and technical education seniors from the five Norfolk high schools, NTVC, Madison and Coronado attended the first Senior Summit held at the Radisson Hotel on April 6, 2004. Mirroring the theme of the Summit, *Career Tech: The Path To Success*, students dressed for success and attended pre-selected sessions that addressed their individual needs and interests. Workshops presented by members of the business and in-

dustry community focused on topics such as apprenticeships, interview tips, financial assistance for post secondary education, work ethics and resources available at the Virginia Employment Commission.

From the student evaluation forms and feedback from teachers, the first Senior Summit was a great success. Students enjoyed the format and the opportunity to hear speakers from local businesses and industries. They also appreciated the wonderful box

lunch they were able to take with them.

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More from Norfolk

Tech Prep Scholarship Update

The Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) received 32 scholarship applications from five high schools. The following students were announced as winners of the three \$1000 scholarships: Miss Loretta Chew, Booker T. Washington High School; Mr. Sansen Johnson, Lake Taylor High School; and Ms.

Clarissa Judd-Parker, Granby High School. Congratulations to these fine young individuals for their remarkable achievement and success.



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From the desk of the Virginia Beach Public Schools

ATC Named Microsoft Center of Innovation

Microsoft recently selected Virginia Beach City Public Schools' Advanced Technology Center (ATC) as a 2004 Microsoft Center of Innovation, one of only eight recipients in the nation to receive the honor. This designation indicated that the ATC is recognized as an innovator in the use of technology to enhance the teaching and

learning process. Moreover, the award was given to the ATC because the school division has demonstrated leadership, long-term strategic IT infrastructure planning, teacher training programs and a commitment to providing a truly "Connected Learning Community" for its students and teachers.



The ATC is unique in its mission of totally immersing high schools students in curricula dedicated to technology. Its one – and two-year programs are based in three curricular strands: Information Technology, Telecommunications, and High-Performance Manufacturing/Engineering. The Microsoft Center of Innovation designation is an annual

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Tech Prep Summit

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become familiar with the website to obtain pertinent information concerning articulation and admission to Tidewater Community College and also received literature for marketing Tech Prep.



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Summer Camp Career Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP)

The Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium will be assisting with summer camp for the junior finalists in the C-CAP program. The camp will be held June 21-25, 2004, at Johnson and Wales University. Tour of local vendors and suppliers will be held during the morning and the students will return to Johnson and Wales University for the afternoon sessions. A luncheon

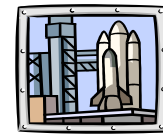


for teachers, parents, and administration will be held on June 25, 2004.

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Tour at NASA

A tour of NASA in Hampton, VA, will be held on July 28, 2004. If you are interested in a half-day tour, contact Neil Collins at 822-7485 (limited space available). Travel will be provided from a central location via chartered bus.



From the desk of Virginia Beach City Public Schools

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Award the Microsoft presents to innovative schools, centers and districts throughout the United States. As a result of being recognized as a Center of Innovation, the ATC will receive a recognition kit that includes two Tablet PCs, software, and funding for two representatives from the school to attend the 2004 National Education Computing Conference (NECC) in

New Orleans. In addition, the ATC is spotlighted on the Microsoft Web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/Education/COIATC.aspx>.

For more information about the Advanced Technology Center or the Microsoft Center of Innovation award, please contact Ann Marie Garvey, ATC assistant director,



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Vision

The Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium's vision is to empower students with the workplace skills and knowledge needed to be lifelong learners and productive citizens who compete successfully in the global economy.

Mission

The mission of the Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium is to coordinate on-going communication, cooperation, and collaboration among Chesapeake Public Schools, Norfolk Public Schools, Portsmouth City Public Schools, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Tidewater Community College, and the business community to assure student access to avenues of academic and technical education in preparation for a successful career.

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