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From the Coordinator!

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Tech Prep Scholarships

A total of six students were awarded scholarships for the school year 2003-2004. Two students were selected from three cities in the consortium: Megan D'Amore and Robert Weber from Chesapeake Public Schools; Ryan Durnwald and Tracy Womack from Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and Christopher Kroll and Sherita Webb from Norfolk Public Schools. Each is truly deserving of the Tech Prep Scholarship. As soon as the scholarship infor-

mation is released for 2004-2005, we will send it to the guidance counselors.

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Work Sight for Counselors

Rather than having summer vacation July 14-16, approximately 40 counselors from Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach public schools and Tidewater Community College took field trips to see what businesses have to offer and what they need in workers. The "Tech Trek" days were on a chartered bus that left from Indian River Park and Ride each morning.

The group visited local businesses to learn about

the options available for students in vocational classes or those who don't immediately pursue a four-year degree. "We want to empower our students so they'll become lifelong learners and be able to compete in this global society," said Jinxey Poniatowski, Tidewater Tech Prep Consortium. "The more we can articulate the needs of the businesses and of the community, the more we can meet the needs of our students."

The careers the counselors explored ranged from information technology and health careers to engineering and industrial training. On one day, area hospitals

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Budding Chefs' Skills Tested In Summer Camp

A week-long summer camp that combined culinary classes and food-related trips was held in June at Johnson & Wales University in Norfolk. The students, participants in the Careers in Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) through

their public schools in Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach, had to apply and advance through preliminary and final judging rounds for their spots in the clinic.

Each day the students vis-

ited area restaurants, catering facilities, and markets in the morning to learn the ins and outs of the industry. In the afternoon, they returned to Johnson & Wales Univer -

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Norfolk News



On Monday, May 19, 2003, thirteen nervous and hopeful seniors waited to be interviewed by three judges from the Norfolk Vocational Education Foundation. These students had been selected by another set of judges who read the 45 scholarship applications submitted in April. The Vocational Education Foundation awarded the \$1,000.00 Tech Prep Scholarships to three students: April Roberts of Booker T. Washington; Joyce Booth of Maury; and Annie Fong of Granby.

Andra Hasselback from Lake Taylor High School received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Virginia State Food Services Association.



For the Tidewater Builder's Association Young Designers Scholarship Competition, Keith Murphy won second place in Hand Drawn and Kath-

leen Murphy won second place in CAD Drawn. Both are students of Booker T. Washington High School.

On May 28, Norfolk Technical Vocational Center selected Lauren Ruffin and Payton Hardee as Outstanding Students. Each received scholarships from the Betsy Spears Memorial Scholarship Fund

Tech Prep Means...

Skills...

Employers want people who have the know-how to get a job done — and more. In Tech Prep you'll develop the technical skills you need to be successful in a career.

You'll have the confidence that comes from knowing you can deal with difficult technical material — and that means job security.

When your career calls for you to learn new skills — and it will — you'll have the knowledge base you need to handle whatever they throw at you.



College...

Not to sure about college? Tech Prep can make college a realistic possibil-

ity. Tech Prep programs lead to an associate degree and dovetail with many four-year degree programs in engineering, health, business, marketing and agriculture. Tech Prep can be both an alternative to a four-year college degree and a path to a four-year degree, or even beyond.

Tech Prep means you keep your college options open.

Tech Prep Means...

Options...

You want a lot of choices, right?

If you have skills, you have options.

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Tech Prep gives you the solid academic and technical skills that will

help you make the move from school to career without worry — and with a lot of choices.

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As a nation, we are depending on you to develop the know-how, reliability

and flexibility that add up to the skills you'll need to meet the challenge of the world economy.

Tech Prep starts the road to success by giving you the edge and skills need to land a

or to continue your education. How far you go is up to you.



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Work Sight for Counselors

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came together for a panel discussion about careers in the health industry and how to guide students toward them. The health career industry is facing a critical shortage of workers in all positions. Opportunity, Inc., which promotes and facilitates workplace development initiatives throughout Hampton Roads produced a brochure about careers in health care, and worked with WTKR-TV, the site of the panel discussion, to create a video highlighting jobs in the industry. Both the brochure and video will be distributed to each high school in the fall. In addition to the health care, coun-

selors visited the International Terminals and Metro Machine both in Norfolk. Increased globalization has made the Port of Hampton Roads a vital component of the maritime industry, which includes shipping, ship repair, and ship building.

The last day was spent at Dendrite, a pharmaceutical company that has recently opened an office in Chesapeake. Some positions at Dendrite, such as customer service representatives on the computer help desk, do not require



four-year degrees. Applicants need only minimal customer service experience to get started, the counselors learned. Basic requirements, such as customer service, make it easy for people to get their feet in the door. Now that they have trekked, the counselors said they want to maintain relationships with the businesses they visited. "Regardless of what paths students take, teens ultimately confront the same reality: No longer being teenagers. Tech Prep classes can ease that transition," according to Deondra Winslow with Chesapeake Public Schools.

Summer Camp

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sity to fire up the oven and put their skills to use.

C-CAP is a nonprofit organization started 12 years ago to enrich the curriculum of existing culinary programs in public high schools. Hampton Roads is one of only seven C-CAP sites nationwide, and beyond training for teachers and students, the pro-

gram offers scholarships and job placement assistance.

The Tidewater Community College Tech Prep Consortium and the Career and Technical Education Office with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools teams up to support the camp through funding. Patrick Reed, an associate chef instructor at Johnson &



Wales, led the clinic. "To have success in the industry, just being a good cook is no longer enough," Reed said. Prospective chefs must be well-rounded and have a better grasp on the business aspect. Kudos to Mrs. Linda Spruill, Virginia Beach City Public Schools and C-CAP Coordinator for Hampton Roads, for playing such an important role in making this event a very successful one.

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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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