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## From the Administrator

It does not seem possible that we are more than a third of the way through the regular school year. We have had a busy winter with Homecoming, the start of basketball season, and the Sports Park taking shape at the school. With final exams during the week of Jan 10-14<sup>th</sup>, it is important for students to concentrate on finishing the semester in a strong manner. I sometimes think students, especially freshman, do not understand credit is issued every semester, and when you do not earn those credits they will have to be made up in the summer or the next year. Our goal is for all our students to pass all six classes (three credits) each semester that they are enrolled.

We are continuing to stress being to school on time and attending on a regular basis. Students who don't come to school on a regular basis do not do as well, and we start school at 7:30 a.m. each morning. Some students are consistently late to school. Please contact us if you have any questions about your student's attendance.

I want to thank parents for attending the parent teacher conference on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. We had over 110 students represented by parents at the conference. I hope the conferences are informative to you. The staff was elated with the turnout. Please let us know if you have any suggestions to make it better as we want the conferences to be as informative as possible.

All the students who attended Homecoming on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> seemed to have a great time. Thank you to Ms. Snelson, Ms. Tolman, and all who chaperoned for making this a great event. The Student Government did a great job decorating the cafeteria. Thanks again to all who came.

The Sports Park is taking shape. Our students are doing as much of the work as possible, planting trees, taking down fences, digging footings, and putting up a storage shed. Thanks to all the apprenticeship programs for their help and we will feature the finished product in a future newsletter.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season! Please let us know what we, at CCC, can do to make your students academic experience the very best it possibly can be.



Construction Instructor, Tom Price, plants trees for CCC Sports Park in early November.

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## St. Louis ACE Chapter Visits University of Missouri at Rolla

*Written by Kentrall England, Senior*

Our trip to the University of Missouri at Rolla was an unforgettable experience. When we arrived on campus we visited the Civil Engineering Building. Dr. William Schonberg, Chairman of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, gave us an overview of the different fields that UMR offers.

We met Demond Parker who is a graduate of UMR. He graduated in 1998 with a degree in Civil Engineering and now he is a Project Engineer for Alberici. Our next stop was to the new Havener Center that is still under construction, but everything is almost done. The Havener Center, which is the new student union, is being built in conjunction with the new residence halls across the street. The Havener Center has office space, meeting rooms, a cafeteria, bookstore, ballrooms, and much more.

After we toured the Havener Center we met Dr. Eric Showalter who is the Professor of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering. Dr. Showalter discussed an earthmoving project that he was involved with and the logistics of moving a mountain. We also played a card game called "Oops" which illustrated variables in a construction project and budgeting.

My favorite part of the trip was the student panel, comprised of freshmen and junior students of UMR that talked about college life. They gave us some useful tips about scholarships, financial aid, and college as a whole.

If you are a minority and you are interested in pursuing a degree in engineering, UMR is a great school and they need more minorities for the engineering program. Overall, the trip was exciting and very helpful. Our thanks goes to Frank Mack, UMR Admissions Coordinator, Floyd Harris, Director of the Center for Pre-College Programs, the faculty at UMR, and to the ACE mentoring club for arranging this trip.

## CCC Represented at SkillsUSA Conference in Jefferson City

Representing Construction Careers Center in St. Louis, Ms. Snelson chaperoned Alesha Lee, Alicia Moore, Alicia White, and Aaron Miller on a weekend Leadership Conference for Missouri SkillsUSA in Jefferson City, Missouri. SkillsUSA is a nation-wide club that offers secondary and post-secondary students the opportunity to learn leadership skills and to compete in skill competitions. The conference was held in October. SkillsUSA will host a district wide leadership conference in November and a SkillsUSA District Competition in February. These students participated in mock chapter meetings, skill competitions, skits, bulletin board contests, and a talent show.

The 2004-2005 SkillsUSA officers are: President, Aaron Miller; Vice-President, Alicia Moore; Secretary, Janel Coleman; Reporter, Alicia White; Historian, Alesha Lee; Parliamentarian, DeAndre Boyd.

## CCC Homecoming Dance Held Saturday, November 13, 2004



The Construction Careers Center Student Government hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Homecoming Dance on Saturday, November 13, 2004.

The theme was "Midnight Magic".

The night was full of dancing, laughing, and mingling. Students had an opportunity to get their pictures taken by Horizon Photography who supplied instant digital photos for the students.

The Homecoming Court consisted of Senior Queen, Porchae Gillespie; King, Kenny Simpson; Senior, Alicia Moore; Senior, DeAngelo Barnes; Junior, Terrika Hackney; Junior, Robert Utley; Sophomore, Rayneisha Williams; Sophomore, Michael Haynes;

Freshman Jasmine Elliot; and Freshman, Bradd Stewart. Congratulations to all!

## **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri at Construction Careers Center**

Construction Careers Center (CCC) has an active site-based program with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri (BBBS). Ms. Vivian Gibson is the CCC/BBBS site coordinator. The program at Construction Careers Center has been in existence since the 2002-2003 school year. Currently, we have 11 matches but there are ten students on the waiting list to be matched.



Big/Little Breakfast at CCC

The “Bigs” are volunteers from the construction industry. The “Littles” are CCC students who have expressed an interest in the program. Eight of our eleven matches have been with the program since its inception.

The Bigs and Littles meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at CCC. Bigs also meet individually with their Littles at least once a month. Ms. Gibson plans various activities to involve the whole group as well as individual matches. These meetings and activities can be off campus and include lunches, trips to construction sites, and/or recreational activities like Cardinal games, bowling, movies, etc.

The program needs Bigs. If you are in the Construction field and are interested in this program, or know someone who is, please refer them to Mrs. Remaklus, the CCC staff liaison for BBBS at (314) 588-9991, or call Vivian Gibson at (314) 361-5900.

## **Multi-Cultural Diversity Day**

Construction Careers Center celebrated its first Multicultural Diversity Day on Wednesday, November 3, 2004. Students in A3 classes chose a country of interest to research and share their information with the rest of the school.

There were ten exhibits set up in the cafeteria with student, parent, teacher, and outside volunteers. The ten exhibits included Mexico, Germany, China, the Phillipines, Scandanavia, Italy, France, Pakistan, Ireland and Guinea. In addition, there was an International Flag booth where students could make a sample flag from any of the ten countries. Three outside visitors joined the festivities. Glen Dennison, a native of the Phillipines, shared his martial arts expertise. Students were amazed at his ability to let a student jump on his stomach without feeling it, using one finger to move a student’s whole body, and many other extraordinary moves. He also stressed the fact that martial arts teaches total body control in all situations.

Another outside visitor was Youmassa Camara, a West African drummer and dancer. He brought several people who demonstrated native dances from Guinea. Many students and staff joined in the dancing and fun. Mamady Sidime, also from Guinea, demonstrated the art of woodcarving as well as playing the drums for the dancers.

In addition to the above activities, students were able to play Bocce Ball from Italy, play Chinese games, woodburn Scandanavian sayings, sample crepes from France and many more fun, interesting and enlightening activities. Students and staff are already planning for next years Multicultural Day celebration.

## Construction Careers Center Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Nov 29 – Dec 4	Kingston JV Basketball Tournament (Boys & Girls JV Team)					
December 4	Girls JV Basketball vs. Clayton					
December 7	Boys JV Basketball vs. Cleveland Girls JV Basketball vs. Cleveland					
December 13	Boys JV Basketball vs. Yeshiva					
December 14	Boys JV Basketball vs. North Tech Girls JV Basketball vs. Metro					
December 21	Girls JV Basketball vs. Yeshiva					
December 20-31	Winter Break					

### JANUARY

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<b>24</b>	25	26	<b>27</b>	28	29	30
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January 3	Classes Resume					
January 6	Boys JV Basketball vs. Principia JV					
January 7	Boys JV Basketball vs. North Tech					
January 10	Boys JV Basketball vs. Metro Girls JV Basketball vs. Orchard Farm					
January 13	End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term and End 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester					
January 14	Teacher Workday/Parent Conference					
January 17	Martin Luther King Holiday					
January 18	Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester/3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Girls JV Basketball vs. Summer					
January 19	Girls JV Basketball vs. Metro					
January 24	Boys JV Basketball vs. Orchard Farm Frosh					
January 27	Girls JV Basketball vs. Yeshiva					

### FEBRUARY

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February 17	Boys JV Basketball vs. Yeshiva				
February 18	Mid-Term 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term				
February 21	President's Day – No School				

### MARCH

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March 18	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term				
March 21-25	Spring Break-No School				



**BOBCAT  
DEN  
NEWS**

The Bobcat Den is well stocked with shirts, pants, belts and school supplies. A new supplier has been located and uniform shirts are \$5.00. The shirts range in sizes from small to 3X. Most shirts are black, but we do have some white uniform shirts. There is a variety of pants in both men and women’s styles and sizes for only \$5.00. Belts are \$1.00.

Students may make purchases before school, between classes, at lunch, and after school. School supplies price lists are available from Mrs. Remaklus, or call 588-9991, extension 103.

**Industry Appreciation Ceremony**

An appreciation ceremony for supporters of CCC was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2004. Renie Tuffli, President of The Marketing Source, Inc. and a volunteer field trip coordinator for CCC, coordinated this event. Several organizations and individuals from the constructions industry were given appreciation plaques and the event was followed by a reception. CCC students who have gone on field trips hosted by Ms. Tuffli were also invited to attend this ceremony and were honored by viewing a video collage compiled of the many different field trips taken throughout the past three years. The students presented Ms. Tuffli with a bouquet to show their appreciation for her commitment and dedication.



Renie Tuffli with  
Rick Grebel, Chairman  
CCC Board of Education

**Coro Fellowship Student Helps out at CCC**

*Written by Gregory A. Wilson, Sr. – Counseling and Recruitment*



Mo Mullen,  
Coro Fellow

Mo Mullen, a Coro Fellow, is interning at Construction Careers Center from November 8, 2004 through December 2, 2004. The Coro Fellows program is a nine-month, post-graduate, experiential education program in public affairs. Mo’s passion for public education and youth leadership development has enabled her to enthusiastically embrace the staff and students at Construction Careers Center.

While at Construction Careers Center, Mo has been working to design and implement the students’ professional portfolio initiative. The goal of this initiative is for every graduating senior to have a portfolio that displays quality academic and professional work. This portfolio will be a resource tool for future employment or the pursuit of further education.

Mo has also been involved in the recruiting of new students as well as transfer students, traveling to Lift for Life Charter Academy on November 10, 2004 and assisting in hosting the middle and high school’s counselor’s breakfast on November 16, 2004. She also assisted in student conflict mediation work and parent or student career conferences.

In addition, Mo has been working with selected students on a “leadership development through music exploration” project. The goal of this workshop is to encourage students to express themselves, through their voice, utilizing the mediums of lyrics writing, music sampling, and performance.

### Picture Day a Huge Success

Picture day on October 20th was a huge success. All students had their picture taken for the yearbook and those that wanted to purchase a picture package had the opportunity to change clothes for the photo shoot.

A make-up picture day, for those not in attendance that day, was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

### March of Dimes Fund Raiser

The Construction Careers Center Student Government participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual March of Dimes Drive. The school, as a whole, collected dimes and competed in an area-wide contest for their high school collecting the most money for the cause. The March of Dimes collects dimes to aid in the prevention and care of premature babies in the United States. Dimes were collected from Monday, November 29 until Friday, December 17, 2004.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canned Food Drive

The Construction Careers Center Student Government had its third annual Canned Food Drive. All donated items were given to a family in need. The A1 class that brought in the most cans will receive a party. The Canned Food Drive took place from Monday, November 15 until Wednesday, November 24, 2004.

### 2004-2005 Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Construction Careers Center's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Yearbook is now on sale. The cost is \$40 and may be bought from Ms. Snelson. The yearbooks have a hardback binding and are printed in color. Four payments of \$10.00 each may be arranged in order to pay for the yearbook. The first payment was due by December 12, 2004 and the yearbooks must be paid in full by April 2005.

The yearbook staff consists of students and staff from CCC. For questions or to make payment arrangements, see Ms. Snelson.

### Construction Careers Center Website

You can find helpful information about the Construction Careers Center charter high school by visiting our website.

Our website address is [www.constructioncareerscenter.org](http://www.constructioncareerscenter.org).

Upcoming Dates at CCC
<b>Winter Break (No School)</b> Monday, December 20, 2004
<b>Classes Resume</b> Monday, January 3, 2005
<b>End of 2nd Term/1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b> Thursday, January 13, 2005
<b>Parent Teacher Organization</b> Thursday, January 13, 2005 6:30 p.m. at CCC
<b>Teacher Workday</b> Friday, January 14, 2005
<b>Martin Luther King Holiday</b> Monday, January 17, 2005
<b>Mid-Term 3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b> Friday, February 18, 2005
<b>Presidents Day, No School</b> Monday, February 21, 2005
<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b> Friday, March 18, 2005
<b>Spring Break</b> March 21 – 25, 2005
<b>Begin 4<sup>th</sup> Term</b> Monday, April 28, 2005