

From the Administrator



William A. Scheffler

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxful summer and is anxious for the school year to begin. To all our new students and families, welcome to Construction Careers Center charter high school. On behalf of all the faculty and staff we welcome you, especially our class of 2008.

This issue will highlight our new staff, and I feel we have an excellent group of new teachers at CCC. Our goal this year is for every student to have his/her best school year yet. All of the staff at CCC will do everything we can to assist you in reaching that goal.

Construction Careers Center has much to offer each student. One of my favorite sayings about the environment we are seeking at CCC is a place where “students can learn and teachers can teach”. Please do your part to be prepared for class and behave in a manner that enhances the “climate”.

We continue to have students arrive late at school. Class begins at 7:30 a.m. and students are expected to be here on time. Students who are consistently late will be serving detention and/or S.A.C. Please make sure you are here on time.

I am very happy to be here! I look forward to meeting our students, families and pledge to do everything that I can to make this year a good one!

Summer Internships

We had several of our seniors receive internships last summer. Here are some comments from a couple of them.

When the students were asked to explain what they did during their internship period, Ashley Wells responded, “During the time that we were here we went out with different engineers to see how things worked, and to see the good and bad side of everything, from safety to quality control, to accounting to contractual documents.” Glenn Howson said, “I learned about how safety is important. I got a chance to talk to everybody about their job on this project. I was able to see the making of the roadway. I’ve seen the houses getting destroyed.”

We asked the students to explain what they learned during the internship. “I learned how to be responsible, how to keep up with all the documents, stay organized and committed to the job, and don’t try to take the easy way out,” said Ashley. Glenn said, “I learned what a civil project is and who were all on it. I learned what things they had to do before working, like finding the depth of the ground and seeing if there is any old piping underground that needs to be removed. I enjoyed seeing everything getting put together. I really was interested in the mine tunnel (storm system) how they are putting pipe underground and making the hole underground.”



Pictured are the participants of the 2003-2004 ACE Mentor Program of St. Louis Missouri. From left to right in the back row: Mentors Mike Minges, Kyle Wagner, Rick Grebel, Abe Adewale, Michael DeVlieger, Vic Dreier, Sally Bartnett and Dr. Narayan Bodapati and Students in the front Row: Craig Higgins, Glenn Howson, Kendrec England, Lazaro Silva, Ashley Wells and Brad Prater.

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What I enjoyed about this internship was the experience, and the good environment and good attitude that everyone kept whether it was a good or bad day for anyone. What I also enjoyed was learning something new every time we met with someone new," said Ashley.

To improve the intern program, "I would keep the students busy, and have them on all types of hands-on projects and take them on many field experiences," said Ashley. Glenn stated, the internships, "...were fine to me. Everything to me was beneficial for me especially since I'm interested in construction."

Glenn further explains the internship, "My first week on the project, Ashley and I had to go through a safety class. We also got a chance to do check-ups on seeing if the work site is safe to work on. I got to meet everybody on the team and found out what each person does. They told us this a joint venture, which is a group of construction companies who join together temporarily until the project is over."

"In the first week of the program, I learned what the contractors and engineers are responsible for and what their jobs are," said Ashley. She continued, "I met office staff who showed me how everything works in the field and to file Daily Reports and other documents that go into the log. We were informed on this project that this project would cost about \$70,000,000 to about \$1,000,000,000 that had to be put in to build this runway. I was also informed that the first tunnel in the history of St. Louis is also being built out Lindbergh close to Missouri Bottom Road. We rode around and got to see some of the construction that was being built and some that was being destroyed. I have learned about accounting in construction, document control and lien waivers."



Glenn Howson giving his presentation at the 2003-2004 ACE Mentor Program Completion Ceremonies held at Alberici's offices in St. Louis.

WorkKeys and MAP Testing

Each year our students take some tests at Construction Careers Center, which chart not only their individual growth but also our growth as a school. We would appreciate you as parents doing everything you can to make your student take these tests seriously.

The WorkKeys test will be given during the week of October 18-22, 2004. They will take a math test, reading test, and locating information test. These are the exact tests students will take for entrance into an apprenticeship program. We have them take these tests in the fall and spring of the school year and chart their progress.

The MAP test is given each spring to all students in the state of Missouri. The sophomores take a Math test and the Juniors take a Communications/ Arts (English) test. Mr. Wilson, CCC Counselor, has the results if any Junior or Senior parent would like to know how their student did last spring.

It is critical your student be at school during these testing periods, be here on time and it is important he/she do their very best on the test. Thank you very much for your help with these tests!

New Assistant Administrator

Mrs. Gina Washington, one of the original staff members at the *Construction Careers Center*, has been named Assistant Administrator of the school beginning the 2004-2005 academic year. Mrs. Washington, a social studies and history teacher at the school since its inception in 2001, assumed the newly created position on August 1, 2004.

Mrs. Washington completed her undergraduate degree at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1995 and received her masters degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1999. Her teaching experience includes the Jefferson City School District, Gateway Christian High School, and as an adjunct faculty member at Harris Stowe State College. The first person to hold this newly created office, Mrs. Washington is eager to focus her energies on helping students fulfill their goals.

"I have been at this school from the very beginning and I will see our first class graduate at the end of this school year," said Washington. "The *Construction Careers Center* has provided these students a once in a lifetime opportunity to be successful in whatever path they choose." She added, "At the beginning, this school was an experiment and now it has proven to be a benefit to education and the construction industry".

New CCC Staff

Bill Scheffler Administrator

Bill Scheffler has his BA in Mathematics Education from Culver Stockton College, his MA in Educational Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and was in the PHD program at SIU at Carbondale. He completed his coursework and preliminary exams but did not do the dissertation.

He has been a high school administrator for the last 27 years in Illinois and Minnesota. All of the schools were large schools between 1400 and 2300 students. He is extremely happy to be part of the CCC team. He thinks this school has a lot to offer and it is a win-win situation for both the AGC of St. Louis and the students who attend.

His philosophy is that it is his role to create an atmosphere where ‘teachers can teach’ and ‘students can learn.’ He will do everything he can to promote the message of the CCC and feels if we can get some graduates into the community, this place will continue to grow.

Elizabeth Crumrin American Government Freshman Class

I am thrilled to be a member of the CCC team. "In my past 6 years of teaching I have never seen an entire staff work so hard for their students. This is an incredible team effort that I am proud to be a part of.

Ms. Crumrin has taught Social Studies in St. Louis Public Schools for the last 6 years. She received her degree in Political Science and her teaching certification at UMSL. She plans on being an active part of the school community.

Ms. Crumrin has a 13-year-old daughter and likes to travel, argue politics (outside of school) and garden.

Eleanor Frost Health/First Aid Freshman Class

Eleanor L. Frost holds a BS in Health and Physical Education. Her teaching experiences include a total of 20 year in the St. Louis Public School System. She has taught at Gateway Middle Magnet School, Turner Middle, Simmons Middle, Fanning and Long Middle Schools and Soldan High School, her Alma Mater.

On the University level, Mrs. Frost worked as a Counselor at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma for two years. She has 10 years experience as a Human Rights Officer/Conciliator for the State of Missouri.

“My philosophy is to meet the academic need of every child in my class by including, never excluding a child,” she says.

Mrs. Frost is married and has two children. She loves to read, raise tropical fish and travel.

Sybil Morgan Trigonometry, Algebra II & Geometry

This is Mrs. Morgan's first year teaching at Construction Careers Center and she is very excited to be a part of such an excellent team. She has sophomore, junior, and senior students in Algebra II, Geometry and Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus classes. Mrs. Morgan, a native St. Louisan, received her education from the University of Nebraska- Omaha after serving in the US Air Force for six and a half years. After she and her husband had their first child last year they decided to move back here to be closer to family.

With the demands of teaching and having a family Mrs. Morgan does not have a lot of free time, but when she does she likes to read, crochet, and cook.

Tom Price Chemistry & Construction

Mr. Price began his construction career as a builder in the U.S. Navy Seabees. He completed several projects for the Navy and Marine Corps all over the globe. After graduation he worked as a research assistant at St. Louis University on the HIV vaccine project. While at SLU he volunteered as a houseleader for a university sponsored Habitat for Humanity

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Students during class time in a typical classroom at Construction Careers Center.

Parent Teacher Organization

The Construction Careers Center PTO meets Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Construction Careers Center. We hope you will come and join us. Please bring your ideas and suggestions to make CCC an even better school. Please mark your calendars for PTO meetings this school year. The dates are:

October 14, 2004
November 11, 2004
December 9, 2004

January 13, 2005
February 10, 2005
March 10, 2005

April 14, 2005
May 12, 2005
June 9, 2005

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project. The following year, he joined the staff of Habitat for Humanity as a site coordinator. During his tenure at Habitat for Humanity he built over 30 houses.

He teaches both 9th and 11th grade construction and one section of chemistry at CCC.

Jed Shields

Biology

Jed Shields came to St. Louis to study at Washington University as an undergraduate. After completing his degree with majors in Biology and Spanish he decided to follow in the footsteps of his mother, a career educator, and begin working on his teaching certificate. While doing so, he taught middle school science at Pruitt Military Academy in the St. Louis Public Schools. After becoming certified in high school biology and also middle school teaching and learning, he continued his employment with the city schools.

This year, Jed has made the "leap" across town and to high school where he can focus his teaching on more biological and environmental processes.

Jed is a Colorado native and enjoys hiking and camping in Missouri's beautiful outdoors. Stop by his room and say "hi", he is looking forward to meeting all his students parents.



Students on a recent field trip sponsored by Alberici Building Companies.

Night School

Students can register for night classes with Mr. Wilson, Counselor at CCC. Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday nights at Roosevelt High School. Mr. Wilson is available after school from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. for this purpose.

Please register as soon as possible. Deadline for registration is September 30, 2004.

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.

Upcoming Dates at CCC

Midterm (1st Term)
Friday, September 24, 2004

Multicultural Day
Tuesday, October 19, 2004

End of 1st Term
Thursday, October 28, 2004

Parent Teacher Conference
Friday, October 29, 2004
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Homecoming Dance
Saturday, November 13, 2004
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
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