



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Bobcat Families:

The first day of school seems like just yesterday, yet here we are at the end of the fourth term! April, May and June include a series of wonderful events: prom, with the students in their finest, senior breakfast, interview day, Humane Society dog house project, senior luncheon and our fifth term.

Roland Williams from the Rams spoke to our sophomores about the importance of being successful in school. This wonderful assembly was followed by a book talk from the nationally known author, Juan Williams of the Fox News Network. Juan Williams discussed his recent best seller, Enough! Each student who participated received an autographed copy of the book.

Congratulations to Juan McAfee and Mike Meehan for their work preparing our students for Juan Williams' event. Important events in June include the awards ceremony and graduation. Our annual awards ceremony has been moved to the afternoon and will be held on June 21st beginning at 2:15 p.m. Graduation will kick off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th at Harris Stowe University.

Enjoy these last weeks of school. Revel in the accomplishments of your student(s) and their friends, appreciate their deeds, cheer on their efforts, and take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved, performed and realized this past year.

With Bobcat Pride,
Michael P. Musick Ed. D.

CCC WELCOMES ITS NEWEST PRINCIPAL



GINA WASHINGTON will become the newest Principal for the Construction Careers Charter High School beginning the 2007-2008 year school. Gina Washington, one of the school's original staff members, currently holds the position of Vice Principal at Construction Careers Center Charter High School. As Vice Principal, she is responsible for all student activities, managing teachers and assisting in the day-to-day operations of the school. Mrs. Washington started her tenure at CCC as a social studies teacher when the school was formed in 2001.

Mrs. Washington, a native Missourian, received her undergraduate degree from Lincoln University at Jefferson City. She earned her masters degree from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Her teaching experiences include the Jefferson City and the Gateway Christian High School systems as well as Harris-Stowe State University, where she served as an adjunct faculty member. Mrs. Washington has a passion for working with young people. She is on the board of directors of the UMC Parkview Corporation as well as the board of directors of Gateway Mission and Growth, and she is an active member of North Park United Methodist Church.

"As I begin this chapter in my career, I am excited and thankful for the wonderful opportunity that lies ahead. Having served as an instructor and administrator here at CCC, I have learned much about what it truly means to serve children, and I strive to continue Construction Careers' mission to help bolster quality and availability of skilled tradespeople for the St. Louis Construction industry."

Dr. Musick, Construction Careers Center Charter High School's current principal, proclaims, "Mrs. Washington has a long history at CCC, and her work as the Assistant Principal has been outstanding. Because of her tenure and leadership skills, she is an excellent choice to lead CCC."

Construction Careers Center is the first charter high school of its kind. It provides students a four-year, fully accredited high school-level curriculum.

ROLAND WILLIAMS VISITS CCC



Roland Williams, St. Louis Rams Tight End, visited with 10th grade students at the Construction Careers Center on Monday, May 7th during Seminar Period. Mr. Williams encouraged students to set goals and provided copies of the Youth Lifeline Foundations “*Ready Set, Go! A Personal Guide to Goal Achievement*”. By setting, prioritizing and visualizing goals, students are more likely to imagine, realize and achieve their personal goals. Mr. Williams stresses overcoming obstacles and creating an action plan will bring students closer to their goals. Training their minds to keep focused helps develop the ability to deal effectively with adversity in life by thinking, feeling and acting in a constructive self-helping manner.

Mr. Williams summed it up by stating “People often waste too much time thinking about variables they cannot control. When trying to pursue your goals, you greatly increase your chances to be successful when you focus on what you can control!” It all comes down to setting your goals, preparing for difficulties, viewing difficulties as challenges and using the opportunity they provide to enhance your life.

Mr. Williams is concerned that every 4 minutes in America, a youth is arrested for an alcohol or drug related crime; more young people have filed for bankruptcy than have graduated from college; only 2% of American youth meet FDA food pyramid recommendations, and in the next twenty-four hours 15,000+ teens will use or sell drugs for the first time. Therefore, he agreed to provide Construction Careers Center students with 15 paid scholarships to attend Football and Life Skills Camp conducted at Harris Stowe State University during July this summer. Interested students should contact Dr. Musick for applications.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS CCC Site-Based Program

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Site-based Program at Construction Careers Center has continued to grow this year. Vivian Gibson, our former site manager and now site-based recruiter, has been very busy recruiting Bigs from the construction industry. The 2006-2007 school year started with about 15 matches and now there are over 25 matches with 10 to 15 more almost ready to match.

The monthly meetings at CCC this year have started with each of the matches presenting a topic of interest. Topics have included how to prepare a budget, different types of colleges and post secondary training, how to make stained glass, how to decide on a career and time management. The Bigs and Littles worked on their presentations outside of school including research, discussions, and deciding on how to present the information.

Another project that the Bigs and Littles have worked on is a volunteer project. There are 4 subgroups working on several different volunteering options. One group has worked at Kingdom House on several Saturdays helping with building maintenance and landscaping. Another group is helping with a house remodeling project in St. Charles. This has been a great lesson in team work and leadership.

June 12th will be the final meeting for this school year. Bigs and Littles will be given a chance to evaluate the program and decide what needs to be changed for next year. Plans will also be made for the Bigs and Littles to get together during July and August.

Please contact Mrs. Remaklus if you have any questions about joining the BBBS program either as a Big or a Little. She can be reached at 314-588-9991 during the school day. If you want to volunteer as a Big, please contact Vivian Gibson at 314-361-5900.



JUAN WILLIAMS



On May 10, 2007, Juan Williams, one of America's leading journalists and author of *Enough*, paid a visit to the Construction Careers Center Charter High School. The knowledgeable and charismatic Williams shared his insight and depth on the issues that affect CCC's students and their lives. In his 2006 book, *Enough*, Juan Williams makes the case that while there is still racism in America, it is way past time for black Americans to open their eyes to the "culture of failure" that exists within their community.

He rallied his audience to determine their own destiny and to address the problems they face and succeed in spite of all life's challenges.

Although his oration was short, his message was heard loud and clear. Even though Mr. Williams was facing a tight schedule, he showed an overwhelming appreciation for his audience. He graciously signed every student's copy of his book *Enough* and also posed for a picture with every single student.



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Enrichment Program is the first of its kind here at the Construction Careers Center Charter High School. It is an after school program where the students stay three days a week for an hour. They are assigned to one teacher, who maintains direct contact with the student's family. During this time, the students work one-on-one or in small groups on assignments or enrichment activities. All participants are tracked on their academic progress while in the program. If you are interested in placing your student(s) in the Enrichment Program, please contact Ms. Snelson at 314-588-9991 ext. 106

I-64 HIGHWAY PROJECT

The Pride Pre-Apprenticeship Training (PPAT) which consists of Construction Careers Center and Operation Excel is designed to offer skills for heavy highway work on the I-64 Project. CCC participants attend the following high schools as seniors and/or graduates of Construction Careers Center, Clyde C. Miller Career Academy, Emerson Academy, and South County Technical High School. The curriculum was designed by five basic trades: Carpenters, Cement Masons, Ironworkers, Laborers & Operating Engineers. Participants receive Job Readiness, Academics and Industry Skill Sets and Safety Requirements.

ACE MENTORING

The ACE Mentoring program is in the final stages for the 2006-2007 program year. It has been an exciting eight months of fieldtrips, designing dog houses, visiting colleges and learning about different construction trades. Surprisingly two new members joined late in the program and said they will certainly sign up early next year.

We are looking forward to making our final presentation to family, friends and mentors Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

THE "GINGERBREAD" DOGHOUSE PROJECT

The Missouri Humane Society and the Construction Careers Center have a partnership to assist the Humane Society Animal Rescue by building dog houses. The first of ten dog houses have been constructed and the students are working to complete additional houses. Materials and funds for this project have been provided by AGC members.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to give back to the community by helping with this worthy project. Our students have demonstrated some great leadership and team work.

CCC BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK SEASON

Terral Henderson took 1st place in the 400 Meter Dash when he crossed the finish line in 52 seconds flat at the Berkeley Track Meet.

Johnathan Edwards took 2nd place when he posted 53.5 seconds in the 400 Meter Dash at the Trinity Catholic School Relay.

The boys 400 by 100 relay team finished in 3rd place at the Berkeley Track and Field Relays. The team consisted of Stephon Sommerville, Evan Smith, Leron Fields and Shawn Like.

Gabrielle Fields competed in the Berkeley and Hazelwood Central Games and placed 4th in the 200 Meter Dash and 5th in shot-put. She also placed 4th in the shot-put at the Cardinal Ritter Track Meet.

Dwight Smith threw 34 feet 9 inches in the shot-put at the district finals in Louisiana, Missouri. His performance earned him 6th place overall. According to Coach Harris, "Dwight is highly motivated and although Track and Field is over for the year he still comes out and practices three days a week on his own. Next year he will try the discus in addition to shot-put."

CCC INTERVIEW DAY

Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18, 2007 CCC hosted its third annual "Interview Day" in the school cafeteria. The 2007 seniors and graduates from '05 and '06 classes participated in these two days of practicing good eye contacts, firm handshakes and excellent communication. The following companies participated in the two day event: Tarlton, AmerenUE, MSD, BSI, Gerstner Electric, Gateway Constructors, VA Hospital, Gilbane/Tarlton, Carpenters, Bricklayers and Painters Apprenticeship Programs, St. Louis Job Corps, Castle Contracting, SM Wilson, McCarthy, West End Mt. Carmel Community Outreach and IBEW Local 1.

Five seniors were invited to take the assessment moving to the next level of employment, three seniors are top candidates, one was offered employment on the I-64 Project as a carpenter and other offers are expected.

Again, CCC seniors have proven that hard work and commitment to studying has its rewards. Congratulations to all the students for their participation!



CALENDAR UPDATE

Calendar 2006-07 Construction Careers Center Charter High School - **SNOW DAYS ADDED**

May 2007						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1-B	2-A	3-B	4-A	5
6	7-B	8-A	9-B	10-A	11-B	12
13	14-A	15-B	16-A	17-B	18-A	19
20	21-B	22-A	23-B	24-A	25-B	26
27	H	29-A	30-B	31ET-A		

June 2007						
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3	4-A	5-B	6-A	7-B	8-A	9
10	11-B	12-A	13-B	14-A	15-B	16
17	18-A	19-B	20-A	21-B	22-A	23
24	25-B	26-A	27-B	28-A	29-B	30

July 2007						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Make up Snow Days - May 31 and July 5. There will be school on these days.