

2010 Graduation

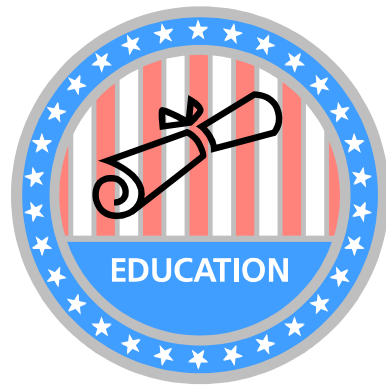
By G. Washington

The commencement exercise for the class of 2010 will be Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Harris Stowe State University's Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building Main Auditorium. Over fifty students are preparing for graduation this year. City of St. Louis Comptroller Darlene Green is the scheduled speaker. Ms. Green serves as the chief fiscal officer of the City of St. Louis and is a member of the executive branch of City government and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The valedictorian and salutatorian will also speak at graduation.



School Improvement Grant

By A. Butler



Earlier this year, the United States Department of Education announced that schools across the country would be eligible for Federal School Improvement Grants depending on their record of student achievement and commitment to developing a clear model for continuous improvement. Currently, Construction Careers Center is working with teams from the Hook Center at the University of Missouri and the Missouri Center for Career Education at the University of Central Missouri to conduct a needs analysis in order to develop a School Improvement Plan that meets the required federal guidelines for funding. The CCC Board of Education and staff are excited about the potential opportunities for future program growth and improvement that this grant could bring. If the school improvement grant is awarded to CCC, it would lead to substantive upgrades to several core programs and position the school to be a leading educational innovator in the state and beyond.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Gina Washington

Excellence Everyday for Every Student!

Wow, the school year is nearing an end and it seems as if the school year just began! We just completed EOCs (End of Course Exams) and I am confident that we will see improvement with the state mandated tests. Our students worked really hard and took the exams seriously. Students and parents will be notified of the scores when scoring is completed.

I am excited for fifth term to begin, and want to welcome new families to CCC. The mandatory fifth term will begin on June 14, 2010 and conclude on July 15, 2010. Student attendance is very important. We need students here every day and we need them to be on time. I look forward to a great fifth term and ending this school year on a positive note. The 2010-2011 school year will begin on August 16, 2010.

With Bobcat Pride,

Mrs. Washington

New Board of Education Members

By T. Eivins

We are delighted to welcome three new board members to the CCC Board of Education. Mrs. Genita Fields, Auditor, Denials Prevention Recovery Team with SSM Healthcare Network, will serve as the parent representative. Mr. Zachary Hamilton, Vice President, KWAME Building Group, Inc., has joined the board as a contractor representative and Dr. John Gaal, Director of Training and Workforce Development for the Carpenters District Council, will be the labor representative for the board.



Many thanks go out to the retiring board members. Terry Nelson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Carpenters District Council, has served on the board since the school's inception and has actively supported the program. Mr. Gerard Hutchinson, Business Development with Interface Construction Corporation, has served the board as a contractor representative since January, 2005. Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Dean Academic Support Services and Continuing Education with Saint Louis Community College at Forest Park, has been the parent representative since the school's inception and she will continue to serve the school until December, 2010.

We are grateful for the many hours the board members volunteer their services to make the Construction Careers Center work. If you have the opportunity, please thank them for serving!

2010 Prom

By L. Henderson



Prom Queen Maya Evans and King Lavon Mason

The Construction Careers Center's Junior-Senior Prom was held from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the YMCA's Phyllis Wheatley Heritage Center located at 2711 Locust Street in Midtown. The "Moonlight Memories" theme was decorated with lots of silver and navy blue stars and moons. Female students showed up in formal attire with colorful and jeweled dresses, high heels and exquisite hairstyles, while male students sported tuxedos, hats and fresh hair cuts. Pictures were taken by Horizon Photography and DJ Tekneek of Spin City DJ Service provided the music. The event was planned, organized and catered by the Senior Sponsor, LaDonna Henderson and Co-Sponsors, Britney Henderson and Juan McAfee. Maya Evans was crowned Prom Queen and Lavon Mason was crowned Prom King. King and Queen runners up were Deecheaa Cleveland and DeAndre Jenkins-Harris. Prom Prince and Princess were Teneisha Moore and Eric Farrar.

Careers in Construction Fair

By G. Wilson

Students had an opportunity to work in the shop, participate in teacher driven educational activities and operate machinery despite the dismal rain-filled day. We received informational cards from over 160 students; the next step is to provide feedback to these students and reach out to their parents. Students from the following schools were in attendance: L'Ouverture, Stevens, Gateway, Long and Fanning. Everyone did a great job making this a successful recruitment event.

A special thanks to the following companies who participated in the Careers in Construction Fair: Ranken Tech, AmerenUE, Women in Construction, MoDOT, Castle Contracting, CK Power, Cement Mason Joint Apprenticeship Program, Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program, and Brandt Construction.

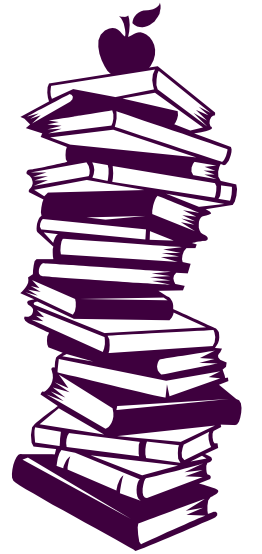


L-R: Eighth grade student from L'Ouverture and Vice Principal Aaron Butler

2010 Student Enrollment

By G. Washington

CCC is currently accepting new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Current CCC students are asked to recruit family members, friends, church members, and neighbors for the upcoming school year. Orientations for new students are held on the first and third Thursday of every month. New students may fill out an online application at www.constructioncareerscenter.org or by coming to the school and applying in person. For more information about applying to CCC, interested applicants may contact Mr. Wilson, Vice Principal of Student Services, at 314-588-9991 ext. 102. The best recruitment tool is word of mouth, so we appreciate in advance your future student referrals to Construction Careers Center Charter High School "The Home of the Best Career and Technical Education in St. Louis!"



Perfect Attendance

By G. Crimm



L-R: Gwen Crimm, Placement Coordinator, Paul Shaughnessy, Board of Education Chair, Jharon Stanford, Gina Washington, Principal

Congratulations to Jharon Stanford for perfect attendance during his four years at Construction Careers Center Charter High School. His diligence and commitment to school is exceptional. To put this accomplishment into perspective, the four years he attended high school is equivalent to eight hundred days or three hundred thousand-eight hundred minutes or twenty-two million eight hundred forty-eight thousand seconds.

Nice job Jharon!