

ACCE Award

By T. Eivins

The Construction Careers Center was awarded the Founder's Award by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). The Founder's Award was created in 2006 to recognize individuals, companies, or organizations that, through their efforts over the past calendar year, have had a profound effect on construction education.

The Founder's Award was presented July 23, 2009 during the ACCE's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Accepting the award on behalf of the CCC was Brandon Dyer, a 2009 graduate. "Traveling to Ohio to accept this award was a tremendous opportunity for me. It allowed me to personally experience speaking before a large audience for the first time. But more important for the CCC, it gave me the chance to talk about my unique high school experience with people from all across the nation," Dyer stated after returning home with the award.



L-R: Bob Segner, 2009 ACCE Chairman, Dianne Slattery, Ph.D., P.E. SIU Edwardsville, School of Engineering, Department Of Construction, 2009 CCC Graduate Brandon Dyer and AGC of St. Louis President Leonard Toenjes with the Founder's Award.

Summer Intern Program

By G. Crimm



Terrell Henderson on the job site.

CCC served as a partner with the St. Louis Agency on Training Office of Youth Services which provided funding for summer employment opportunities for youth 14-24 years old. Over 60 current students and graduates were provided summer employment opportunities throughout the city and county with AGC of St. Louis membership and Carpenters District Council.

The 14 and 15 year old CCC students participated in the Earn and Learn program at which they gained job readiness skills and made two college tours. Our 16-24 year olds worked in the Internship Program obtaining work experience in architectural firms, governmental agencies, at construction project sites and also gaining entrepreneurial skills. Interns assisted with making architectural design presentations, designing highways utilizing AutoCAD skills, clerical duties and basic carpentry skills. This outstanding opportunity provided a much needed benefit for CCC's participants and we look forward to more opportunities next year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Gina Washington

Excellence Everyday for Every Student! The beginning of the school year started off GREAT! Everyday at Construction Careers Center is a unique opportunity to prepare students for the construction industry and/or higher education.

Attendance is essential to the academic success of each student at CCC. We need your support to ensure that your student is present and on time to school on a daily basis. Students who are consistently present and on time to school academically outperform students who are not.

CCC continues to offer Title I before-school academic assistance at 7:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and the after-school Title I program from 2:20-3:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. These programs offer an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra academic assistance in the core academic subject areas. Please contact Ms. Snelson, 314-588-9991 ext. 106 to enroll your student in the Title I program.

As the school year moves on please feel free to contact me for any questions you may have at 314-588-9991 ext. 101. *Thanks for your continued support of Construction Careers Center Charter High School "The Home of the Best Career and Technical Education in St. Louis!"*

With Bobcat Pride,
Mrs. Washington

Strategic Plan

By T. Eivins

Thanks to students, parents, staff, administration and construction industry members, the Construction Careers Center has developed a three-year strategic plan. The plan, adopted by the Board of Education, outlines three major goals:

- 1) To achieve full enrollment of active, engaged learners;
- 2) To develop and support high performing students;
- 3) To develop and support high performing teachers.

The plan is a blueprint for the school with specific intentional objectives. There will be opportunities for everyone to be a part of improving our school and making it the best Career and Technical Education Program in St. Louis. Your help is needed.

Please contact Mrs. Washington to receive a copy of the plan and learn how we can work together to make our school a great learning opportunity and a culture of high achieving students that are prepared to meet the high expectations of construction industry and post secondary education.



Men On Business

By K. Carter

This year the CCC partnered with the Men On Business Chapter of Greater St. Louis. Men On Business is an organization dedicated to helping young men in urban areas gain exposure to various careers, opportunities and scholarships, as well as teach etiquette, meeting protocol and overall social norms. The program is under cooperative extension with the 100 Black Men Chapter of St. Louis. The group meets twice a week and attends various seminars and presentations. The first event was the 100 Black Men Gala at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront October 10, 2009. Earnest Bradley, executive director of Men On Business, from Lincoln University Cooperative Extension was the speaker. Ten CCC students participated in the awesome event that dedicates its fundraising efforts to mentoring future businessmen in St. Louis and across the nation. The students will be attending the MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences) Conference in November at SIU-Carbondale.



L-R: Lavon Williams, DeAndre Turner, DeMarco Haynes, Darnae Chapman, Kelvin Carter, Treyveon Thorpe, Chris Blackmon, Antoine Miller, Eric Redden

Pulitzer Foundation

By D. Ruben

Two representatives from the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts are working with CCC on a project related to the show they have opening called "Urban Alchemy/Gordon Matta-Clark". Matta-Clark was an artist whose training was in architecture. He used buildings slated for demolition and turned them into artwork by carving out sections to reveal their hidden construction. In the early 1970's, in response to the homelessness in New York City, he used trash found on streets to construct walls under the Brooklyn Bridge. About 45 students from one art class and one construction class are working together to design and construct a "garbage wall" in the style of Matta-Clark. Once students decide how to build the wall and where it will be located, it will be permanently installed on campus. Two architects from the Lawrence Group have eagerly volunteered to assist students in finding the best solutions for supporting the structure for the wall.

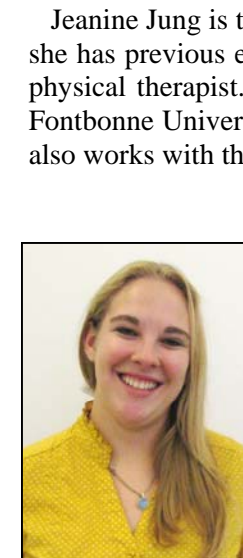


L-R: Terena Russell, Herbert Tate, Francesca Consagra-Herndon, Montel Larkin, Devonte Harris, Jane Crawford (widow of Gordon Matta-Clark), Audry Sands, Anton Ballard, Jenny Murphy. Consagra-Herndon, Sands and Murphy are with the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.

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New Teachers

By G. Washington



Melanie Madden

Melanie Madden teaches Pre-Algebra and is excited about her first year teaching. Ms. Madden attended college at St. Louis University and received a degree in Secondary Education in Mathematics. Ms. Madden also has experience working with urban youth in Chicago, IL through a camping program for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Madden works with the Title I after-school program.



Jeanine Jung

Jeanine Jung is the new special education teacher at CCC. This is her 9th year teaching and she has previous experience working at a charter school. Prior to teaching, Ms. Jung was a physical therapist. Ms. Jung has her Masters in Arts in Education and attended college at Fontbonne University and Webster University. Ms. Jung serves on the CCC Care Team and also works with the Title I after-school program.

Sports

By K. Carter



L-R: Andreus Bowman and Coach Linder

This is the first year the CCC participated in **Boy's Soccer**. This year's team is coached by Tyler Linder. Coach Linder has done a phenomenal job with the young men. CCC's historical first goal was scored by Andreus Bowan, a sophomore. The team has continued to improve each week as they have competed against Maplewood, Ritenour, Brentwood, and Yeshiva.

Basketball tryouts for boys will be held Monday, November 9 and the girls' tryouts are November 11, 2009. All students wishing to try out must have a physical on file no later than Friday, November 6, 2009. Students may obtain a free physical at Peoples Health Clinic located at Goodfellow and Delmar.

The CCC **Cheerleaders** are in full swing. This year's team Coach is Mrs. Henneboehle. The cheerleading squad made their first appearance of the year at the Gateway Classic Foundation Parade. The team is a great representation of the CCC team spirit.



L-R: Larriesha Hill, Andrea Turner, Kyra Walker, Maleka Scott, Bobcat Mascot Charles Banks, Jerrica Wafford, Dineisha Sparks, Chrystal Edwards and Maya Evans.