

Interview Day

By G. Crimm



Fred Kern with McCarthy Building Companies and senior Jerome Sims.

The Construction Careers Center 2009 Interview Days were held on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22, 2009 in the school's cafeteria. This annual event is the highlight of the Construction Gateway Pathways for our seniors. More than 20 seniors participated in this critical step toward the world of work. The excitement was high as the seniors moved through the room speaking with representatives from the various companies that participated. The students were prepared and made a good first impression.

Many thanks to our participating firms: AmerenUE, Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program, Castle Contracting, EFK Moen, Gateway Constructors, McCarthy Building Companies, St. Louis Construction Intake and St. Louis Job Corps. We look forward to this event in May 2010.

Prom

By K. Tolman

Prom was held on May 9, 2009 at the Magic Chef Mansion on Russell. The venue was beautiful; there were antiques in every room. The students were dazzling with glitz, glam and "dressed to the nines". The food was provided by Finnigers Catering Service and there was enough to feed an army. The tunes were provided by DJ Shock and the mansion was rockin'! The junior prince and princess were Lavon Mason and Kanasha Clifton. The prom queen was Serenity Breeland, and the prom king was Montez Tabron. Prom photos were taken by Horizon Photography. Everyone at the prom seemed to be enjoying themselves from students, chaperones, guests, and even a few parents. If the roar of the crowd is any indication, the prom was a smashing success.



L-R: Kala Blevins-Jackson, Olentha McCray, Olisha Saddler and Chloe Anderson.



L-R: Robert Gregory, Byron Dyer, Rodney Sheperd, Montez Tabron, Jamaal Williams, Corey Odom, Trent Williams.
Center: Dominique Adams.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Respect, Responsibility and Safety! Wow! It is hard to believe we are at the end of another GREAT school year! The past few months have been busy with many wonderful events: End of Course exams, Junior/Senior Prom, Senior Interview Day, First Annual Construction Showcase Day, and Senior Assessment Day.

Due to the impact of Metro changing some of their bus routes over the last few weeks, we will be implementing a new start time during our fifth term which begins June 8, 2009 and ends July 10, 2009. School will begin at 8:05 a.m. and dismiss at 2:30 p.m. daily. It is imperative that students are present and on time to school.

Important events in June include our Annual Awards Day Ceremony and Graduation. Our Annual Awards Day Ceremony will be June 30, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. The CCC Graduation will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25 at Harris Stowe State University.

Enjoy these last few 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 during this past year. I am very proud of our students' accomplishments over the year!

With Bobcat Pride,
Mrs. Washington



Gina Washington

Construction Showcase

By A. Butler

The Construction Careers Center hosted its First Annual Construction Showcase on April 25, 2009. This event was designed to serve as a fun day for current and prospective students and their families to visit the school,

see and learn about some of the different careers and equipment used in the construction industry, and even participate in a few hands-on activities with CCC staff members in the shop. Over 300 hotdogs and sno-cones were served along with countless smiles as the weather was warm and the sun was shining. The highlight of the day for several students included the opportunity to run the remote controlled arm of the concrete pumper donated by Concrete Strategies as it extended several stories into the air. The attendance and response to this inaugural event was so positive that plans are already in the works to improve and expand for next year.



Sahudin Mahmutovich operating equipment.

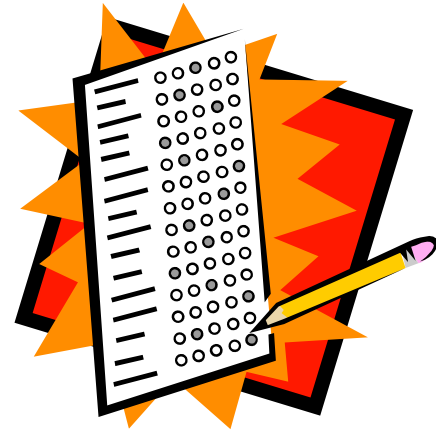


Concrete pumper donated by Concrete Strategies.

Student Achievement

By A. Butler

The end of the regular school year is quickly approaching and with it comes annual standardized testing for the students at Construction Careers Center Charter High School. This school year marks the beginning of a new chapter in state testing for Missouri as End of Course (EOC) exams will be given to all students in Algebra I, English II, and Biology. Changing the structure of state testing will allow schools to monitor student achievement in a more longitudinal manner and make data driven decisions that will lead to substantive program modifications for the upcoming school year. The students and staff have been working very hard in preparation for this first year of EOC exams and are optimistic about the results which will be released later this summer.



First College Graduates

By G. Crimm



Erica Harwell-Baylark

Construction Careers Center Charter High School congratulates their first college graduates Erica Harwell-Baylark class of 2007 and Craig Higgins class of 2006.

Two Construction Careers Center graduates have completed requirements for their associate's degrees. Erica Harwell-Baylark, Class of 2007, graduated from St. Louis Community College Forest Park campus on May 17, 2009 completing her general transfer studies. Erica plans to pursue a law degree at St. Louis University. Craig Higgins, Class of 2006, will graduate from ITT, Thursday, June 4, 2009 with an associate's degree in multi-media. Craig will return to ITT this fall to pursue his bachelor's degree.

Congratulations Erica Harwell-Baylark and Craig Higgins!

Bobcat Baseball

By R. Kamp



Left section, top-bottom: Fernandos Batchelor, Jermaine Frost, Cameron Hicks, Nolan Rimson, Tevin Bassett, Montez Raymond, Albert Bradford. Right section, left-right, top: Coach Kamp, Sahudin Mahmutovich, Jordan Hamm, Coach Avery. Bottom: Anton Ballard, Michael Avery, Tim Jones, Brandon McClendon.

This spring marked the inaugural season of the Construction Careers Center Bobcat Baseball team, and it certainly was an interesting season. Practice began in February with the basics and the boys quickly got a crash course in our nation's pastime. As the season wore on and the weather got warmer, the good times became better and better. The highlight of the season had to be the team's trip to the Cardinals-Mets game, which they watched from the AGC's suite after getting to see the Cardinals take batting practice on the field! The team would like to thank everyone at CCC for their support and hopes to see everyone out at the games next year!

Open House Event

By G. Washington

The Construction Careers Center Charter High School invites you to their annual open house event. We invite current and future parents and students to join us and discuss how CCC can help build a foundation for your child's future.

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Place: 1224 Grattan

For more information, contact Myeasha Drake at (314) 588-9991

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