

Spring 2024

# Poplarville Career Development Center



## A note from Keri Smith, CTE Director

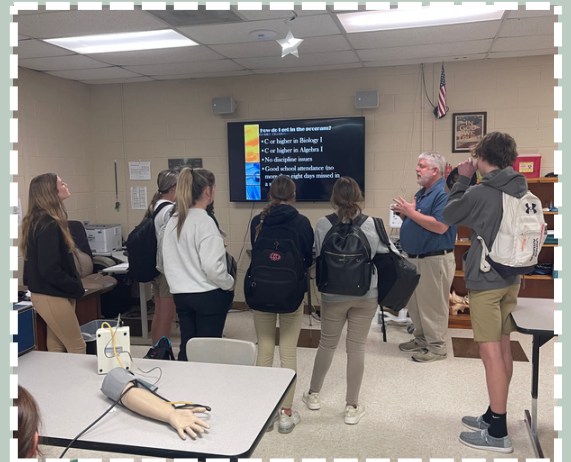
Welcome Spring! It is hard to believe that the 3rd nine-weeks term has come to an end. As I look back on the first semester, I am proud of all that the CDC students and staff have accomplished. Our students showed great success on the ACT WorkKeys this year with 70% of CTE students scoring silver or above. The CDC added a dual enrollment course, Smart Start, through Pearl River Community College. CTE student organizations are making strides with eight DECA students qualifying to compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California. Our students are truly opening doors for future success in career and technical education!

We wrapped up for our spring semester testing which included national certifications for Business, Marketing, and Finance and for Culinary Arts. Our students did amazing, earning record numbers of national certifications for the Career Development Center.

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for Mrs. Shelly Dement, CTE Counselor, who puts in long hours as our center's test coordinator to make sure that all CTE testing goes smoothly each year.

# 9th Grade Tours

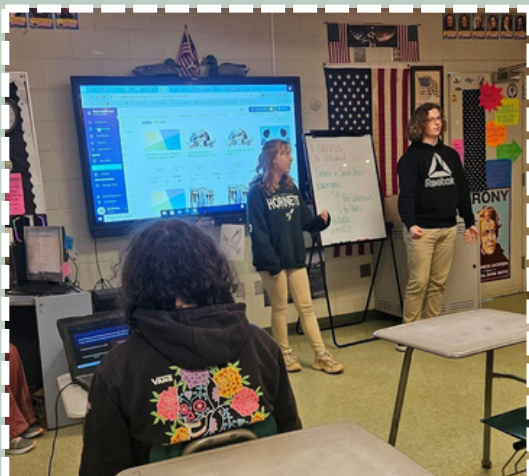
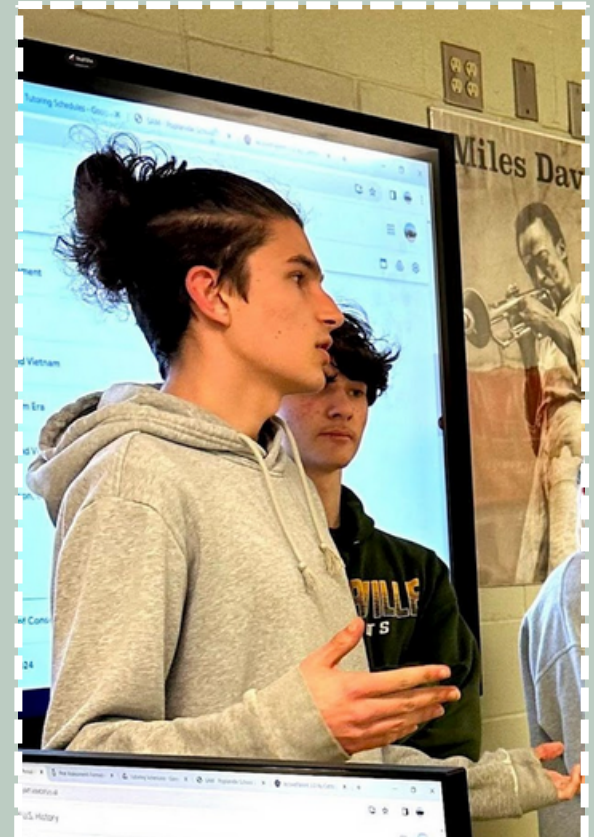
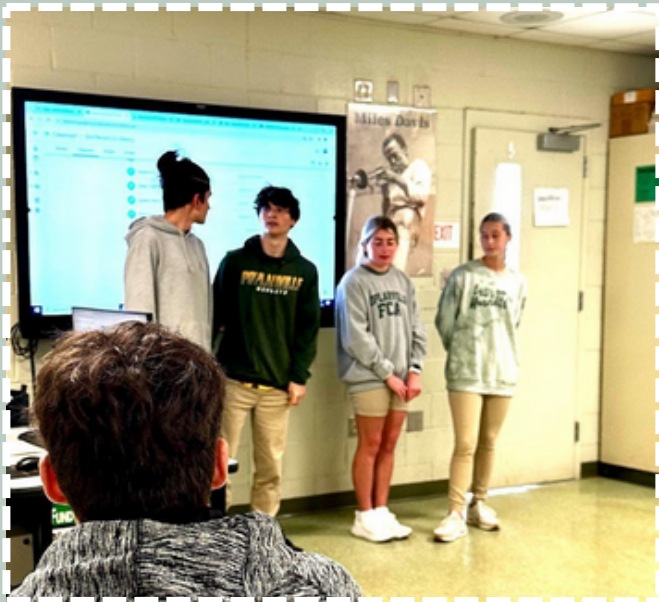
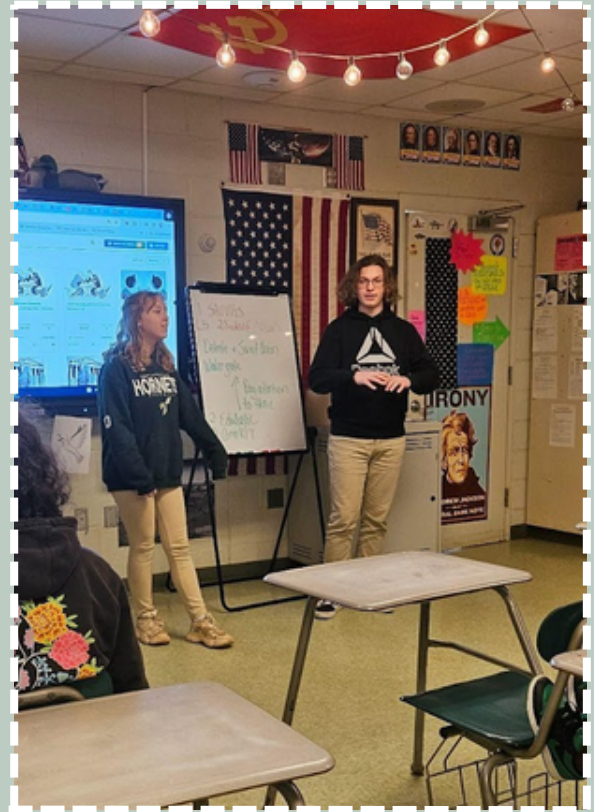
The 9th grade English classes toured the CDC building on February 15th. The students were given a VIP tour of the two programs they chose to learn more about. The students enjoyed the hands on nature of our programs as they toured through our labs. We want to thank the high school and the 9th grade English teachers for this successful collaboration. We appreciate it.





# Program Recruitment

Student Services and CTE students SELL their Programs- CTE students from all programs visited 10th grade US History classes before scheduling for next year. They presented highlights, projects, and activities in their programs to the classes.





# CTE Month Cookout

CTE Cookout at the CDC on Thursday, February 29, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd lunch in honor of CTE month





# Strategic Solutions Visits CDC

The CTE students worked on employability skills, interview skills, and resume writing when Strategic Systems came to them last Wednesday and Thursday. The company works with high school students to prepare them for job or higher education interviews in today's competitive market. The students learned how to make an impressive resumes and learned important soft skills to use in interviews and in their careers. They also practiced mock interviews. A representative from Pearl River Community College gave an overview of all of the technical programs they offer as well as the jobs that they lead into. A Mississippi Power representative discussed what is involved in becoming a lineman and the job opportunities that they have. An Ingalls Shipbuilding representative was also present and talked about the many careers and job opportunities that they have.



# ECS/Smart Start/Marketing

Juniors and seniors from Exploring Computer Science, Smart Start, and Marketing participated in the MSARNG College and Career Fair on February 5 which over 1500 students were able to visit with around 25 colleges/universities and industry professionals. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to explore what Mississippi and surrounding areas offer regarding education and industry.



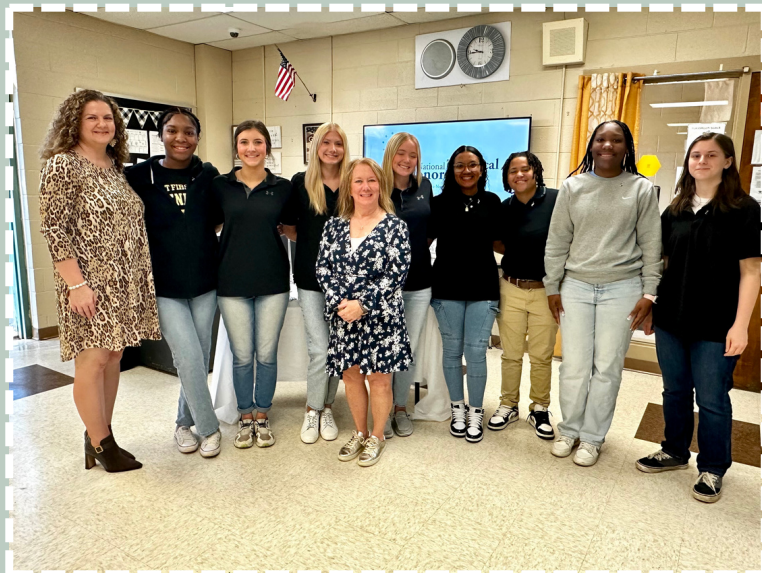
Students from Exploring Computer Science participated in a gallery walk. The students are currently learning coding using an HTML editor. Here, the students have designed their initial webpage layout and are participating in a gallery walk to give feedback on their layouts and designs.





# NTHS

The National Technical Honor Society held their induction ceremony. NTHS recognizes career and technical students for their tremendous effort and accomplishments shown in their chosen trade areas. Induction into NTHS is one of the highest accomplishments bestowed on career and technical students. Our 2024 members are Aleah Bester, Tameah Bester, Emma Brown, Chloe Guidry, Summer Hunt, Kelby Jones, Reece Mallory, Mattie Martin, and Asia Peters. Our officers are Treasurer- Summer Hunt, Secretary- Aleah Bester, Vice President- Tameah Bester, and President- Reece Mallory. Sponsors- Shelly Dement and Linda Patten. Congratulations!!





# Experience CTE!

CTE students went to MGCCC Gulfport campus for their Experience CTE for the 21st Century event. There was music, prizes, games, dancing, and Chick-fil-a!

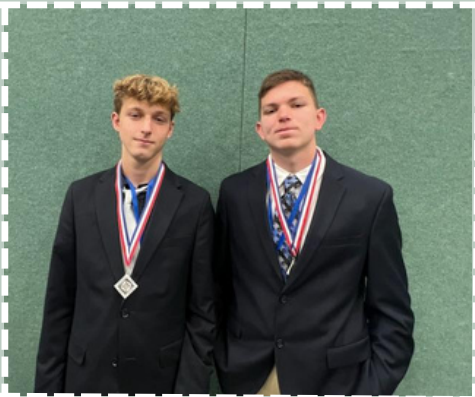
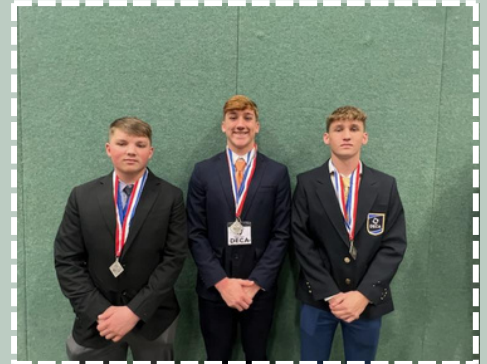




# DECA State

The Career Development Center marketing and digital media DECA students traveled to state conference in Vicksburg on February 27 to compete in various business, advertising, and community service events. All teams placed in their categories and came home winners.

- First place – Business growth project by Lily Phares and Shelby Bullock
- First place – Sales project by Kyle Ladner, Jake Stokes, and Nick White
- Third place – Community awareness project by Tyke Smith, Briar Smith, and Landon Reinike
- Third place – Startup business plan by Dillan Williams and Jaxon Cartwright
- Fourth place – Independent business plan by Jonas Meador and Sam Will





# Positive Behavior Reward

The CTE positive behavior student winner for the third nine weeks is Arianna Dudley. She is a first-year student in culinary arts. She has no demerits, no tardies, and has all As!! Congratulations, Arianna!





# Health Sciences

On February 16, Health Sciences II students assisted MSP with their staff health fair. The students performed blood pressure screenings for the MSP staff. They also enjoyed taking a walk back in time and reminiscing about their days at MSP and getting to visit with some of their favorite teachers who taught them there.





# HOSA Officers



Congratulations to the officers who were elected by their peers to lead their HOSA organization for the 2023-2024 school year! HOSA officers for this year are President-Reece Mallory, Vice-President-Ta'Meah Bester, Secretary-Aleah Bester, Treasurer-Avelina Spiers, Reporter-Gracie Amacker, and Reporter-Timothy Walker.





# Health Sciences Speaker

Doraine Woods, RN,  
Certified Diabetes Educator,  
visited Health Sciences  
students in December to talk  
about how to pursue a career  
as a Certified Diabetes  
Educator and also gave some  
great advice on how to eat  
healthy around the holidays.  
A big thanks to Ms. Woods  
for taking time to come talk  
with our Health Sciences  
students!





# LCSW Speaks to Health Sciences

Ashley Gray, LCSW, Poplarville School District Positive Behavior Specialist, visited Health Sciences II students to talk about the career of medical and clinical social work. Social workers are often an overlooked but very important part of the healthcare team. Ms. Gray shared many interesting stories of her experiences working in the medical field as a social worker. A big thanks to Ms. Gray for taking time to come talk with our health sciences students!





# DECA Fundraiser Top Seller

The top seller in the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser to help send DECA state winners to Anaheim is DMT's Greenleigh Reid! We want to say a big "THANK YOU!" to all of the people who shared our link and to everyone who purchased popcorn or donated funds to our student organization.



# FFA Strawberries

## The Strawberries Are Here!

FFA members were up bright and early to unload 368 flats of Berry Boss strawberries. They even cooked breakfast on the flat iron grill and shared with the CDC staff.



Kenna Graves was our top seller for the season. Thanks to everyone who helped and purchased strawberries from the FFA!





# Culinary Arts Feeds School Board

Culinary Arts recently had the privilege of serving a formal luncheon to the Poplarville School District Board. The students prepared grilled catfish filet and crawfish cream sauce over pasta, a green salad, and chantilly cake cups for dessert. This culinary experience was offered in observance of School Board Appreciation as well as CTE Month during February.

They also recently prepared approximately 65 dozen cookies for the annual CTE cookout. Our students love to be in the kitchen, and love to provide quality food, regardless of the occasion!





# Digital Media Technology

And as always, DMT is quietly working in the background to bring you multimedia products of all kinds. Between photo shoots, video shoots, photo and video editing, audio creation and editing, merchandise designs, and creating original print designs or using prefabricated templates in Canva for quick projects, DMT students stay busy. You never really know what all is happening in there, but you know it's happening.

