PCTC Students Fix Up Car for Teenager Burnt in Fire

When Josh Bartron, a sophomore at Winfield High and second year student of PCTC’s Collision Repair class, heard about DJ Brown, a 15 year-old from Hurricane High who was severely burned in a house fire while trying to save his family, his heart went out to him. Josh had the car that belonged to DJ hauled into PCTC’s Collision Repair shop. Bartron doesn’t know DJ and neither does the rest of the class, but when Josh saw the car which was damaged in the fire he knew the Collision Repair class could help. They decided to fix up Brown’s car, so once he gets out of the hospital he can enjoy his ’88 Mustang GT convertible.

With the skills and lessons students learn in PCTC’s programs, they can really make a difference in our community and in life. A Special thanks goes out to the Collision Repair class for all the time and effort put into this project to help someone in need. Its not only a valuable lesson in the collision repair class, but its also a valuable lesson in life. Good job guys. Keep up the good work!

Mr. Rayburn and the Collision Repair Class would like to thank the people and companies for their generous donations to help with the cost of this project:

DAR: front bumper, headlights, turning & park lights, right fender
Jeff Fisher 3M: sanding supplies
Charley Haynes: Ground Effects paint supplies
NAPA Warehouse: tail lights
RMS: paint supplies
FEA: valuable lesson in the collision repair class.

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When considering how you can help someone in need, consider:

• A 2002 study conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago found that a year of technically oriented coursework increased the earnings of men by 14% and women by 29%. The study also found almost no earnings increase for non-technically oriented coursework.
• Seven years after graduating from high school, CTE students had earnings that increased by about 2 percent for each additional high school CTE course they took, according to the 2004 National Assessment of Vocational Education (NAVE) Final Report.
• A ratio of 1 CTE class for every 2 academic classes was shown to minimize the risk of students dropping out in a 2005 National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE) report.
• The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 2000 found that CTE students were more likely than their college-bound peers to obtain a degree or certificate within 2 years, and they were more likely to be employed while in school.

It is important that we remember just how influential CTE is in developing the character and potential of the students. Because of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and our business and advisory partners, PCTC continues to train the best, most employable technical workforce in WV.

Melissa “Mell” Pauley, a second-year adult student in the Graphic Design program, won the 2010 Toyota Holiday Card Contest. Each year the Graphic Design program, in conjunction with the Graphic Design program, is commissioned to design a Holiday Card for the Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia plant in Buffalo. As a precursor to the design the students are given the opportunity to tour the facility and meet with some of the staff at the plant to discuss the focus of the upcoming contest. The focus for this year’s card is “Quality”. This year’s theme posed a considerable challenge - how to incorporate the Quality with the holidays. Melissa Mell’s design was chosen as the winner for the 2010 Holiday Card. She received a $500 scholarship. Dustin Parson’s card was chosen as the Runner-up. Dustin, a senior at Poca High, received a $350 scholarship. Congratulations on your success’s and good luck in all your future endeavors!

Kevin L. Fields, corporate planning & development manager at TMMWV, said, “We continue to be impressed with the products we receive from the students at the Putnam Career and Technical Center’s Graphic Design Program. This card allows us to showcase the talents of the students in Putnam County.”
HOSA Students Attend WV State Conference
by: Barbara Collier, LPN Instructor
HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America. It is a national student organization for secondary and postsecondary students enrolled in Health Science Technology courses. The West Virginia HOSA Leadership Conference was held March 4-5, 2011 at Marshall University in Huntington. Several Putnam Career & Technical Center’s students from Mr. Harvey’s Health Occupations Technology Class and PCTC’s Licensed Practical Nursing class attended and competed in the conference this year.

Medical Math
Jason Cooper
Knowledge Test: Pathophysiology
Kelsey Easter
Job Seeking Skills
Daniel Feo
Career Health Display (PostSec.)
April Gibson
Justin Johnson
Tiffany Roush
Career Health Display (Secondary)
Kelly Doss
Kaitlyn Nester
Knowledge Test: Pharmacology
Chloe Rollins
Medical Terminology
Katie Seyer
Knowledge Test: Nutrition
Stephanie Trump
The following students placed at the HOSA state competition and will be traveling to Anaheim, California to compete at the National HOSA Leadership Conference June 22-25, 2011. Congratulations on your accomplishments and Good Luck in Anaheim!

Human Growth and Development
April Gibson - Gold
Knowledge Test: Pharmacology
Chloe Rollins - Gold
Medical Terminology
Katie Seyer
Career Health Display
Kaitlyn Nestor/Kelly Doss - Silver

PCTC Students Create SkillsUSA Promotional Bulletin Board
Bob Stafford and Madonna Hall of Putnam Career & Technical Center’s Electrical Technology program work on their PCTC SkillsUSA Promotional Bulletin Board entry. SkillsUSA’s theme for 2011 is “Champions at Work. Respecting all Perspectives.” The bulletin board portrays various aspects of Career and Technical Education all centered around the central theme of SkillsUSA.

Above: Bob Stafford and Madonna Hall work on their Promotional Bulletin Board entry. Right: A version of the Bulletin board close to completion.

Bob spent many days in the sign-making industry and is responsible for the artwork on the display. Madonna will be responsible for presenting the board at the conference. Both have put hours of hard work and dedication in to the creation of the display. The illustrations include careers and occupations in Career and Technical Education through the United States. This promotional bulletin board helps demonstrate the skills and hard work put into every piece done here at the school, and in the future at the workplace. Good luck to Bob Stafford and Madonna Hall at the WV SkillsUSA Conference.

Adult Dental Class Visits Area Schools
The adult Dental Assisting Class has been busy spreading the word about the importance of proper oral hygiene. During the month of February, they conducted workshops for two elementary schools in Putnam County. Buffalo Elementary School was the first visit, where students were anxious participating in activities to promote healthy food choices, brushing techniques, and flossing exercises. The children determined which snacks were healthy and which foods to avoid in order to have healthy teeth and gums. Eastbrook Elementary School was the second visit and the kindergartener, first, forth, and fifth grade classes had many questions, following the brushing and flossing instruction given by the dental assisting students. No matter what your age, you need to take care of your teeth and mouth. When your mouth is healthy, you can easily eat the foods you need for good nutrition, and good nutrition makes healthy strong teeth. Smiling, talking and laughing with others also are easier when your mouth is healthy. The Putnam County Dental Health Council thanks Eastbrook Elementary School for allowing the Dental Assisting students to visit their school set.

SkillsUSA In-School Winners
Putnam Career & Technical Center held their in-school competitions the week of February 7-11, 2011. Every student put all their skill into all these competitions. They were judged according to SkillsUSA national standards. Listed below are all winners for the in-school competition. All first place winners will be representing Putnam County at the West Virginia SkillsUSA Conference in Martinsburg, WV on March 25 and 26, 2011. Good luck to all of you!!

SkillsUSA’s State Officers Latasha Wheeler (left) and Morgan Lucas (right) with First Lady Tomblin at the WV Legislative Breakfast

SkillsUSA WA State Officers Latasha Wheeler (left) and Morgan Lucas (right) with First Lady Tomblin at the WV Legislative Breakfast

SkillsUSA Officers

PM SkillsUSA School Officers

New Face at PCTC
Debbie Moore is PCTC’s new Postsecondary and Financial Aid Secretary. She most recently worked 1/2 days at both Scott Teays Elementary and G.W. Middle. Mrs. Moore enjoys working in the school setting and looks forward to new challenges with her position. She and her husband, Art, live in Eleanor, and own Moore’s Used Car lot, along with her step son and daughter-in-law, which is located across from the Technical Center. She has one son, Jamie Burgess, one step son Jody Moore and four wonderful grandchildren. Debbie enjoys traveling, especially to the Beach and going on cruises. Great luck in your new position here at PCTC.

Upcoming Important Dates
SkillsUSA’s SkillsUSA State Officers Latasha Wheeler (left) and Morgan Lucas (right) with First Lady Tomblin at the WV Legislative Breakfast


3/25: PM Mentoring 15 min. 4/22: Spring Break (No School)

PCTC Representatives at WV Legislative Breakfast
The annual West Virginia Career and Technical Education Legislative Breakfast was held on February 17, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston. Senators and members of the House of Delegates are invited to this breakfast. The purpose of the event is to promote both secondary and postsecondary occupational programs throughout the state of West Virginia. WV SkillsUSA Officers served as attendants for the legislators and then enjoyed a working breakfast. Pictured are the Honorable First Lady of West Virginia, Mrs. Joanne Tomblin, accompanied by West Virginia’s SkillsUSA Secretary Morgan Lucas and Historian Latasha Wheeler.