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Zakkiya Anderson



mingle while discussing the importance of career training, particularly at a time when there is such a high demand for skilled trades workers. Employers offered career advice to students, in hopes that they will one day soon be employees at their own businesses. The students were able to network with

“Nearly 40 guests... Among those guests were political figures, community partners, family members of current students, members of the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, and important employers in the HVAC industry.”



Centura College Chesapeake cut the ribbon on their brand new HVAC lab on Wednesday June 5, 2019. Delegate Cliff Hayes and Chesapeake City Councilman Steve Best helped Campus Director, Ashley Oden break ground on the trades program with the City of Chesapeake's branded giant scissors and ribbon. Nearly 40 guests were in attendance to meet the students and instructors and

get demonstrations from the future HVAC technicians. Among those guests were political figures, community partners, family members of current students, members of the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, and important employers in the HVAC industry.

After the official ribbon cutting, guests enjoyed a catered BBQ meal and got to

these employers and create professional relationships before even finishing their program. This type of exposure to the workforce is key to student success at Centura.

The HVAC program is brand new to the Centura College Chesapeake campus, and is a part of a larger movement within the Centura school system to add more skilled trades to the colleges.

Employers and community members alike are eager to “ donate their time, energy, and resources in exchange for our graduates,” says Oden.

For Centura College Chesapeake, this is just the beginning of a thriving relationship with HVAC employers and community partners that will benefit the entire Chesapeake community.

From Penn Foster to Welding at our North Chesterfield Campus Kelvin Lee



WILLIAM BALL ENTERS WELDING PROGRAM AFTER COMPLETING PENN FOSTER

Our Penn Foster program is designed to provide individuals a chance to obtain their high school diploma. Sometimes circumstances occur in our lives that prevent some from completing their high school education. Through the Penn Foster program, individuals that didn't successfully complete high school have an opportunity to do just that. There are certain students in this program that are exceptional and seized the opportunity to succeed. In this case, there is one student that not only decided to complete the Penn Foster program, but proceed one step further.

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The student, Mr. William Ball, chose to enroll in the Welding program at Centura College's Chesterfield campus soon after completing the Penn Foster program.

William enjoys attending class and is becoming very familiar with techniques, tools, and equipment. William is expected to graduate in January 2020 and is excited about working in this field. Currently, Mr. Ball works in manufacturing where employment opportunities in welding and brazing are currently offered.

William is very appreciative of the Penn Foster program and how Centura College was able to offer this program at no cost to him. Prior to completing the program, William searched for other means to earn his high school or General Education Diploma. However, every program he considered required some cost and at the time, William was unemployed. Things are really going great for William; first by obtaining his high school diploma and now being enrolled in the welding program. The future looks great for Mr. Ball with welding careers projected to grow 6% from 2016 – 2026 per the Bureau of Labor & Statistics and 7% over all other occupations.

Virginia Beach Students Learn the Benefits of LinkedIn Olivia Jordan



OLIVIA JORDAN, CAREER SERVICES COORDINATOR HOSTED LINKED IN WORKSHOP WITH STUDENTS

On April 23rd and 25th of 2019, Olivia Jordan, Career Services Coordinator at Centura College's Virginia Beach Campus, held a LinkedIn Workshop where students learned the ins and outs of what LinkedIn is, why it is important, and how to use it. Students were able to create their very own LinkedIn account and learn how to navigate the resources LinkedIn provides. In addition, students gained an understanding of how to maximize potential opportunities for future employment using LinkedIn. Overall, students walked away with a completed profile and were informed of the benefits of LinkedIn.



Norfolk Pinning Ceremony



The Practical Nursing program at Centura Norfolk has enjoyed the celebrations of not only one graduating class, but four since September 2018. All graduates participated in a traditional Nursing Pinning Ceremony that officially welcomed them into the medical community. The Pinning Ceremony dates back to the twelfth century crusades. During the ceremony, students are presented

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with the Centura College Practical Nursing program pin in recognition of completion of all educational requirements that enable the nurses to take the state licensure exam. The lighting of the lamps represents the passage of knowledge from instructor

to graduate and signifies the glowing spirit of the nursing profession. Graduate of the October 2018 class, Taylor Clayton, LPN states, “This program prepared me to be a nurse in more ways than I expected. Not only did I learn the essential hands-on skills that I use daily, but I also learned the importance of patient care through the mental, physical and spiritual perspective. Through the passion of our teachers I was able to pick up that same passion and show it to my residents every single day. I am so happy with my decision to become a nurse and am so thankful for my instructors who prepared me to be a great one!” Taylor is currently enjoying working as a nurse at Williamsburg Landing Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Amanda Meyers, LPN states “Centura College prepared me for my career by having teachers that are willing to go above and beyond to allow me to grow as a person, student, and nurse.” Amanda is delighted to be working as a nurse for Bayview Physicians Family Medicine. All of the 2018-2019 graduates that have taken the state licensure exam have passed and are all working as Licensed Practical Nurses.



Tidewater Tech Graduation Spotlight: Ralph Blackman

Evan Kee



Ralph Blackman was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. He comes from a family of shipyard workers, and always knew he was destined to be a welder. He has always wanted to do something with his hands that would present a challenge. After seeing commercials for Tidewater Tech and watching the movie “Iron Man”, he decided it was time to take a leap and pursue his education. Blackman says this was, “One of the best decisions I’ve ever made, and a gift from the Man Above.”

Ralph said that the welding program challenged him at times, but he never lost faith. He made sure to build relationships with as many students, instructors, and staff members as he could, and credits the entire school community for motivating him and giving him the confidence needed to complete the program. His advice for students who are thinking about quitting is, “If you feel it’s meant for you, keep faith and keep pushing forward. Believe in yourself and don’t give up.”

Since graduating from the program, Ralph has gained employment working as a Fire Watch for Huntington Ingalls Industries’ Fleet Support Group. He hopes to become a successful welder, make good money, and eventually come back to Tidewater Tech as an instructor. He feels led to teach and motivate others in the same way that his instructors and support staff did for him. He thanks Tidewater Tech for making him what he is today and he looks forward to seeing us in the future!

North Chesterfield Welcomes New Addition to Centura Family



For the month of March, the entire Richmond Campus has been awaiting a new welcome addition to the Centura College family. Our Campus Executive Director, Rob Jones, has been busy meeting with building inspectors and contractors to ensure campus renovation completion stays on schedule. Meanwhile, in the background we knew Rob and his wife were anticipating the arrival of their second child. The staff wanted to do something special to prepare him for the rigors of a newborn. We wanted to surprise Rob and his wife with baby supplies and a special gift from the staff. However, with Rob's busy and unpredictable schedule, we couldn't tip our plans and had everything ready, but a previously scheduled doctor's visit, unbeknownst to us, took precedence.

So on Friday, March 22, it was now or never, and it was a go. We sprang into action with cupcakes, decorations, and balloons in the reception area. We knew Rob was on a conference call

with corporate so we had time to make sure everything was ready when the call ended. The staff quickly and nonchalantly gathered; we waited...and waited. Finally, Rob exited his office and made his way toward the front desk reception area where we waited and yelled, "Surprise!"

The look on his face was both appreciation and gratitude. With everything occurring and seeming to come from every side, we knew he needed a good surprise. Rob was given baby gifts, from bibs to Pampers to pacifiers. However, the big surprise from the staff was a three stage car seat designed to grow with the child. We knew this was the perfect gift for the family. We're proud to announce the healthy arrival on March 25th of Robert Jones IV to our Centura College family.



Virginia Beach Summer Career Fair Olivia Jordan



Centura College's Virginia Beach Campus hosted its semi-annual Career Fair on Wednesday, June 5th, 2019. Before the event, the Career Services Coordinator advertised the event to students within their classrooms and provided donuts and resume starter packets. The Career Services Department held a workshop prior to the Career Fair to help students learn the basics of resume building, cover letter writing, interview skills, and how to dress for success. In addition, during the student body meeting, students received instruction and information on preparing their 30 second elevator pitch while watching a role-play from Career Services and Student Services on "what to do" and "what not to do" as their pitch during the Career Fair. To conclude the week, a speed interview workshop was held, and feedback was provided to the student on their interview skills. Altogether, 20 businesses and over

30 students participated in the Career Fair, building connections and opportunities for employment. Some of the companies in attendance included Jordan-Young Institute, Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation, Massage Luxe, Waffle House, Elite Women's Care, Massage Envy, Liberty Tax, and Integrity Staffing Services.

During the Career Fair, students were able to learn more about each company, make important connections, get feedback on their resumes and gain career tips within their field. Many employers found prospective employees to fill positions within their company and have created partnerships not only with Centura College but other companies in the area. Overall, Career Day was a huge success for our students; it allowed employers and company representatives to meet in one place and gain the advantage of meeting face to face with students of Centura College.



Norfolk Makes Learning Fun

Engaging the students by making their learning experience fun is what it is all about. Ms. Hayes' Success class created their own bulletin board with their own spin on how to Dress for Success. Not only did they create a bulletin board with "Sally Do's and Don'ts", they had several students model what to wear and not wear for an interview. According to Ms. Hayes, the students really got into what would be appropriate professional attire. There were a lot of smiles while working on this project. It was definitely a lot of good team-building FUN!



Virginia Beach Celebrates National Library Week Jeff Barbour



Centura College's Virginia Beach Campus celebrated **National Library Week** from April 8 – 12, 2019. This year's theme was Libraries = Strong Communities. First sponsored in 1958, **National Library Week** is a national observance sponsored by the **American Library Association (ALA)** and celebrated by libraries in schools, campuses, and communities nationwide each April.

National Library Week 2019 at Centura College's Virginia Beach Campus was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the celebration, especially the students who took time from their busy schedules to complete the Scavenger Hunt Double Crossword Puzzle. To qualify for the contest, the students accessed the print and digital

library resources to research the correct responses to the crossword puzzles. There was much excitement throughout

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National Library Week as students visited the library not only to complete research, but also to find a place of quiet study, access the computers, study for exams, learn about new technologies, and even browse the collections of resources!

At the end of **National Library Week**, the following lucky students were drawn from the correct entries for each program and

prizes were awarded: Demetria Dixon (Biomedical Technology), Marilyn Watt (Business Management Associate's Program), Leslie Rivas (Massage Therapy), Candis Johnson (Medical Assisting), and Jonathan Cooper (Business Bachelor's Program). Each student winner of the contest received Centura College Swag and a WalMart Gift Card for the prize drawings!

Congratulations to all of our lucky student winners and a special thanks to everyone who joined together to support our 2019 National Library Week Celebration at our Virginia Beach Campus of Centura College! It was another fun, yet learning event especially designed for students to recognize the important value of our library and its resources!

ABELL, REID	AUTS	BURNS, AMAYA I	MADIP	FISHER, KAHLIL	HVAC	JORDAN, YASHICA S	MADIP
ABSHIRE, JOSHUA	HVAC*	BUTTS, MARQUITA	HIT***	FLOYD-DUFFY, ANDRE	WELD	JOYNER, JOAN	BUS***
ADKINS, MARSHALL W	BMR***	CAMPBELL, SHAQUILLE	WELD	FLYNN, ASHLEY	MA	KEY, RAPHAEL M	WELD
AGUILAR, ALAN	WELD	CARTER, SHANICA	MA	FOSTER, OLIVIA	MA	KILL, MATTHEW	HVAC***
AGUILAR, NICHOLAS	AUTS	CARVER, NICHOLAS	WELD	FRANKLIN, TALISA T	MT**	KIRKPATRICK, JEAN N	ITS***
ALAMAL, JAMI	WELD**	CASH, AARON	BUS ACCT	FREDERICK, DAKINA	BMR***	KNERR, VIVIAN	HVAC
ALEXANDER, BEZAWIT D	HIT***	CASS, JOSHUA	AUTS	FREEMAN, WALLACE	HVAC*	KREFT, COREY	WELD**
ALLEN, BENJAMIN	WELD	CASTILLO, MICHAEL	BMR*	FREEMAN, DEMONTE	HVAC*	KRENTEL, JUSTIN	BMR
ALLEN, ELROY	BMR	CATE, JOANNA S	MT	FREESMEIER, DANIELLE J	BACHMGMT	LALLY, IAN	WELD**
ALLEN, MONA EYAA	MADIP	CATE, KENNETH H	ITS**	FROST, DALTON	BMR*	LANE, SOPHIA	BMR**
ALLS, ANDRE	WELD	CHAMBLISS, BRANDON	AUTS**	FUCILE, ANTHONY	BMR*	LANGFORD, RAHAMEEN	WELD
ALVARDO, JUWAN E	WELD	CHANDLER, JAMES	BMR	FULLWOOD, JASON	HVAC**	LASSITER, LORI A	BUS***
ALVAREZ, KEYSHLA M	MA	CHRISTIAN, TIVANI	MA DEGREE - CLINICAL	GAUSE, JOSEPH	HVAC	LASSITER, SHERRI	MA*
AMENT, DONALD G	WELD	CLARK JR, SILAS	AUTS***	GILLER, KEYANA	MA DEGREE - CLINICAL	LASSITER, SHERRI	MA*
AMMONS, NICHOLAS	WELD	CLARK, SHATARA	MA	GILLIAM, DOMINIQUE	MA**	LATHAM, MICHAEL	AUTS
APONTE, CARLOS	BMR***	COATNEY, ALLEN	BMR***	GLORIA, NICHOLAS	WELD***	LEE, EMILY	WELD***
ASHE, LATOYA	MA*	COLEMAN, CYNTHIA	BACH	GODFREY, JOSHUA	WELD	LEE, TOMMIE	WELD***
ASKEW, DOMONIQUE	WELD	COLEY, SAIVEON	MA	GOODE, DEYON	MA - DIPLOMA**	LEFLOCH, ASHLEY	HIT
BABCHOOK, JOHN J	HVAC	COLLINS, COELL	WELD	GRANT, TRAYVON	WELD**	LEON, JOHN A	MA*
BABIES, TYUS	BMR*	CONNELLY, AMY S	BUS***	GREEN, JOHNNIE M	MA	LEWIS, DAMON	HVAC
BABIES, TYUS	HVAC***	CONTRERAS, DIANE	BMR*	GREENE, MARYA	BACHMGMT**	LEWISS, TREY-VAUGHN	BMR*
BAKER, KIZZY N	MA	COOK, DEONA	MA - DIPLOMA	HANSON, CHANTEL D	BUS	LIGON, TAHJ	WELD
BANG, JAE L	MT***	COOPER, JONATHAN	BACH**	HARRIS, TEYMAR J	AUTS	LIVERMORE, RACHEL	WELD***
BANKS, LATOYIA M	BUS***	COPELAND, HANNAH	MT***	HARRISON, ERIN	BUS***	LOCKHART, JA'QUWON	HVAC***
BANKS, SABRINA	MT*	COPELAND, IMANI D	HIT**	HAVARD, TAMIKA	MA	LOFGREN, JACQUELINE	MA
BARNES, JOHNNIE	BMR	COPELAND, KELTON	WELD	HENDERSON, MARK	BM	LOWERY, TYRONE	BMR*
BARNES, TIM	BMR	COPELAND, TAKISHA L	MADIP*	HILL, KATRINA	MADIP**	LUCKY, SHAUNA	MA*
BARTON, STEVEN J	IT	CORDES, STEPHON	MT	HILLIARD, WILFORD	WELD	LUMBLEY, AUSTIN	WELD
BATES, JAYLEN	AUTS*	COSTON, STEPHEN C	BACHMGMT*	HILSCHER, JAKE M	MT	LUTCHMAN, KAREEM	WELD
BELL, STEPHEN	HVAC**	COWLEY, CLARENCE	MA	HITE, REGINA Y	BMR**	LYMON, SAMMIE	HVAC***
BELLIDO, GABRIELA	MT*	CRESPO BORGES, MELQUIEDE C	AUTS*	HOLLEY, SHELBY	BACHMGMT*	LYNCH, JONATHAN	HVAC**
BELTON, RYAN	WELD**	CRUDUP, TERRELL	HVAC	HOLMAN, LATONYA	MA**	MACHADO, ELANA	MA**
BENDER, LARRY V	BACH	CRUZ, SALVADOR	WELD*	HOWARD, HALEY	MT*	MAGWOOD, DERRICK W	BMR
BENEFIELD, DOLORES	WELD**	CUNNINGHAM, JAMES	AUTS	HOWELL, SCOTT	BMR	MAHAR, JOHN	WELD***
BENNETT, BROOKLYNN	MA***	CUNNINGHAM, SHYRA Q	MT***	HUBBARD, ASHLEY D	BUS*	MALPICA-DAVILA, JACQUELINE	BUS***
BENNETT, WILLIAM	WELD	CURTIS, ONAJE	HVAC	HUDSON, MARIO	BMR	MALYSZKA, MEGAN	BM**
BERNARD, SAMANTHA	MA***	DANIELS, TYNEQUIA J	MADIP	HUGGINS, JALEEL	WELD	MANGHAM, MARDYESS	BMR
BINDER, CHRISTINA	MA	DAVIS, AARON	BMR	HUMBLES, DELVIN	WELD**	MANLEY, RAKEEM	WELD*
BISHOP, PAIGE	MT	DAVIS, CHANITA	MA***	HUNTER, TAKIE	MT	MANTEO, ANTHONY	WELD*
BLACKMAN, RALPH	WELD	DAVIS, CHRISTIAN	WELD	IBRAHIM, ANTHONY	BM	MARCANO MARCANO, ANGEL	BMR*
BLAIR, BARBARA	BUS***	DAVIS, KIMBERLY	MA	IVEY, MICAH	BMR	MARRO, JENNIFER	MT
BOICE, BRANDALL R	MT**	DAVIS, SAKIMA	BACHMGMT	IVEY, RASHUNDA	WELD**	MARSHALL, KEVIN	BMR**
BOONE, KENYONA J	MADIP	DAWSON-BROWN, MA'ATSINATUN	MT***	JACKSON, RENOUNTE	WELD**	MARTIN, AMBER	MADIP*
BOSARGE, ALYSSA	MA	DEERY, ALYSSA	MA	JAMES, MICHAEL	BMR	MARTINEZ-FORD, GISSELLE	MA
BOWMAN, CHARLOTTE R	MADIP	DIAZ, ANEURY	WELD	JAMES, ALANA	BMR***	MARTORELL, SHANE	WELD*
BOYD, TORIAN	WELD	DILLOW, CODY	WELD*	JAMES, BRANDON	WELD	MASON, DANVELO I	WELD
BRADLEY, AMBER	MA***	DIMAURO, MICHAEL	WELD	JOHNSON, ANTHONY	BMR	MASON, JAI RENE P	WELD*
BRADSHER-EASLEY, KWAMAINE	HVAC	DOCALAVICH, SCOTT	BMR**	JOHNSON, CHEYENNE	HIT	MAYS, JAMES	WELD
BRANCH YVETTE	MT	DOWDELL, TY	BM**	JOHNSON, DONTA	BMR**	MAZUR, AMBER	MT**
BRAXTON, JOSHUA	HVAC	DREW, TARA	MT	JOHNSON, ISAAC	WELD	MCADOO, JALEN	BMR
BRAXTON, STEPHEN	WELD	DUNBAR, BRANDON	BMR***	JOHNSON, MONICA	MA***	MCCASKILL, KAMILA J	MT***
BRICKHOUSE, AZAEVIAH	MA	DYSON, JASON	WELD***	JOHNSON, SALIH	WELD	MCCREADY, TERREN	BMR
BRITT, EDDIE	HVAC***	ELEY, ASHLEE	MT***	JOHNSON, SELWYNN	AUTS***	MCCUTCHEON, NIKOLAS	BMR
BROWN, ADAM	HVAC	ENGLAND, DUSTIN T	BUS***	JOHNSON, SINCLAIR	WELD	MCKINNEY, DARIUS	BMR
BROWN, DOMINIQUE	WELD	EPPS, JUSTIN L	BMR	JOHNSON, WENDELL	HVAC**	MCILLIAN, KORI	BMR
BROWN, JASMINE A	MA	ERIGUIZA, EDUARDO P	AUTS**	JONES, CHRISTOPHER	WELD*	MEAD, MELISSA	MA**
BROWN, LARRY	HVAC*	ESPIN, MARILYN S	MA	JONES, JEFFREY	HVAC***	MILLER, ALLYSSA A	MADIP*
BROWN, LATASHA	BM	EZZELL, FAITH N	MA	JONES, JOUAN	WELD	MILLER, CHARLES A	AUTS*
BROWN, THOMAS	HVAC***	FERRA, ERIC	WELD*	JONES, KEIRA	MT***	MITCHELL, TIFFANY M	MA
BROWN, TIFFANY D	MA	FILIPPONI, ALEXANDER	BM	JONES, KEVIN	WELD	MOORE COURTNEY	BACH***
BROWN, WILLIE C	HVAC**	FIOL, TAYLOR	MA	JONES, ROBERT	BMR**	MOORE, ERVON	BMR
BURCHETTE, TREYVON	CE***	FISCHER, THERESA L	MA***	JONES, SHON	AUTS***	MORGAN, KESHA	MA***

Graduates

*** summa cum laude
(CGPA 3.85-4.0)

** magna cum laude
(CGPA 3.7-3.849)

*cum laude
(CGPA 3.5-3.699)

MORRIS, SALENA	MA	ROBINSON, FELIX Q	HVAC	THOMAS, SHALONDA R	MT***
MOSELEY, BONITA	MA - DIPLOMA***	ROBINSON, TYSON	WELD	THORPE, RYAN	BMR**
MOTCHECK, KYLE	WELD***	ROCHA, JULIO CESAR	WELD	TIAMFOOK, LEON D	BUS
MUNDEN, KAYLA	MA	RODGERS, PASSION S	MA	TJIRAMBA, NANCY	MA
MUNFORD JR, LARRY	CE***	RODRIGUEZ, CARMELO	MA	TOLER, ROBERT	HVAC*
MUNGIN, COURTNEY	HIT***	ROLAND, GARRET	WELD	TONGE, EZRA	BMR
MUNSON, SHELBY	WELD***	ROY, RYAN	WELD	TOWNER, DAMAR	WELD
MURPHY, KIWANNA	HVAC	RUSSELL, TONY	BMR**	TOWNES, ROBERT	HVAC
MURRY, EBONY	MA	SANDERS, MARCUS	MT***	TUCKER, GLORIA	MT
NEEL, TAYLOR	MA**	SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ, JOHN RAY	WELD	TURNER, DERRICK	BM
NELSON, MATTHEW	BMR	SAVERY, EVERETTE	BMR	TURNER, STEVEN	AUTS
NORMAN, KAYLAH	MA	SAVOIE, TINA L	MA***	VAN KUST, IVAN R	BUS**
NSHIMIRIMANA, ELYSEE	BUS ACCT	SCHREINER, SANDRA	MA DEGREE - CLINICAL***	VANDUJK, JENNIFER L	MADIP
OWENS-PERSON, DAMON	WELD	SCOTT, CHANTEL	MA	VICKU, WISDOM	WELD
OWENS, SANTTAINI	MA	SEYMORE, KAILYN	WELD	WADDELL, EARL	WELD**
PARKER, IMMANUEL	BMR	SHANKLIN, KAYLA R	MA	WALLACE, THADDEUS R	HVAC***
PARKER, JADE	MT	SHANNON, MICHAEL	WELD	WARING, EMEREE	BMR
PARKER, LAVONDA R	MA	SHARROCK, TEYONA	MA	WARREN, DARRIEN	WELD
PARKER, VELVET	MT**	SHAVERS, MELODY	MADIP*	WARREN, DEVIN	WELD
PATNAUDE, ALEYEA	HIT	SHELTON, SHANI	MA	WARREN, JAMES	BMR***
PATTERSON, APRIL	MA	SILVER, SHAYLA	MA*	WASHINGTON, KEANDRE D	BUS
PAYNE, MITCHELL	WELD**	SMITH GINOVIA	MT*	WATERS, KIMBERLY	MA**
PEARCE, TAQUORIS	BMR*	SMITH, DANIEL	WELD*	WATSON, ZACHARY K	AUTS
PEMBERTON, CHARMONIQUE	MA***	SMITH, HOPE N	MT***	WEBB JR, RICARDO A	MA
PERAZA, CARLOS	HVAC*	SMITH, LINSEY	BMR**	WESTBROOK, RYAN	WELD***
PERRISH, LASHONDA	MA	SMITH, MIKAELA	MT	WHITE, DEANDRE	WELD
PERRY, TYREKA	HIT*	SMITH, RICKY	BMR*	WHITEHEAD, ERICA	MA
PETERS, JOSEPHINE L	BUS	SMOOT, EDMOND	HVAC*	WHITEHURST, BRITTANY M	MA
PHELPS, TAMMARA K	MA	SOLIOZY, CHARISSA	MA	WHITFIELD-COLEY, AEJA	MA**
PHILLIPS, DARNISHA	MA	SOLOMON, JALESA	WELD	WIGGINS, BRANDON	HVAC
PHILLIPS, ETHAN	BMR	SONS, KRISTAL	MT***	WILHELM, EMILY L	MADIP
PHILLIPS, LABARBARA	MADIP	SPEIGHT, MINTRELL	AUTS***	WILKERSON, KIMBERLY	MT***
PHILLIPS, LUKE	HVAC*	SPENCER, BRE'UNNA	MA	WILLIAMS, ALLEN	BMR*
PITYER, MICHAEL	BMR**	SPENCER, WESLEY	HVAC	WILLIAMS, DAVID	WELD
POE, ERIC	WELD	SPIRES, CALEB	WELD	WILLIAMS, ERIC	HVAC
POWELL, ABIGAIL	MT*	SPIRES, DESMOND	WELD	WILLIAMS, JOSEPH	BMR**
PRICE, LOVELL	BMR	STATEN, TOMEKA	MA	WILLIAMS, LYDIA	MA
PRICE, CYNTELL	MA	STEWART, DARNELL	HVAC***	WILLIAMS, QIANA M	MA
PRINCE, QUENTIN	HVAC***	STITT, RODNEY E	BMR	WILLIAMS, RODNEY	BMR***
PURDY, WILL L	WELD**	STOVALL, DE'TWAN	CE	WILLIAMS, SIMON	HVAC
QUEBBEMAN, JEREMY	WELD	STRAWTER, KEYANA	MT**	WILSON, COREY L	BM*
RAMOS, ALONZO	WELD**	STUTTS, CANDICE B	BUS ACCT***	WILSON, EMMITT	HVAC
RANDLE, HOWARD P	WELD	SUA, CHASTITY	MT**	WILSON, MONIQUE	AUTS
REDMOND, LATRICIA S	MA**	SWEENEY, CHELSEA	MA DEGREE - CLINICAL	WILSON, WILLIAM	HVAC*
REED, SHANICQUA M	MA	SWIGGETT-WILEY, LENA M	MADIP	WOMACK, DAMIEN	HVAC***
REEVES, THOMAS	BMR	SYLVESTER, COREY	MA	WOODRUFF, MELISSA	MA
REID, STEVIE-DANE	BMR	SYLVESTER, COREY	MA***	WORTHEN, RAVEN	MA*
RICE, CLAY	WELD**	SYLVESTER, ZA CORIA	MA	WRIGHT, ANDRE	WELD
RICHARDSON, BRANDON	WELD	TALLMAN, ERIC	BMR**	WRIGHT, CYNTHIA	MA
RICKS-JENNINGS, LAQUANDA	MA***	TAYLOR CHRISTOPHER	WELD	YOUELL, TYRONE R	BUS
RICKS, TIA	MA DEGREE - CLINICAL***	TAYLOR, CHARLES M	HVAC***	YOUNG, CHELSEY	MA***
RINGER, AUGUST	MA***	TEASLEY, DESHIRA	BMR***	YOUNG, SHAWNA	MT
RIPPEL-GRIFFIN, ASHLEY	HIT*	TEMPLE, ERNEST	AUTS		
ROBINSON, EDWARD	BACHMGMT	TERRY, MORGAN	BMR		

Tidewater Tech Gives Back for Earth Day Mike Hudson



STUDENT AMBASSADORS NICK GLORIA (LEFT) AND JOSH GRAY (RIGHT) POSE IN FRONT OF THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE.

On April 22, 2019, Tidewater Tech's student ambassadors visited the Friendship Baptist Church located in Norfolk, VA, just down the road from Tidewater Tech, in order to plant flowers for the church in celebration of Earth Day. Fellow Tidewater Tech HVAC student Eddie Britt has been volunteering his time to help re-brick the entire church. When working with the student ambassadors at Tidewater Tech, Student Services Coordinator Mike Hudson proposed that for Earth

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Day the students should give back to the community. Since the Friendship Baptist Church was located less than 5 minutes from Tidewater Tech, and a fellow student had already worked at the location, student ambassadors Nick Gloria and Josh Gray were excited by the idea.

Earth Day was initially celebrated in 1970, 1 year after a Union Oil Platform blew out, spilling over three million gallons of oil into the ocean. Earth Day took place on over two thousand colleges and universities and ten thousand primary and secondary schools. Ever since then students, universities, and communities all over the world have celebrated Earth Day. Earth Day Network chair has also stated that Earth Day is now “the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year.” Tidewater Tech was excited to be a part of the phenomena celebrated around the world.

After arriving at Friendship Baptist Church, Nick and Josh walked around the location and determined the best spot to plant the over 100 flowers that Tidewater Tech brought with them. Nick and Josh finally settled on the idea of planting the plants around the sign for the Friendship Baptist Church. Not being scared off by a little dirt, Nick and Josh dug in and began to create a memorable scene that could easily be seen from the road. After an hour of hard work Nick and Josh were happy with the final project and began to clean up, making sure to not leave behind a single scrap of trash. Nick and Josh were excited to be a part of Earth Day and to have the opportunity to give back to our community.

North Chesterfield is Substance Abuse Free

Kelvin Lee



Substance Abuse Free Environment was invited to our North Chesterfield Campus to discuss the opioid crisis in the United States. I spoke with Ms. Melissa Scribner from S.A.F.E. and she had some great information she wanted to share and discuss. I also suggested that we present education and materials to the students regarding safety and employment awareness. Our faculty and students listened as Ms. Scribner discussed how the opioid crisis started and what we can do to eliminate or avoid the dangers of becoming addicted, such as decreasing medication intake. Every day in the United States, 130 Americans die from an opioid overdose according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The faculty and class viewed a presentation on the great lengths of what individuals do in order to obtain prescriptions including self-harm. I wanted our students to walk away with beneficial information regarding how drugs can cause safety concerns while on the job and be mindful of others. Also, how drug usage can impact employment opportunities and hinder your career by losing certifications and possibly losing your driver's license to get to work. Ms. Scribner provided literature regarding the alarming increase of heroin usage, the dangers of other drugs such as marijuana and cocaine, alcohol, and vaping. Substance Abuse Free Environment provided medication disposal pouches to safely discard unused medications and drugs along with literature on seeking anonymous help if you have a substance abuse issue.