

March 2016

Director's Report

Kennett Coders Repeat as NH/Vermont State Champions

Kennett High School is headed for a 4th Consecutive World Championship appearance!

The Kennett Coders won their second consecutive State Championship in a row at the New Hampshire - Vermont State Championships, which was held at NHTI in Concord. This also means that they are heading for a fourth consecutive World Championship appearance.

Team 5106E, consisting of senior Catherine Sandstrom and sophomore Taylor Bouchard, went undefeated during the tournament for the 3rd week in a row, winning 42 consecutive matches, becoming the State Champion and qualifying for the Vex Robotics World Championships on April 20th this year.

Donations to help the Kennett Coders expenses to the World Championships and to purchase parts for the upcoming season can be sent directly to MWVFirst at the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council at 53 Technology Ln #100, Conway, NH 03818 Phone:(603) 447-6622



Student Recognition: CTE Student Spotlight

The Mount Washington Valley Career and Technical Center Student Spotlight recognizes students for achievement in Career & Technical Education programs. These students have demonstrated high levels of technical skill, program involvement through Career and Technical Student Organizations and solid employability skills

Marketing –

Business –

Film, Video & Photography–

Building Trades –

Alexa LaRusso

Daniel Nusbaum

Sarah McKinnon

Jackson Ross-Parent

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CTSO Competition Results

All Career Tech programs run a Career Tech Student Organization (CTSO). Through these co-curricular programs of study, students get a head start on their career preparation. CTOS are considered an integral part of CTE; they help students develop the technical and leadership skills that will enable them to succeed in their career paths. Each spring all CTOS host competitions for member students across the state and nation.

CTSO and Program	Students	Achievement
DECA Marketing and Hospitality	Garett Fortin and Cameron Labrie	3 rd Place Overall Personal Finance
	Cameron Labrie	3 rd Place Personal Finance Exam
	Jessica Hodgkins and Alexa LaRusso	3 rd Place Overall Hospitality Services Team
ProStart Culinary Team	Aneas Robinson and Chance Bousquet	NH State ProStart, 2 nd Place (shorthanded team!)



Center is Awarded Grant to Address Access and Awareness and Employability Initiatives

The Mount Washington Valley Career & Technical Center was recently awarded a Perkins Incentive Grant to fund a portion of their Access and Awareness Initiative and their Employability/ Work ethic Initiative. The money will be used to support a new website and marketing materials as well as specific curriculum development projects aimed at increasing student technical and soft skill achievement.

Professional Development

Statewide CTE PD, funded through the Carl D. Perkins grant, starts another cycle this month. The focus is on creating high quality, rigorous, competency based assessments. These workshops bring together teachers working in the same career cluster to collaborate as Professional Learning Communities around student achievement. The work is critical for our staff in order to continue to respond to the needs of both quality educational practice and the workforce. It also aligns with our centers move towards competency based

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reporting and our employability/work ethic initiative. Currently all teachers are scheduled to attend these workshops.

Director Rick Biche travelled to Washington DC last week, meeting with each of our legislative representatives. This opportunity, fully funded by the New Hampshire Career and Technical Administrators Association, allowed Mr. Biche to discuss the role of CTE in the Mount Washington Valley and the state. Along with four other CTE Directors, Mr. Biche was able to inform our elected officials of the importance of the Carl D. Perkins funding, vital to sustaining the center, and of new opportunities presented by the recent passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act. This was a great opportunity for our legislators to hear the perspective of a North Country school district and the unique challenges we face preparing our students for college and careers.

Mineral Springs Cafe

Open Tuesday- Thursday 11:00-12:30

Buffett every Thursday, call ahead for this week's theme 603-356-4372

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