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Professional Activities of Staff:

CTE teachers have been working together to analyze assessments for meaningful and complex learning experiences for students. CTE lends itself so well to creating meaningful assessments because we are able to provide a multitude of real world experiences in every one of our disciplines. This analysis for validity and reliability will help us create multi-step, complex, and culturally responsive tasks with clear criteria that measure students' knowledge and skills.

Center Priorities:

All CTE teachers continue to work on their respective NEASC committees. This has been a great learning process for the staff as they have had to work on many different facets of self-study while interacting with other teachers at the high school. They are also collecting sets of student work within their discipline to provide evidence and examples of the school's alignment with teaching and learning standards for the NEASC visiting team.

The search for a long-term substitute for our Machine Tool program is in progress. Even though the students are currently not in the shop there is book work to complete as well as portfolios that need to be finished. They are not sitting idle. I hope to find the best possible replacement I can that will further the students' education while providing real world shop experience for them. Members of the advisory board will work with students to finish parts that are in process for NASA. We will be able to fulfill our contract with NASA by the end of the school year.

Student and Staff Recognition/Accomplishments:

ELOs (Christine Thompson):

Students are making some great community connections this year through the ELO program. In addition to having student interns at all five SAU #9 elementary schools, we also have placements at Jackson Art Studio, Debony's Salon, Conway Village Dental, Conway Area Humane Society, Small Connections Childcare Center, Ambix, Redstone Auto, MacLean Precision, Northeast Autobody, Stan's Auto, the Mount Washington Observatory and more. The ELO final presentations continue to be a rewarding experience

for all involved. The students are required to keep reflection journals and below are a few excerpts that show some of the insights they have gained.

Quotes from students:

“The combination of amazing animals, who we are helping find forever homes for and the great people who have made my time there so full of joy and laughter, have made my internship an unforgettable experience.” Sam Hansen on his ELO with CAHS

“This experience has helped solidify my love and dedication to the arts. It has definitely increased my confidence as an artist and a person, because I am given high expectations and always live up to them.” Gillian Robert on her ELO with Jackson Art

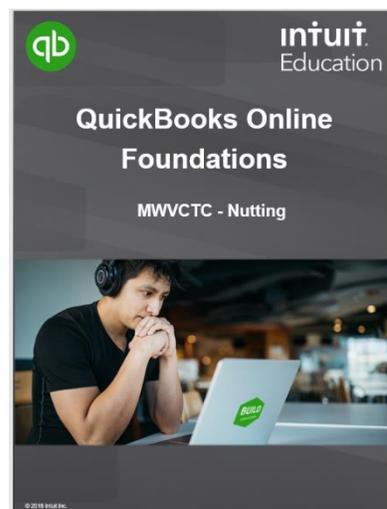
“These are the moments I live for!!!” Keili Hayman on making a breakthrough with a student at Small Connections

Robotics and Computer Programming (Dan Richardi):

State Championships for Robotics are February 16th at Manchester Community College. Kennett will have 4 teams competing and are setting themselves up to hopefully earn another trip to the World Championships in Louisville, KY in April. Eric Smith, a senior, created the website for Fire21. Chani Mores and Kate Keefe, juniors, are in the process of recreating an app for the science department for Molecular Diffusion. The old program was written in Flash, which is no longer supported, and this modern version was written from scratch with HTML / CSS / and JavaScript. Science teachers have been enthusiastic in acting as clients and Kate and Chani are currently incorporating their feedback as they iterate their design. Check it out: <https://eaglesoftwareworks.github.io/Diffusion/>

Business (Nik Nutting):

During Flex periods students in Accounting can choose to learn Quickbooks Online certification, which is complementary to educators and students. Currently, they are in the process of creating the chart of accounts for a fictitious business, Sushi Coma, Inc.



Health Science (Tom Bruno):

The first EMT class to be offered at MWVCTC started this semester with 12 students. The Kane School is the contracting firm that is teaching the course to seniors. The HST program is now an ECSI (Emergency Care and Safety Institute) training center. This is the same certifying agency that is used by the NH EMS and Fire Academy. What this means is that there will be a savings on the cost of CPR and First Aid certifications for the school and our students. Mr. Bruno is certified to teach First Aid, Advanced First Aid, CPR for the professional rescuer, Wilderness First Aid, First Responder and the instructor courses that go along with each course. He's a state licensed paramedic and an Instructor coordinator for NH Emergency Management System which affords him immediate instructor trainer status with ECSI. As such, students in their senior year can earn their first aid and CPR instructor certification. They will be able to teach courses to the community or at their respective job placements or college and earn money.

Culinary (Alison Bickford and Mary Donovan):

Students are busy preparing for the Pro Start Invitational Competition which will be held on March 11. Five students are working under the supervision of Chef Alison as well as ACF Chef Gary Sheldon. I've had a peek at the menu and it looks amazing! More updates to come. Gourmet to Go Co-op will start its third series next week and will provide lucky lottery winners with five weeks of gourmet dinners. The theme for this series is *The Great American Food Truck Tour* which will feature regional dishes from different parts of the United States as well as a popular food truck featuring that particular cuisine.

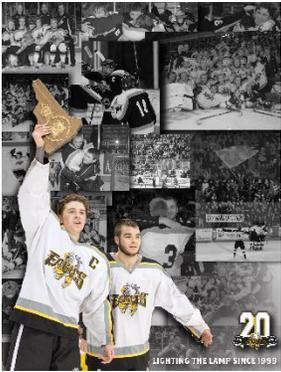
Teacher Education (Kelley Murphy):

For the second time this year, Teacher Education students were invited to work with the Child Find Team to assist with pre-school screening at the MWV Children's Museum. Last week, Curriculum and Methods students presented to the MWVCTC Regional Advisory Board, their personal classroom experiences at John Fuller and Conway El. Next month, they will be interning at Pine Tree Elementary.



Graphic/Digital Arts (Abbey Donaldson):

Ms. Donaldson has settled very well into her new position and has created a very professional classroom environment. The students have been working on various projects in photography, videography, graphic design, and other digital media concepts. The following photos represent a recent assignment which was very simple, "Tell me a story". They could make a video, take a photograph, or design something. The objective was for the students to actually think about what they were going to try to say with their project ahead of time, instead of just taking random photos.



Thank you to Andy Griegel and crew for putting up lights so our MWVCTC Student Spotlight bulletin board now actually has spotlights!

Please see attached email from Amy Mahoney, president of The Laura Foundation. The hockey goals she references were included in last month's board report.