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Conway School Board Report – November 13, 2023

The following report highlights significant activities and achievements in our various career and technical education programs.

Criminal Justice (Terry Ballou): On Monday, November 6, our Criminal Justice class embarked on an educational trip to the Massachusetts Supreme Court, located in the historic John Adams Courthouse in Boston. This unique experience allowed our students to observe oral arguments before the seven Supreme Court justices, gaining insights into the legal process. They had the opportunity to witness a Vehicular Manslaughter case, which revolved around the use of the defendant's blood sample at his DWI trial despite the defendant's lack of consent. After the arguments, our class had the privilege of a private discussion with one of the Supreme Court Justices, during which they asked questions about his career, decision-making process, and ethical dilemmas. This immersive experience left a lasting impression on our students. They also had the chance to explore the courthouse, visit the judge's chambers, and witness where the justices convene for their final decisions. As a bonus, the students enjoyed visiting Faneuil Hall for lunch, making this trip an educational and enjoyable experience.





Advanced Manufacturing (Andy Shaw): Last week, technicians from ProtoTrak provided training and certification to students in our Advanced Manufacturing Class. Our students received certifications for various ProtoTrak equipment, including SMX, ELX, SLX, and RMX controllers, as well as the EVOT1.65 3D printer. These nationally recognized industry certifications will undoubtedly enhance our students' career prospects. It's worth noting that students must be in their third or fourth year of the program to participate in this certification process.



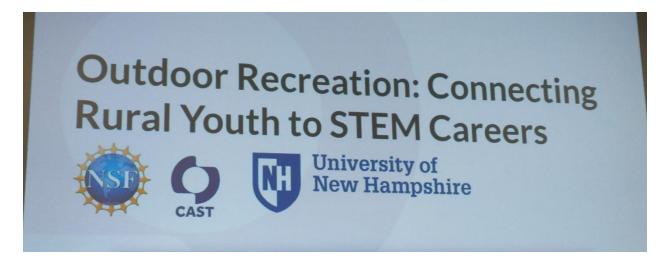
CADD (Joe Riddensdale): Our students in the Skills USA CADD program joined Key Club members in the official opening of the Angels and Elves headquarters. These students will fundraise throughout November and December and have the unique opportunity to "shop" for needy children during the holiday season. This initiative underscores the community-focused approach of our students in CADD.





Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) (Christine Thompson): Our ELO program continues to thrive this year, with over 75 students meeting with Christine Thompson to explore potential opportunities. An impressive 47 students have already embarked on ELO experiences, showcasing their diverse interests and creativity. These experiences range from launching a student-run tech business to working on improving the school climate through a student advisory ELO. Other students are honing their journalism skills, and many participated in intensive summer studies as part of their ELOs. Additionally, we have students involved in internships, work co-ops, and job shadows, further enhancing their real-world skills and experiences.

Outdoor Recreation: On October 26th, ten of our students concluded a year-long STEM research project at the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch, where they met with UNH and CAST researchers. The project aimed to help rural learners develop STEM skills through outdoor activities, ultimately leading to high-wage, high-skill STEM careers. The National Science Foundation funded the year-long project. The success of this endeavor has led to an invitation to participate in the project's next phase, starting in the spring of 2024.



KHS Club Fair (Kelley Murphy, Student Ambassadors): In October, our Student Ambassadors organized a highly successful club fair to introduce all students to the wide range of extracurricular clubs and activities available at our high school. Student leaders from approximately 15 different clubs effectively represented their respective organizations.











Student Spotlight

Our Career Tech program teachers select students who exhibit exemplary work ethic and academic performance each quarter. For Quarter 1, the following students have been recognized for their outstanding efforts:

Marketing - Peter Rogers

Peter takes his job as Financial Advisor of the Eagles Nest very seriously. He designed a spreadsheet that keeps all of the financial information organized and easy to read. Not only does he keep the school store running smoothly, but he also maintains exceptional grades in all of his classes. Peter has no trouble taking on a challenge and exceeding expectations. Peter is a phenomenal example of #soar.

Business - Peter Rogers

Peter is an amazing leader in our business education program. His attention to detail, enthusiasm for business and finance, and collaboration with his peers make him the epitome of academic excellence and exceptional work ethic. His self-discipline and willingness to learn will suit him well for the rest of his senior year and beyond!!

CADD - Aida Wheat

Aida continually strives to make herself better and more skilled in the classroom daily. She represented the Mount Washington Valley Career & Technical Center last June at the National Skills USA Drafting competition in Atlanta. She is currently the Co-President of the Drafting team and demonstrates a high level of work ethic.

Teacher Education - Avery Whitelaw

Avery has been a Teacher Education ROCK STAR this fall. There is no project too big or too small for her to tackle, and she does so with incredible energy and a love of learning. Her smile and contagious positive attitude have quickly made her a favorite in her 4/5 classroom and Conway Elementary School.

Advanced Manufacturing -Tavon Porter

Tavon is a hard-working young man. This year, he has challenged himself to learn new skills. He has already taken those skills and applied them to very difficult projects.

Outdoor Recreation - Tommy Calderwood

Tommy consistently brings positive energy and enthusiasm to activities in class, always has his hand up to answer questions, and engages with everything we do. He is the guy you want to have for a canoe partner, a hiking buddy, or ride a ski lift with.

Criminal Justice - Poppy Armenio

Poppy is an enthusiastic student who comes into class daily excited to learn and participate. Her positive energy is contagious, and she is a joy to teach. She has an excellent work ethic and a genuine interest in Criminal Justice, and I hope she will pursue this field in her future studies.

Computer Science - Aleks Lillis

Aleks is hardworking, challenges himself, and is known as the life of the lab. He goes out of his way to learn concepts to further his projects and make better applications.

Automotive - Patrick Cunio

Patrick is a senior in the Auto Advanced class. He is on task in the shop and a team player. Patrick has a great work ethic and will succeed in whatever career path he takes.

ELO - Abigail McGrath

Abigail is very driven and motivated to excel in her ELO. She hands things in before they are due, communicates in a very professional manner, and is an excellent self-advocate.

Culinary Arts -Lauren Keighley

Lauren displays an exemplary work ethic. She is always respectful, prompt, and present for class. She puts in extra time to ensure her projects reflect her best effort. She collaborates with other students in designing catered breakfast menus. As our primary "Pumpkin Whoopie Baker" in October, she has been responsible for those yummy treats we all have enjoyed. She always stays on task and perseveres when the kitchen gets stressful and hectic.

Construction Trades - Jake Jenkins

Jake is a soft-spoken "Get it done, no-nonsense" guy. Jake is one of the lead builders in the Construction Trades 2/3 class. He has a natural ability to think outside the box regarding tough projects. Jake is also a team player and leader in my class. I truly enjoy his enthusiasm.

STEM Aviation - Nathan Johnston

Nate is a top and terrific student who recently took his first flight at Fryeburg's Eastern Slope Airport. He has a high interest in aviation and frequently works with the flight simulator to advance his knowledge of flight.



Where are They Now?



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Mike is a Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, primarily specializing in tax compliance for large private equity and real estate investment firms. He is a graduate of The Peter T. Paul College at the University of New Hampshire. Mike graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor's of Science in Finance.

Ashley Byron, KHS Class of 2006/University of South Florida College of Business Operations Data Analyst at CAVA Orlando, FL

Ashley is an expert in data analysis, focusing on identifying trends and patterns to address the requirements of different operational areas. She conducts weekly, monthly, and quarterly analyses, generating reports that bolster company growth and key performance indicators (KPIs). Ashley actively seeks, facilitates, and contributes to opportunities aimed at enhancing, simplifying, redesigning, and standardizing processes. She collaborates with various departments, field leaders, and managers to pinpoint data requirements and formulate actionable insights. Additionally, she excels in creating visually engaging presentations and reports that effectively communicate analysis findings, utilizing visualizations to simplify complex information for easy comprehension.