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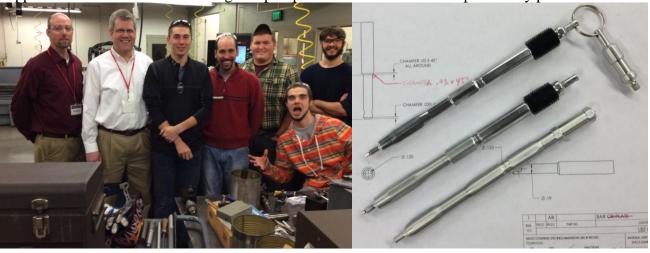
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Director's Report

Machine Tool Program Sends Pencil to Astronauts for Review

Following a day long work session with NASA's Rob Thate and NASA machining specialist subcontractor John Keck students in the Machine Tool HUNCH program sent two prototype pencils to an astronaut review panel. Each of the astronauts on the review panel has spent time on the space station and understands the requirements for any items used in space. This is the second review by a team of astronauts and they may very well ask for further revision. One possible outcome would be to accept the pencil as complete. If that were to happen the students would have to gear up to production of an order of space ready pencils!



CADD Students collaborate with White Mountain Aquatic Center

Students from the CADD program have been collaborating with representatives of the White Mountain Aquatic Center in the design of a potential new aquatic facility for the Mount Washington Valley. All students submitted design proposals to the Aquatic Center representatives who then narrowed the design concepts to three. At this time students have reorganized in teams around the three design concepts to further refine their ideas. The end result could be the integration of design concepts into the final facility plan.



"Excellence in America's Workforce Begins with Excellence in Workforce Education"

The Career Tech Center Welcomes New Computer Programming Teacher

We welcome Daniel Richardi as our new part-time computer programming teacher. Daniel is a Kennett grad and brings his enthusiasm for technology and experiences in both coding and game design to our center. Hiring has presented a significant challenge this year. With a total staff of 16, the tech center has hired a total of 8 people for full, part-time and long term substitute positions. As of this time we have a wonderful, energetic staff, dedicated to our students and their programs.

Student Recognition

November Student Spotlight

The Career/Tech staff recently revamped a student recognition model into our new student spotlight. The Mount Washington Valley Career and Technical Center Student Spotlight recognizes students for achievement in Career & Technical Education programs. The goal of this program is to promote the achievement of students in the center while raising the level of technical and academic rigor in CT programs. Students will be featured on the website, bulletin board and a press release will be issued. November Student Spotlight features:

Madelyn Glavin Graphics
Danielle Vizard Hospitality
Madison Cardillo Marketing
Logan Hagerty Drafting

Accounting Students Begin Personal Finance Challenge

Accounting students will be starting the H&R Block Challenge. It is a simulation where students create an account, receive a simulated pay check, set aside some of their income into a 401K, and use the remaining funds to pay simulated household bills. They are scored on saving for retirement and paying bills on time. Points are removed for late payment of bills, going over credit limits, bouncing checks, etc. Various concepts are introduced in lessons during the challenge period. Students will be quizzed on financing and those quiz pints also go to the overall score. H&R Block has 60 classroom grants up to \$5k, 132 student scholarships of \$20K and a grand prize of a \$100K scholarship. Our simulation runs Jan. 16 - March 19. Parents will be able to sign in and check a student's status, leader board and schedule of events for the simulation as well as quiz scores.

CTSO's

Our Career & Technical Student Organizations are off to a great start this year! Students have been working with instructors after school to learn and practice new skills. Each program has a CTSO and each CTSO participates in an annual competition with students from programs at other technical centers. This year's competitions will be held from February through March and our teams are gearing up for the challenge!

Student Photographers Celebrated at the MWV Teen Photo Competition

Students in the Graphics Program were recognized in the MWV Teen Photo Competition sponsored by the MWV Camera Club. This was the 4th year of the contest which is open to all valley teens. Overall winners included Zoe McKinney, Kathryn Huntress and Rebecca Eldridge. Great job!