

# CTE Connections

## Welcome Back!

By now everyone is back in the swing of things and going full force. It can sometimes feel as if you were never away once you're back at it. It's easy to slip back into familiar patterns. Sometimes that's good and sometimes it's not. It's good in the sense that you have your processes that work in place as far as procedures, classroom management, etc. It's not so good if we become complacent returning to lesson plans and teaching material because it's easier than modifying, updating or coming up with something new and improved.

It's always a treat to stick my head in and catch a glimpse of your day. In fact, one of the fun parts of what Dawn and I do is to visit every middle and high school in our system. You truly can feel the diverse culture and pulse at each school and are aware that each is unique. I often wish you could visit around more to see more of what I see. I think it's important to challenge ourselves so that your students are challenged. It also renews your passion for your subject area. If you feel you are in a rut, check out what other teachers are doing in your school, in your system, and in the state. A few things to ponder as you strive to do what's best for your students:

\*Would you want your own kids to have you as a teacher?

\*If your students have downtime in your class, are you planning enough and do you feel like you're making your lessons engaging?

\*If someone was visiting your room, would they leave wishing they could come back for the continuation?

Remember that that you are recruiting for your program daily whether you realize it or not so I implore you to be intentional about every day and every class period as each is a new opportunity that you have been given. I hope this school year is the best yet!



- Julie Godfrey

## Welcome New Teachers!

We are very excited to welcome our new teachers to Shelby County! The expertise and knowledge they bring to our programs will help us continue to grow. Reach out to the ones in your program and offer your support as they begin their new journey.



### New Teachers to Shelby County:

Bruce Saunders—Biomed, CTEC

Kyle Caldwell—Business, Chelsea High School

Kajuandra Harris—FACS, Chelsea Middle School

Amanda Viiskinsalo—Business, Chelsea High School

Bryan Pope—Marketing, Calera High School

Ahston Cottingham—Agriscience, Montevallo High School

Connie Moore—FACS, Helena Middle School

Rene' Day—FACS, Montevallo Middle School

Amy Sumner, PLTW, Columbiana Middle School

### New to CTE:

Jennifer Nabors—Business, Calera Middle School

Tamika Whitt-White—Business, Calera High School

### Transfers:

Blake Ray—Construction, CTEC

Bethany Bishop—FACS, Oak Mountain Middle School

## Credentialing

Many of our programs are doing a great job at offering credentialing opportunities to their students. If you didn't offer credentials last year, set a personal goal for your program by offering a credential this school year. If you did credential students last year, set a goal to continue to increase that number. Last school year, we had a 23% increase from the previous with 249 credentials. Congratulations to the following teachers for pushing their students towards earning credentials last year.

- **Robert Irwin, CTEC**
  - 11 students earned 78 ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) credentials
- **Mark McCary, CTEC**
  - 16 students earned Intro to Collision
  - 10 students earned Painting and Refinishing Level 1
  - 3 students earned Non Structural Analysis & Damage
- **James Hill, CTEC**
  - 2 students earned ETA Direct Current
- **Pam Cofer, CTEC**
  - 1 student earned a Cosmetology license
- **Van White, CTEC**
  - 5 students earned NCCER Core
- **Brandi Eades, CTEC**
  - 10 students earned ServSafe Manager
- **Marcy Campbell, CTEC**
  - 8 students earned BLS Instructor
  - 6 students Patient Care Technician
- **Rex Horton, CTEC**
  - 6 students earned NCCER Core
- **Lynn Miller, CTEC**
  - 11 students earned NCCER Core
- **Toni Motley, Chelsea High School**
  - 2 students earned Inventor certification
- **Jodie Temple, Oak Mountain High School**
  - 4 students earned MOS certification
- **Dustin Cleckler, Shelby County School**
  - 2 students earned NCCER Core
  - 9 students earned Beef Quality Assurance
- **Blake Ray, Montevallo High School**
  - 6 students earned Beef Quality Assurance
- **Doug Forsythe, Calera High School**
  - 21 students earned NCCER Core
  - 6 students earned NCCER Carpentry1
  - 2 students earned NCCER Carpentry 2
- **Alana Ray, Shelby County High School**
  - 5 students earned ServSafe Manager
- **Cynthia Walker, Chelesa High School**
  - 1 student earned ServSafe Manager
- **Stanley Murrell and Mary Kyser, Vincent High School**
  - 20 students earned Army JROTC Credential
- **Aurelio Garcia and Mark Brown, Calera High School**
  - 9 students earned Naval JROTC Credential
- **Gina Gonzalas and Michael Shields, Helena High School**
  - 16 students earned BLS Instructor



# National CTSO Competitions

Several students from Shelby County Schools competed over the summer at their national CTSO conference. Congratulations to these students and advisors.

Tanner Stogner and Denisen Justin, FCCLA, Columbiana Middle School  
Illustrative Talk, Gold medal  
Samantha Pursley, advisor



Columbiana Middle School  
FCCLA

Juddson Raie and Camden Davis, SkillsUSA, CTEC  
Mechatronics, 4th place  
James Hill, Advisor

Michael Moler, SkillsUSA, CTEC  
Motorcycle Technology, 13th place  
Robert Irwin, Advisor

Dalton Craig, SkillUSA, CTEC  
Collision Repair, Top 20  
Mark McCary, Advisor

Blake Bishop, SkillUSA, CTEC  
Automotive Refinishing, Top 25  
Mark McCary, Advisor

Stephan Stano, SkillUSA, CTEC  
Firefighting, Top 25  
Gary Griffith, Advisor

Wesley Lanier, SkillUSA, CTEC  
Criminal Justice, Top 25  
Gary Griffith, Advisor

Justin Tate, SkillUSA, CTEC  
Plumbing, Top 30  
Rex Horton, Advisor

Khald Zuaiter, Ismael Choucha,  
Aaron Pendry, Cade May, TSA,  
Oak Mountain Middle School  
Vex Robotics, 1st place  
Excellence Award  
Sherri Whitehead, Advisor

Omar Zuatier, TSA, Oak  
Mountain High School  
Vex Robotics  
Paula Hughes, Advisor



CTEC SkillsUSA



Oak Mountain Middle School TSA

## CTSO Corner

### Recruitment

CTSO recruitment is in full swing. Here are some ideas that teachers in our schools are doing to recruit members to their organization.

Chelsea Middle School FBLA, advisor Teneal Smith, held their first interest meeting August 23. Over 20 students attended the meeting and enjoyed juice and snacks. The first 20 people that pay their dues will receive a candy bar.

Chelsea Middle School FCCLA students watched a recruitment video in class and participated in a scavenger hunt. Posters were printed and hung around the class to introduce students to each aspect of FCCLA.

Oak Mountain High School had a club fair this week and clubs were able to set up a table to recruit members. Oak Mountain Business Association which includes FBLA and DECA had a table at the fair. Advisors are Jodie Temple, Stephanie Triplett, Lauren Ingram and Riley White.

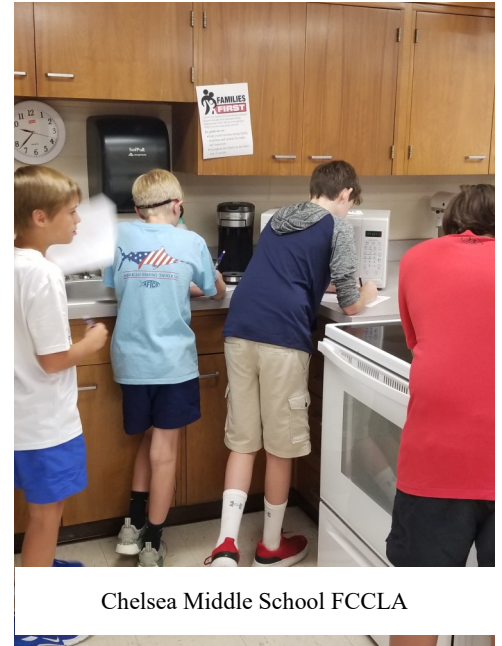
Montevallo High School will hold a RUSH week the first week of September. FBLA Advisor Samantha Nunn met with current members to talk about ways to recruit members during RUSH week.

Chelsea High School FTA set up a table and passed out candy and applications during their schools Half-Time break. Officers answered questions and greeted students as they passed their table. They also included an invitation in google announcements that go out to all students and parents via the *Chelsea Buzz* as well as put up signs in strategic places around the school. Kay Dick is the FTA advisor at ChHS.

Chelsea High School FBLA set a table up in front of their bulletin board. The current members gave out *Payday* candy bars that said, "Increase your payday, join FBLA" and *Starbursts* that said, "Be a STAR and join FBLA!" They had approximately 200 students at their first interest meeting. Their advisors are Dora Montgomery, Clarissa Clark, Amanda Viisinkalo, and Kyle Caldwell.



Chelsea High School FBLA



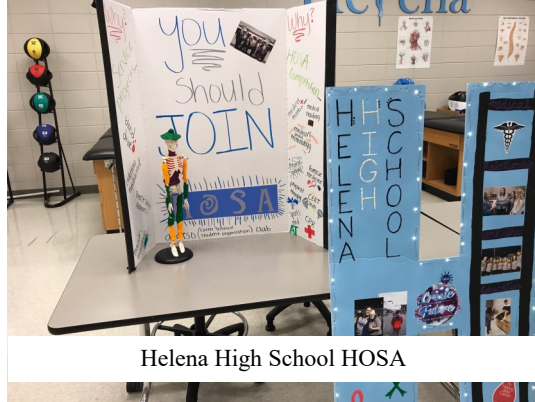
Chelsea Middle School FCCLA



Oak Mountain High School Business Association

Gary Griffith, CTEC, said his best recruiting tool is current and former students talking to students enrolled in his classes about the program and organization.

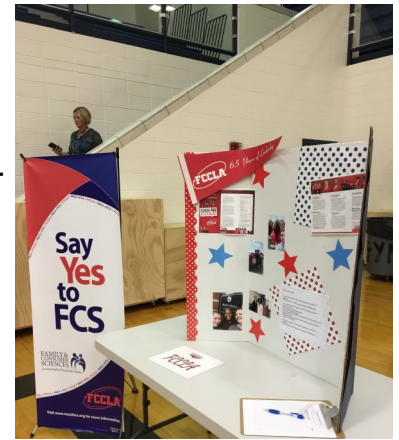
Helena High School HOSA participated in "Find your Pack" day. Student organizations set up tables in the gym. HOSA students used their banner as well as a board that said "Come Join HOSA". They also displayed 3 mini skeleton models with PlayDoh to make it look fun. HOSA advisors are Gina Gonzales and Michael Shields.



Helena High School HOSA



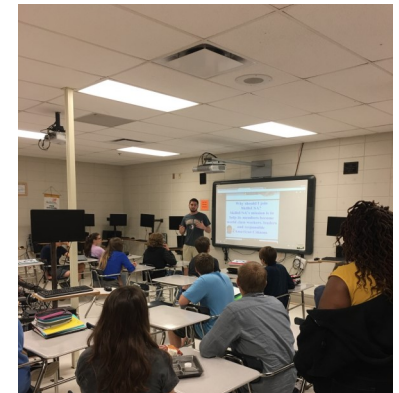
Montevallo High School FCCLA is having a "Red Hot" campaign for recruitment.. Current members will wear red over the next two weeks leading up to RUSH week. They will hang "Getting to Know Me" FCCLA posters around the school with their picture and top three memories from the year. The members are also doing random acts of kindness and randomly giving out goodies bags with inspirational quotes on one side and "ask me about FCCLA" on the other.



Oak Mountain High FCCLA

Helena Middle School FBLA advisor talked to all of his students in his classes about FBLA and posted flyers around the school to advertise their first interest meeting. The advisor, Keith Richardson, also added any student who is interested in FBLA to their FBLA google classroom so those students could see past events and activities.

Shelby County High School FFA uses the motto "We meet, we eat". Every meeting has some kind of food or snack to encourage students to attend. At the beginning of the year, the advisor, Dustin Cleckler, along with his officers, speak to each of his classes about FFA and encourages them to attend the interest meeting. They have a career tech social with FBLA and FCCLA to encourage new members to get involved. New members are also given a shirt designed by the officers.



Calera High School SkillsUSA Interest Meeting



## Back to School

The first day of school brought smiles and excitement from both students and teachers. During those first few weeks, teachers shared their rules and procedures and highlighted topics that would be covered in their classes. It is an exciting year for career and technical education because there are over 5900 students enrolled in our classes! While students across the county posted "First Day of School" pictures, teachers joined the fun. Oak Mountain Career Tech Teachers have a combined 77 years of experience.

Vincent Middle High School JROTC upperclassman students talked to each class about what to expect in ROTC and ways to get involved. They explained all the activities they would do throughout the year.

Students have been busy in classes already. In Carolyn Baker's FACS classes at Oak Mountain High, students participated in a Oreo vs Great Value comparison. Students had to identify what's different and what's the same.

In Teneal Smith's Career Cluster class, students studied architecture. Students recorded classroom dimensions in order to develop a redesigned classroom drawing.



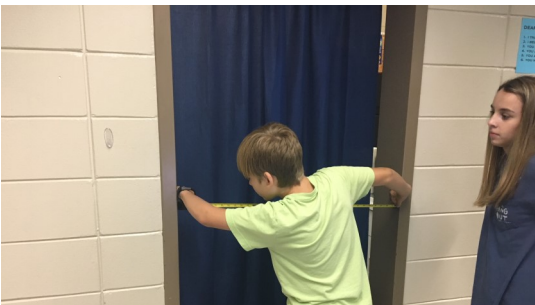
Oak Mountain High School  
Career Technical Teachers First Day of School



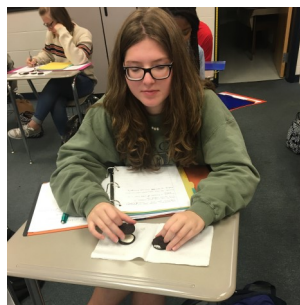
Vincent Middle/High School  
JROTC Classes



Montevallo High School  
Business Education



Chelsea Middle School  
Business Education Classes



Oak Mountain High School  
FACS Classes



Calera High School  
Business Education

# School News

Premier Chevrolet sponsored the automotive technology program at CTEC this school year. They donated \$500 to help purchase student uniform shirts. Napa Automotive donated the new sign on the building. Robert Irwin is the automotive teacher.



CTEC Automotive Technology Students



CTEC SkillsUSA Project

Cosmetology student at CTEC, Lizzie Brown, from Vincent High School, took pop tabs to Children’s Hospital Ronald McDonald house for the Pop Tab Pandemonium project. This is one of the cosmetology SkillsUSA community service projects. Pam Cofer and Stacey Garrett are the cosmetology teachers.



Columbiana Middle School Project Lead the Way Class



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7th and 8th grade students in Amy Sumner’s Project Lead the Way Gateway class at Columbiana Middle School participated in a Design and Modeling challenge. Students had to make ankle foot orthosis for a person with cerebral palsy. They had specific constraints that had to be met like attachment to foot and leg, arch support, removable structure and a budget that they could spend for supplies. They used Design Process stages in order to carry out the assignment and make a prototype to show the class.

Students in Rene’ Day’s FACS classes at Montevallo Middle are discussing overcoming hardships and setting goals. Police officer Keldric Farrington, Montevallo High School alum, shared his personal story with students and how he overcame difficulties and



Oak Mountain High School Career Prep Class

became a police officer. He encouraged them to have a vision and set goals to meet that vision.



Officer Farrington speaks to Montevallo Middle FACS

Students in Jodie Temple’s Career Prep classes at Oak Mountain High School worked in Everfi’s Digital Literacy unit. All students are working to become good digital citizens.

## Calera High School Basic Leadership Training Academy

Over the summer, six Calera High School NJROTC cadets attended Camp Shelby in Mississippi for the annual Basic Leadership Training and Leadership Academy. The purpose of these week-long camps is to teach cadets leadership, drill, build camaraderie, and how to properly take on leadership positions in their school unit. The cadets slept in barracks with their platoon members, and were not allowed to have their phones in order to instill team work and good team work ethics.

A normal day at camp began with reveille at 0500, followed by physical training. Cadets performed the Navy Daily Seven Calisthenics exercises, and then jogged to cadences in company formation. Cadets then went to the dining facility (chow hall) where they were fed breakfast. Each individual was given a study sheet that included questions the cadets may be asked during uniform inspection; Orders to the Sentry, Chain of Command, Leadership Traits, and basic naval history questions.

Throughout the week, companies rotated learning orienteering, drilling, marksmanship, flag etiquette, and rifle commands. After the cadets final meal of the day, they were given time to shower before lights out at 2200. At the end of the week, competitions between companies determined the graduation color guard and winner of the Guidon banner. At graduation, BLT cadets were awarded a completion certificate and the BLT ribbon. Leadership Academy cadets were also awarded a completion certificate and the LA silver cord. After returning to the school, the six graduate cadets were given leadership positions in Calera's NJROTC unit.



## Vincent High School JROTC

Vincent JROTC has already had a busy semester just a few weeks into the new school year. During the summer, more than 20 cadets volunteered to assist the town of Vincent with the annual Vincent in the Park on July 28th. Cadets served in a variety of ways, helping supervise young children on inflatables, supervising those riding the train, helping vendors find assigned spots and get set up, and running errands for the event staff. Bravo Company spent last weekend repainting the stripes and markings in the school parking lots, with 24 cadets putting in more than 100 volunteer hours of labor during this important school service project.

Vincent JROTC has already performed their first color guard of the year, posting the colors for the August 23rd meeting of the Shelby County Board of Education, and conducted flag detail for the first home football game last Friday night. They are looking forward to another busy and successful school year.







## Teacher Shout-outs

Happy Birthday to  
Paula Hughes, Oak Mountain  
High School, Aug 1

Blake Ray, Montevallo High School, Aug 2  
Riley White, Oak Mountain High School, Aug 15  
Bethany Bishop, Montevallo Middle School, Aug 19  
Clarissa Clark, Chelsea High School, Aug 20  
Stephanie Triplett, Oak Mountain High School, Sept 4

Congratulations to Blake (CTEC) and Alana (SCHS) Ray on the birth of their sweet baby girl, Amelia Klaira Ray. She weighed 8 lbs and was 21 inches long.



## Important Reminders/Dates

- Work on Business Industry Awareness Hours
- Hold a CTSO meeting and put officers in place
- Begin enrolling students in your CTSO
- Safety test given with 100% accuracy
- Host an Advisory Meeting
- Aug 31—Complete all CTIPs on your special needs students as needed
- Sept 12—Education Connection, Calera High School
- Sept 26—Education Connection, Helena High School

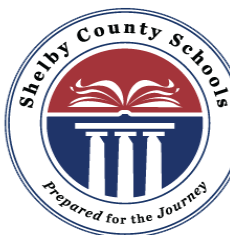


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*Students in Shelby County Schools who plan carefully may be placed in high wage, high skill, or high demand occupations by participating in Career and Technical Education. CTE programs are in all middle schools, high schools, and at the Career Technical Educational Center. Gone are the days of “trade” or “vocational” schools. The programs are much more technical, rigorous, relevant, and aligned with Business/ Industry Standards for the workforce of tomorrow. Students have an opportunity to enter the job market with a high-paying skill or they may continue their education. Many of the programs offer articulation and/or dual credit with neighboring postsecondary community colleges.*



**Please send information on classroom activities, upcoming events, CTSO happenings, pictures, and write-ups on any of your current events. We would love to include this in our newsletter and let the community know more about your great programs in Career Tech.**

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