

LCSD will celebrate grand opening of Cosmetology program at CTC

COLUMBUS -- The Lowndes County School District will have a grand opening for the new Cosmetology program at the Career Technology Center (CTC) at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at 1085 North Lehmberg Road in Columbus.

The event will give the LCSD a chance to show off a Cosmetology program that introduces students to the field, identifies some of the current and future trends affecting the industry and examines the impact this trade has on society and the global economy. Instructor Jessica Allen also will be on hand to walk guests through all of the stations in the Cosmetology room.

“We are excited to show off all of the hard work that has gone into realizing the goal of bringing the Cosmetology program to the CTC,” said Susan McClelland, director of the CTC. “We know our invited guests from the Mississippi Department of Education, the Research and Curriculum Unit, the State Board of Cosmetology as well as all of our advisory committee members will enjoy seeing how this new program will help students in the LCSD forge promising careers.”

LCSD Superintendent Sam Allison and other members of the district’s administration also will attend the grand opening.

In the Cosmetology program, students will explore safety, infection control and decontamination issues associated with the field. The course will provide a detailed look at the histology of the skin before allowing students to study aspects of the human anatomy and physiology to understand their importance to cosmetology.

Students also will be introduced to the properties of the hair and scalp, learn about the principles of hair design to understand basic techniques for styling and be introduced to scalp cleansing to understand the importance of techniques such as shampooing and conditioning.

Additional science-related content will include the study of basic chemistry and electricity as it relates to cosmetology.

Following the grand opening, there will be a Fall Advisory Council meeting from noon to 1 p.m.

The 55,000-square foot, \$11 million CTC opened in August 2018. It offers students in the LCSD an opportunity to earn valuable hands-on experience in Educator Prep II, Culinary Arts, Health Science, Engineering & Robotics, Automotive Maintenance, Construction/Carpentry, Welding and Industrial Maintenance.

“Our enrollment has increased 50% since the CTC opened six years ago,” McClelland said. “Students are understanding the importance of learning skills and how those skills can benefit them in securing jobs. Our goal is to make an impact on our students and community. It is life changing for many of our students!”

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