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Being a Leader in the Classroom

Each year the Early Childhood Education Program at the Livingston Area Career Center looks forward to welcoming a new class of preschoolers for our student learning lab. While last year brought many challenges with the pandemic, we learned to adapt, developed virtual lessons, and eventually welcomed an in-person preschool group in the Spring. This Fall we are *ready to roll* and will run an in-person preschool program from September thru May. Students at the career center that are in the second year of this program have been preparing the classroom, planning lessons, creating ideas for welcoming children and families, reflecting on leadership skills, and working to develop connections and mentor relationships with first year students in the program. Here are some responses from our second year students as they reflect on becoming leaders in the classroom;

"I value confidence, motivation, and communication because I believe that these are the core values of teachers. You can model these characteristics to the children in your care by practicing them and setting an example for them. Modeling for your colleagues is similar because if you are practicing these characteristics, then others will see your example and follow it." ~ Grace Mund

"I believe that communication seems most important in becoming a leader. It is important to share with your team members certain goals and steps that will better your classroom. I feel as though I value using humour and listening attentively when being a leader because it makes everyone feel more comfortable and are more willing to step up and show leadership qualities themselves." ~ Zoe Noles

"I think it is extremely important to be able to communicate your ideas or shared visions because everybody has different ideas and communication is key. It will be easier to get things done, especially group projects, when you all communicate your ideas with each other and are open and upfront so that there is no confusion." ~ Grace Mund

"I believe that listening to one another, motivating others, being flexible, having a sense of humor, providing support, and having a can-do attitude, are the most important skills to have as a leader. I can model these by making a goal to do them." ~ Alexis Durham

"I could be a mentor just by creating friendships with the first year students and showing them the ropes. I can jump in and help someone when they need it. I also plan to include first year students by asking them how they want to do something or how they want to design the lessons and getting their input on things." ~ Angel Bohnert

One of my greatest joys as the teacher of this program is seeing the students come together to work as a team and to reach common goals. It is amazing each year to see new leaders emerge and for everyone to play a part in the overall success of our preschool program. The students truly enjoy getting to know each child and creating lessons and activities that will enhance the interests, skills, and abilities of the preschoolers. We can't wait to see all the amazing things this year will bring. Please visit our preschool webpage to learn more about our program and see the students in action.
<https://lacc-preschool.weebly.com/>

LACC Automotive and Diesel Technology

The Livingston Area Career Center offers a three year program designed for high school students wanting to pursue interest in the Automotive or Diesel Power Equipment Industries. When students complete the program they will have the skills and professional expectations to pursue jobs in the automotive, agricultural, construction, and diesel technician industries. This can differentiate between an automotive technician at a local dealership to a diesel technician repairing engines in bulldozers or tractors.

Upon graduating from Automotive and Diesel Technology 1, students will have the fundamentals of basic automotive techniques as well as the capability to problem solve issues such as light duty brakes, diesel engine theory, diesel fuel systems, air conditioning, and electrical theory and issues. Other important aspects are that students learn accountability, communication, teamwork, workspace organization, and workplace cleanliness. Students have the opportunity to compete in SkillsUSA and win prizes such as tools, clothing, safety equipment, money, and scholarships.

Automotive and Diesel Technology 2 students will also have the opportunity to receive the AED Recognized Heavy Equipment Technician Certifications which is something businesses are looking for in our community. Students also have the opportunity to be awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship to ICC for DPET or Altorfer Think Big Program. Students will also have opportunities to compete in SkillsUSA and win tools, safety equipment, money and scholarships.

We have Simulation Competitions in class every week where students are given a work order for a vehicle and they must figure out what the issue is. The students are then timed on how long they spend to troubleshoot as well as parts that were replaced. This is a great way to get students involved in difficult issues that will arise in the workforce, but make it fun. This also gets them used to utilizing a Multimeter and an OBD2 Scanner. We also visit colleges and businesses within the A&DT industries to get the students networking and finding opportunities locally.



Pictured above: A student works on a tire in his Automotive & Diesel Technology class.

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Students of the Month "September"



Keegan Krug

Dwight High School
Class:
Welding Technology II
Instructor:
Jodi Lancaster



Natalie Cassidy

Pontiac Township High School
Class:
Criminal Justice II
Instructor:
Jack Bristow

Regional Students of the Month "September"

Michael Jones

Pontiac Township High School
Class:
Family and Career Relations
Instructor:
Emilyn Carter

Andrew Heinrich

Pontiac Township High School
Class:
Introduction to Welding
Instructor:
Jodi Lancaster

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