I would like to welcome two new faculty members to our Center this year. Amanda Pankratz is our new Culinary Arts instructor. She is coming to us from Lumberton School District where she served as Food Service Manager. Ms. Pankratz has worked with the National ProStart Organization and has traveled all over the world while growing up experiencing cuisine from many different cultures. Everyone at the CDC is looking forward to experiencing what she literally “brings to the table”.

Also welcoming a new Career & Tech Ed Counselor, Sarah Shabazz. Mrs. Shabazz has lived up to her jazzy name by bringing a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere to the students as they arrive to our classes. She has music playing and greets each student with a high five first thing in the morning. Sarah comes to us from the Pass Christian School District where she taught Family and Consumer Science. We look forward to working with her and her friendly disposition.

As usual the CTE faculty started off the year with our annual MS- ACTE Summer Conference in Jackson, MS. The conference is always a great way to start a new school year networking and sharing with other CTE teachers across the state as well as gathering information from each Mississippi Department of Education program advisor.

Great things are happening this year, and we can’t wait to share it with you. Look for upcoming issues of our Newsletter.

From the Desk of Dr. Cole, CTE Director

CDC hosts Freshman Orientation
August 1, 2017

Points of Interest

- From THE direktor
- cdc faculty
- STEM: EverFi
- Molecules & projects
- AEST—BBQ & Welding
- Jambalaya in culinary

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**In STEM Class...**

On August 21, guest speaker Jackie Oleszewski introduced the students to EverFi, a free program designed by the Critical Skills Company (www.everfi.com). Ms. Oleszewski assisted the students as they created an account, registered, and began working through the financial literacy and digital citizenship programs. The EverFi program, which is sponsored by Hancock Bank, focuses on important topics such as financial literacy, STEM literacy and career exploration, entrepreneurship, digital citizenship, African-American history, math and coding, and civic engagement. The goal of EverFi is to support teachers and students everywhere and to provide access to the best resources at no cost.

**Learning Can Be Fun**

To help students in their academic and elective classes, Ms. Ann Bosworth, Special Populations Coordinator for the Career Development Center, introduced the STEM students to several educational websites. The students learned how to use online math tutoring on Khan Academy; how to memorize the 50 states in the United States on Sheppard Software; how to learn the counties in Mississippi on the Purpose Games website; how to solve a murder case using forensic science on the CSI website; and how to study vocabulary words by using Quizlet.

**AEST has been Extremely Busy...**

AEST has been extremely busy within this first month of school. We started off with getting the flower beds outside of the CDC building manicured, with some weed control and mulched straw donated by Mr. Jerry Smith and Landon Lee from Southern Straw here in Poplarville. The students have managed to fix or repair several chairs and desks for teachers around our school. Welding new gate hinges at the football field for Coach Ray to fix those unsafe falling gates. The students have learned early how to take a skill set and help others and be able to provide a service to their community within the school. The BBQ grill in these photos is the grill the students constructed from a metal barrel donated by Mr. John Will. Hard work merits good rewards.
Pictured above are the 2017-2018 PHS marketing classes who are ready to team up for a year of Business, Finance, Economics and Marketing. This year our classes are working together to create a fresh new look to our “Snack Shack,” which gives our students a chance to experience working in the retail industry. These classes are looking forward to a great year.
Health Science and HOSA Off to a Great Start

1st Year Students:
First year students passed Safety test with all 100’s.

Infection Mobiles
Students picked a type of infection and researched information about it and then created it as a mobile.

2nd Year Students:

Eating AIDS
Second year students placed nerds all over a gusher candy, creating an AIDS molecule.

HOSA ELECTIONS:
Students in HOSA had elections for the following available positions:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter 1, 2, and 3.

Health Science Projects:

Pin & T-shirt designs:
Students created ideas for the Mississippi HOSA T-shirt and Pin Design

Safety Posters:
Students created posters on information for the safety standards in a Healthcare facility.

College & Career Spotlight Board
Each month, we will feature a new College and careers offered within that college that relates to Career Tech Education.
Culinary Arts with Chef Pankratz

The Culinary Arts Program at Poplarville High School’s Career and Development Center is lead by first year Chef Instructor, Ms. Amanda Pankratz. The program is associated with ProStart which provides the students with scholarship opportunities for who complete the two year program. The students also have the opportunity to participate in culinary competitions at both the state and national levels.

Although this school year has only been in session for a few weeks, the students have made amazing strides to master their safety and sanitation exams. All 36 students have completed their exams with a grade of 100%, which will allow them to enter the kitchen for hands-on training.

Their attitudes, their dedication to learn and their daily engagement has been a dream come true for a first year teacher.

With a focus on classroom community, the students have worked as a team, organizing and deep cleaning our kitchen in order to prepare for the 2017-2018 school year.

Over the past several weeks we have focused on safety and sanitation; vocabulary; kitchen utensil and equipment identification; as well as uniform expectations. They were also introduced to the Restaurant and Food Service Industry by being assigned individual student projects on prominent chefs who have helped to create our industry. These were presented to the class and exceeded my expectations.

The Culinary Arts Program will introduce the students to basic cooking methods; knife skills; marketing and cost control; workplace safety; and how to build a career in the restaurant industry. Workplace safety will be a focus on a regular basis as the students are taught to perform at a professional level in the kitchen workplace.

We are looking forward to an awesome year in room 503! Stay tuned for some more exciting news from my students, as we will be opening our kitchen for production very soon.

New District Slogan and Logo

Our community, our schools, our people. Help us celebrate by downloading and using our new Poplarville School District (PSD) logos and logos with slogans.

You can visit our website for more information on download guidelines. www.poplarvilleschools.org
PHS’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) has been off to a great start this school year. Our club currently consists of approximately 12 students in grades 9-12. FCCLA is community focused with the Career and Development Centers Culinary Arts instructor, Ms. Amanda Pankratz as their advisor.

They began the school year with a focus on fundraising to make a trip in November to Washington, D.C to attend the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting. This event will allow the members to represent Poplarville in leadership meetings, focus on group activities and listen to honorary speakers.

The members are also campaigning for officer positions for this year. Students running for office have made posters to hang up in the CDC building and voting will take place on Sept. 26th with an induction ceremony on Oct. 2nd. FCCLA is off to an exciting year. Be looking for fundraising events in our community in the near future and help our students raise enough money to represent Poplarville in Washington, D.C!

Meet the CDC Faculty...

L to R, Clockwise: Dr. Marlene Cole, Director; Sarah Shabazz, CTE Counselor; Scott Necaise, AEST; Donna Baxter, DMT; Ann Bosworth, SSC; Candis Thompson, RN, Health Sciences; Beverly Merritt, STEM; Hope Roberts, Marketing; Amanda Pankratz, Culinary Arts; and Angela Knight, Administrative Assistant.