MERCY | CAREER & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Forging Futures with Faith and Focus

Virtual Fall Open House

Greetings
&
Opening Prayer

Sister Rosemary Herron, President

Why a career and tech education?

- **Prepares you for the world of work by introducing you to workplace competencies**

- **Research shows there are many good paying jobs available that do not require a college degree**

- **Critical need for a skilled labor force**

- **Have you heard of the "silver tsunami"? Well, 48% of the city's skilled laborers are over the age of 50, so attracting and training young people now is vital!**

Mercy is Techy!

- One-to-one school since SEP 2011
- Online textbooks
- Google School
- State-of-the-art Virtual Reality Lab
- Naviance for career and college planning
- No more snow days - online learning
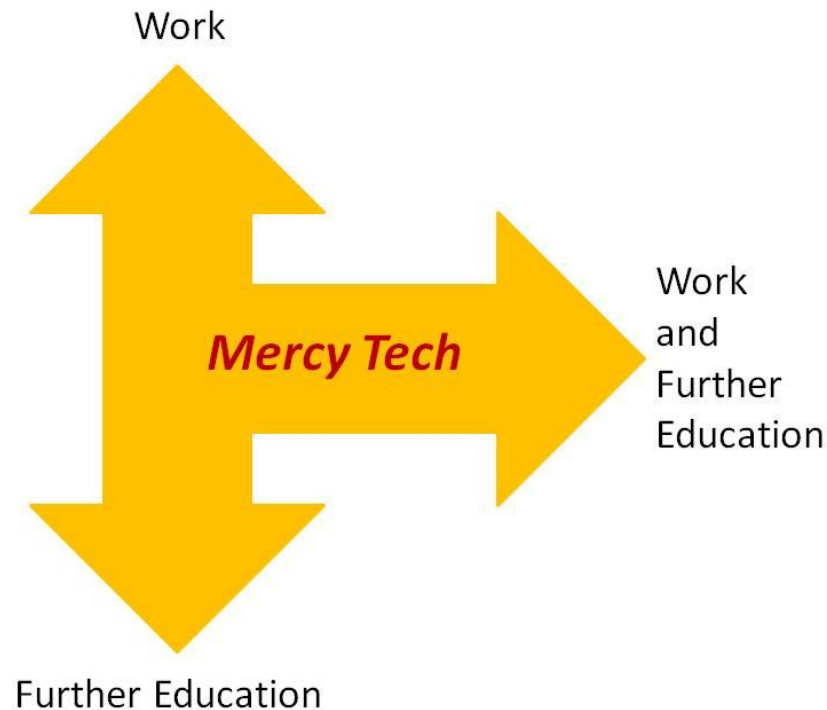- E-portfolios document the student's four years of high school

Graduate with Options

- Students earned High School Diploma
- *And* Industry-recognized Certifications

Academics

- 4 yrs Math, English, Theology
- 3 yrs Science, History
- 1 yr Health and PE

Work

Mercy Tech

Work and Further Education

Further Education

Mercy Tech's Response to this Pandemic

- Immediately transitioned to virtual learning in March
  - Followed bell scheduled 8:30 am - 3:08 pm everyday
  - Teachers and students face-to-face but online (Google Meet)
  - Students continued to earn certifications

- Mercy Tech is HYBRID this year
  - Students report two days a week
  - Special days for all CTE
  - Classrooms have desks 6' apart
  - CTE labs sized for safe social distancing
  - Only CTE school opened in Philadelphia
  - **Average daily attendance rate is above 90%**

What are our 7 trade programs?

- **Advertising Art & Web Design**
- **Cosmetology**
- **Health Occupations**
- **Building Trades**
- **Culinary & Pastry Arts**
- **Business Education**
- **Computer Technician Services**

Quick Question!

- Which CTE program are you most excited to hear about?
- Drop your answer in the chat box or shout it out!

Advertising Art & Web Design Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- **Adobe Certified Associate in Photoshop CS6**
- **Adobe Certified Associate in Illustrator CS6**
- **Adobe Certified Associate in InDesign CS6**
- **CIW: Site Development**
- **OSHA 10**

Destinations

- **Entrepreneur/ Side Job**
- **Full-time or part-time employment in the design or website industries**
- **Post high school education in two and four- year colleges**

Building Trades Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- **NCCER Core Curriculum**
- **OSHA 30 for Construction**
- **NOCTI Building Trades**
- **First Aid/CPR/AED**

Destinations

- **Full-time or part-time employment in the construction, electrical or carpentry industries**
- **Apprenticeship in local trade unions**
- **Post high school education in two and four-year colleges**

Business Education Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- Students graduate certified in Microsoft Office Suite applications including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
- OSHA 10

Destinations

- Full-time or part-time employment in various business industries
- Post high school education in two and four-year colleges

Computer Services Technician Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- TestOut IT Fund Pro & PC Pro
- CompTIA IT Fund+ and A+
- Network Pro, possible
- OSHA 10

Destinations

- Full-time or part-time employment in the information technology industry
- Post high school education in two and four-year colleges

Cosmetology Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- **Graduate as a fully-licensed Cosmetologist in the state of PA**
- *Over last seven years 90% graduates fully-licensed*
- **OSHA 10**

Destinations

- **Full-time or part-time employment in the beauty and salon Industries**
- **Post high school education in two and four-year colleges**

Culinary & Pastry Arts Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- **ManageFirst Nutrition**
- **Servsafe Manager**
- **OSHA 10**

Destinations

- **Full-time or part-time employment in the culinary, restaurant, bakery or food truck industries**
- **Post high school education in two and four- year colleges**

Health Occupations Program

Industry-recognized Certifications

- PA Nurse Aide Registry
- OSHA 10
- HIPAA & Blood Borne Pathogens
- CPR, First Aid and AED

Destinations

- Full-time or part-time employment in the health services industry
- Post high school education in two and four-year colleges to continue in the medical field

Only high school in Philadelphia to offer the PA-approved Nurse Aide Training Program

Quick Question!

- Did you change your mind on which CTE program you are most excited about?
- Drop your answer in the chat box or shout it out!

Mercy Tech Student Experience

- Student Activities & Clubs
- Ministry & Service
- Athletics
- McAuley Program
- Guidance & Student Services

Student Activities

Student Activities and Leadership are important parts of the Mercy Tech student experience!

- **Student Activities**
  - School Dances
  - Spirit Games
  - Dorney Park Trip
  - Awards Day
  - Arts Festival

- **Clubs**
  - Student Council
  - Gaming
  - Stage Crew
  - Environmental
  - Choir
  - Mercy for Life
  - Mercy Ministry
  - Chess
  - Debate

Ministry & Service Programs

You belong here! We would love to have you join our Mercy Tech community!

Ministry & Service Programs

- Faith and service are integral parts of the learning experience

- Provide opportunities for students to encounter the God of their understanding through Eucharistic Liturgies, Interfaith Prayer Services, Class Retreats, Days of Service, Holy Week Service Immersion Experience, and weekly service opportunities.

- School Ministry is a place where students of all faith traditions can feel welcome and celebrated.

- **Community Service Hours Requirement:**

  - 9th and 10th Grades: 10 hours, 11th and 12th Grades: 15 hours

In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, we encourage our students and faculty to build community centered around a common mission: faith in action.

Athletics

Members of Penn-Jersey League

- ## Sports at Mercy:
  - Boys' Soccer
  - Girls' Soccer
  - Girls' Volleyball
  - Boys' Basketball
  - Girls' Basketball
  - Cheerleading
  - Bowling
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - Track and Field

McAuley Program

- An intensive academic support program for students with learning difficulties.
- A "*select*" program with small class sizes in English and Math
- Strong emphasis on English, Math, Study Skills, and Organizational Skills.
- "*Learning Strategies*" are taught so that they will meet with success.
- **24** students accepted per year.
- **Not** Special Education program.

- Reading of tests for students, if requested by a teacher.
- Extra tutoring sessions.
- Speech services (CORA).
- In order to apply, a student **MUST** have a recent **Psychological Evaluation** along with other pertinent academic files.

Guidance & Student Services

- **Staff**
  - (2) Guidance counselors
  - Experiential Learning Coordinator
  - Social Worker
  - Social Work Intern
  - Jameson - Emotional Support Dog
- **CORA**
  - Counselor
  - Psychologist
  - Speech Therapist
- **Student Assistance Program**
- **Guidance Google Classroom Page** with resources for students & their families

- **Support Groups as needed**
  - *Grief & Loss*
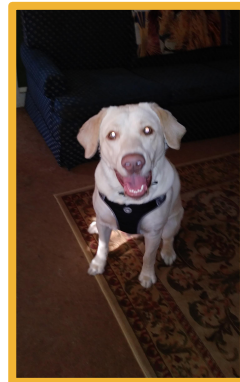 - *Kids of Promise*
- PSAT in Junior Year
- ASVAB for military
- Career & College counseling for after Mercy
- Students are seen *a minimum* of twice per year for social, emotional, educational and career counseling
- *Freshman Year* - two guidance courses
  - **Career Exploration**
  - **Life in a Flash!**

Quick Question!

- Which part of the Mercy Tech Student Experience did you like the most?
- Drop your answer in the chat box or shout it out!

General Information

- **Tuition: $8,495.00**
  - Includes all fees

- **Financial Assistance:**
  - 96% of Mercy Tech families receive over $1.6 million dollars in grants and scholarships.

- **Mercy Admissions Process:**
  - Apply, Submit Materials (6th, 7th and 8th Grade Report Cards, 8th Teacher Recommendation, Standardized Test Scores) Interview, & Decision Letter
  - **Apply early!** We had to wait list students last year.

- **Getting to Mercy: Transportation**
  - Upper Darby, William Penn, Abington, or Cheltenham School Districts residents are bussed.
  - Free SEPTA transpass (live 1.5 miles or further from Mercy Tech)
  - SEPTA Bus Routes: 1, 32, 48, 60 and R

Q&A

If you have further questions, please contact Ryan Keller, Director of Admissions, rkeller@mercycte.org or the Mercy Tech Admissions Team, admissions@mercycte.org.