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New Faces in the CTE Department

Charlie Feller



Coach Charlie Feller begins his first year at PNG High School as a new Business Information Management teacher and teaches Psychology/Sociology. In addition to his teaching assignment, Coach Feller coaches varsity football and track. This is Coach Feller's 12th year overall with previous stops at Sheldon ISD, Kerrville-Tivy, and Mineola. He earned his Master's degree from The University of Iowa, and Bachelor's from Coe College where he was the starting QB setting records in completion percentage, completions and attempts. Coach Feller is engaged to his fiancé Holly.

David Mire



Coach Mire is a native of Crowley, LA and a graduate of McNeese State University. He and his wife Martha have been married for nine years and have two daughters, Rebekah and Samantha. Coach Mire taught Math and Science for three years at WOS Middle School before moving over to PNMS last year to teach boys PE. This year he will be joining the CTE team and will be teaching 7th Grade Industrial Technology. In addition to teaching, he also coaches football, basketball, track, and soccer. In his free time, Coach Mire enjoys barbecuing, reading, and traveling.

Greg Picazo



Greg Picazo is beginning his first year at PN-G High School as a new instructor in the Arts, A/V Technology and Communications program, including taking over the PN-G Primetime broadcasts. Mr. Picazo brings nearly 30 years of experience in Southeast Texas media, including stints as a morning and evening news anchor, as well as several years as a sports anchor and reporter. He also spent more than a decade on the radio airwaves, as morning co-host for two local stations. Most recently, he served in News Management at KFDM-TV as Executive Producer, supervising producers and mentoring reporters. He is looking forward to sharing his experience with the next generation of journalists! Mr. Picazo and his wife Tammy are the proud parents of Gregory, a junior film major at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacoadoches.



New CTE Program



PN-G Primetime students (L-R): Sean Yanez, Jestin DeVillier, Emma Seymour, Chung Hoang, Rosvany Barcenas, Seth Cathey, Abbie Romero, Kayla Chilo. (Not Pictured: Lilly LeBlanc, Emma Vice, John Zukowski)

PN-G High School's Digital Media program offers students opportunities to build strong communications skills needed for today's workplace. Students gain valuable experience operating video cameras and audio equipment, conducting interviews, and using digital editing software, while producing the weekly "PN-G Primetime" informational broadcast. Students in Audio/Video Production and Digital A/V Design are eligible to earn certifications in several Adobe programs, including Premiere Pro, Photoshop and After Effects. The program is a great jumpstart for students wishing to pursue a career in the media, or for those who just want to develop skills for their personal social media outlets.

Industry Certifications

PNGISD CTE students faced a number of challenges for the 19-20 school year and they still were able to earn 62 certifications. Our 69 NCCER students still have opportunity to earn their certifications as well.

- Certified Nurse Aide = 17
- Microsoft Office Specialist Word = 2
- Microsoft Office Specialist Excel = 5
- Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint = 5
- Microsoft Office Specialist Master = 1
- Adobe Photoshop = 10
- Adobe Illustrator = 6
- Adobe Premiere Professional = 6
- Refrigerant Handling EPA 608 = 6
- Educational Aide I = 4
- ASE Brakes = 4
- Non Commissioned Security Officer = 2

Congratulations to our CTE students who earned industry certifications! A special "thank you" goes out to their CTE teachers who prepared them for their certification exams! We look forward to great things in 2020-2021!



Law Enforcement Practicum Students, Kalika Tankersley and Emily Bean earned their certifications as Non Commissioned Security Officer Level II from Texas A&M Engineering Service under the direction of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Justice Happenings



Several Law II students received certification in Introduction to Incident Command System from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Pictured: Tanner Sims, Peyton Hull, Phoebe Hall, Lane Smith, Shani Benjamin, Lexi Pentland, and Keegan Trahan



Brooklyn Edwards was selected by the Governor's office to be a Student Ambassador for Texas Campus Crime Stoppers. Brooklyn will represent the Crime Stoppers of Southeast Texas until she graduates. There are only 12 ambassadors chosen from across the state.



Natalia Arredondo was the Texas Public Service Association Regional Champion in "Qualifying an Expert Witness". Unfortunately, her trip to State competition was cancelled due to the pandemic.



Criminal Justice students collected Hurricane Laura relief items for victims and their families.



CTE Mission Statement

The mission of PNGISD Career & Technology Education (CTE) is to empower students to be successful citizens, workers, and leaders in not only the organizations and communities in which they work and live, but also in our global economy.

PNGISD CTE programs provide opportunities for all students to acquire the necessary skills needed for entry into a global workforce through industry certifications and/or for continuing their education at the post-secondary level.



CTE Advisory Committee

The PN-GHS CTE Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to provide leadership in and promote the development of the CTE program as it relates to and meets the needs of the students, the community, and the public.

The first meeting of the year was held in October.



Thanks to the CTE teachers who provided information for this newsletter!