

September 2015 - CTE Programs Welcome Industry Representatives and Classroom Speakers



Mike Brown, videographer/editor, and Sparkle Anderson, communications manager, from City of Pearland visited Mr. Lawrence's principles of A/V and IT classes at Robert Turner College and Career High School.

The students listened while our speakers described their career path and how they ended up at City of Pearland. Our guests were able to show some of their videos and speak about the entire process, from the planning stages to the final edits. They offered many helpful tips for the students to think about before beginning their own career path.



Dennis Gaspard, deep water project manager for Williams Energy, stopped by Mr. Harmon's principles of oil & gas classes at Pearland High School. Mr. Gaspard described the 4 billion dollar project he is currently managing. He explained how he built his team of 94, what the ultimate goal is, and how the team will achieve this goal in the end. He showed pictures from previous assignments which gave the students a better understanding of the hard work put into these projects.

The students were extremely interested and asked great questions during the presentation.



Mr. Brandon Dansby, senior vice president at Pearland State Bank, spoke to several CTE classes at Pearland High School. The students learned about the changes in banking as a result of technology. Mr. Dansby discussed the bank's hiring process, the variety of positions held within a banking institution, and how to advance in the company. He explained the loan process and how someone would obtain a loan. "If you walk away with anything today, please let it be this - you must maintain your credit. Your social security number, driver's license number, and credit score follow you throughout your life," Dansby said.

Having 20+ years of experience in a bank, Mr.

Dansby provided our students with information that will benefit them in the future, whether they choose banking as a career or not.



Robert Turner College and Career High School teacher prepares students for "real world" interviews

Mrs. Washington's networking class participated in mock interviews for a mock IT job. Pearland CTE Specialists, Craig Grazioli and Lindsey Jackson, spent a week reviewing applications, cover letters, and resumes, as well as conducting mock interviews for 20 networking students. While there were many students that received high marks, they chose these four students to honor: Seth Trospen, Shane Hoffower, Graycen Felts and Joseline Cardiel.

"This particular lesson is one of my favorites because it helps prepare students for real life interviews. Many of these students didn't have the IT skills or industry certifications, yet their professionalism, character and communication skills earned them the 'job'," Washington said.

This experience proves to students that core values matter. Companies can teach the skills needed to perform a job, but they cannot teach you the soft skills, that cluster of personal qualities, habits, attitudes and social graces that make someone a good team player and compatible employee.

Rehak Creative Services donates \$4,970 in equipment to DHS video program

Dawson High School videographers-in-training are gaining more real-world experience thanks to a generous studio equipment donation from Rehak Creative Services.

This August, the Houston-based advertising/marketing company donated a video camera, light stands, screens and other equipment -- worth approximately \$4,970 -- to DHS's eTV studio.



The equipment will be used for the weekly eTV program created and produced by DHS students in Advanced and Practicum Audio/Video Production.

Through class field trips, DHS video teacher Laura McClellan and her students already had a connection with Image Resources Group, a company that works with RCS. Thanks to this relationship, IRG president Rody Kuchar helped to facilitate the equipment donation.

"We truly appreciate RCS's generosity and are delighted to add this professional-quality equipment to our studio. It will not only benefit the 30 students I have in the advanced and practicum production classes this year but will continue to help this program grow," McClellan said.

Through industry-standard equipment and software, DHS's audio/video production program prepares students for careers in the production industry -- from camera operator and scriptwriter to post-production editor.