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West-MEC releases Fall 2021 student success data

Glendale (January, 2022) -- West-MEC, a career and technical education (CTE) school district serving the north and west valley, shared its student accomplishment data for Fall 2021. Particularly of interest is the number of high school students who earned industry credentials in the past semester. These credentials position students as skilled workers in their chosen field.

As a CTE district, West-MEC's goal is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's careers. This is done through transferable skills, networking and valuable industry-standard credentials which make students career-ready. In Fall 2021 alone, students earned 1,173 credentials and 99% of them earned a C or higher.

Assistant Superintendent Stephen Weltsch said, "As part of the district strategic plan, we aim to have 75% students earning either required or preferred industry credentials. By reporting quarterly data, we can make sure that students have the needed supports in place to be successful in their programs."

Weltsch elaborated, "Required or preferred credentials are qualifications sought by employers in the industry. A majority of these credential exams are prepaid for or reimbursed by the school district."

CTE offers opportunities in high-demand career fields; for the 22-23 school year, 2,735 students submitted applications to be a part of the school district. High school students interested can find requirements and apply to one of West-MEC's 28 central programs by February 4th.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,600 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about

West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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