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## **CTE ELEMENTARY INITIATIVE HAS LAUNCHED!**

### **Career Clusters**



**VIRGINIA**  
Credit Union

Dr. Tabatha Spurlock, CTE academic advisor, kicked off CTE's "Passport to Careers" program at Fairfield Court Elementary on Thursday, December 20, 2024! The program exposes 5th-grade students to the 17 Career Clusters! Dr. Spurlock and school counselor, Dr. Sherida Gholston, tag-team monthly to lead this effort for the 2023-24 school year with an abundance of support from the principal, Ms. Angela Wright!

For the month of January, they invited community partner Chris Woodbury from the Virginia Credit Union to cover the Finance Cluster. Students were tasked with creating a monthly budget with \$4,000 of income. The feedback from students was intriguing as they realized the varying expenses between renting vs. owning a home, modes of transportation, starting a family, food, etc. THANKS CHRIS AND VACU!!!

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## WORK-BASED LEARNING NEWS

### RTC MOCK CAREER INTERVIEW EVENT

Led by Mr. Charles Watson, CTE careers outreach facilitator, RTC hosted another engaging and rewarding mock career interview event for students. On January 11, 2024, they hosted morning and afternoon sessions with 33 business and community volunteers. Over 190 students were prepared with a resume in hand to be interviewed. Many of the students visited the RTC Swag Shop to obtain business attire such as neckties and collared shirts. Interviewers asked open-ended questions to facilitate conversations and evaluated students using a rubric for valuable feedback and scoring for a grade.



### WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

While many students work during the school year, experiences are also available during the summer months. Please contact Ms. Charlene Williams, work-based learning specialist, for second semester HQWBL opportunities!



### RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP AND MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS AT RHSA



During the months of December and January, two separate mock interview events and one resume writing session were held at Richmond High School for the Arts (RHSA) facilitated by Dr. Tabatha Spurlock. Over a dozen community partners volunteered to support almost 30 students prepare for upcoming hiring events.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### YEAR-END RECOGNITION EVENT

**ATTENTION CTE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS:** The CTE leadership team and advisory board are planning an exciting year-end celebration event **FOR YOU!** Save the date! More details are forthcoming; however, you can nominate deserving colleagues (or yourself) and students **NOW**.



**FRIDAY,  
MAY 10, 2024**

**SCAN ME**



**TO NOMINATE A  
STUDENT OR COLLEAGUE**

### GOLD STAR RECOGNITION IN RPS

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Charlotte Hayer of Richmond Community High School and Mary Strunk of Open High School for being recognized by WISE as gold star teachers during the 2022-23 school year! Gold Star teachers are those who achieve a 93% pass rate in at least one of their classes in either the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 WISE Financial Literacy Certification Test.

### RPS REPRESENTED NATIONALLY

# Congratulations!

Kudos to Dr. Tabatha Spurlock who has been selected (only one from Virginia) to be part of ACTE's 2024 Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) Mentorship Program! The purpose of the program is to nurture and cultivate the next generation of leaders within career and technical education (CTE) who will foster innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence.

### Hanover Regional Governor's School for Career and Technical Advancement (HRGS-CTA)



The HRGS-CTA is a regional, ten-day summer residential program designed for gifted CTE students. This year's program will be held July 11 – July 20, 2024, on the campus of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. The due date for the student applications/packets is March 8, 2024. Please contact Dr. Tabatha Spurlock if interested in applying for this **FREE** initiative for RPS students.

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## CTSOs



Career and Technical  
Student Organizations



### HOSA CHAPTER INSTALLATION AT RTC

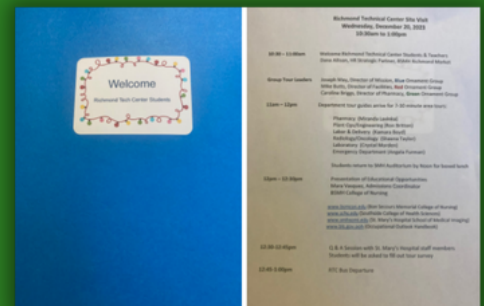


On December 1, 2023, the RTC HOSA Chapter officially installed its officers and members. The chapter has a membership of 20 students. The officers are as follows: President-An'gel McCutchen, Vice President-Anaya Gustus, Secretary-Poetry Pendleton, Treasurer-Ashaney Smith, Reporter/Historian-Ama Cousins, and Parliamentarian-Zyan Hill. The officers and members did not waste time getting the chapter active with their plans for field trips and partnering with health and medical organizations to learn more about the industry.

*Way to go*

### HOSA VISITS BON SECOURS ST. MARY'S

The Richmond Technical Center and Richmond Community High School HOSA chapters visited Bon Secours St. Mary's for a behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities and an information session with Directors in the Bon Secours-Mercy Health Richmond Market. Students learned about the mission of the hospital group, available employment opportunities, including internships, available scholarships, and various educational opportunities available through their college, school, and local college partnerships. The HOSA chapters would like to thank all involved in making the experience happen. Although a delegation of 25 students attended, no pictures were taken of the students during the experience due to the HIPAA privacy laws of the hospital.



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## IN THE CLASSROOM & COMMUNITY

### JROTC IS DOING A "NEW THING"



#### 2024 Virginia "Black History JROTC Classic"

**RPS**  
RICHMOND  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Event:** The Richmond Public School's Director of Army Instruction (DAI) Office will host it's first Annual "Black History JROTC Classic" Drill Competition on 17 Feb 2024 at Virginia State University, Ettrick, Virginia.

**Purpose:**

- To promote spirit de corps, teamwork and self confidence in JROTC cadets.
- Cadets will demonstrate their proficiency in military drill and ceremony, showcasing skills such as precision marching, disciplined movement, and synchronized teamwork, often competing in various categories like inspection, regulation drills, and exhibition performances.
- The Drill Team's mission is to represent the United States Military and the Corps of Cadets by displaying excellence in the performance art of regulation, exhibition, and individual drill on a local, national, and international level. This event serve as a retention tool for cadets to remain in the JROTC program, recruiting tool for future Soldiers in the Army and showcase the U.S. Army to the local community.

**Summary:** Richmond Public School's JROTC and the SROTC program at Virginia State University are strategically working together to bridge the gap and rekindle the interest of students in pursuing higher education. On Saturday, February 17, 2024, the Director of Army Instruction (DAI) will host its 1st Annual 'Black History Drill Classic'. This event is also opened for JROTC program freshman/sophomore and junior cadets who may not have been selected for or were unable to attend the BEYA event in Baltimore, Maryland. Based on our experience, we realize that high school students need to be engaged at earlier ages to maintain their GPAs, thereby enhancing their chances of college admission later on.

This Drill Competition/Town Hall platform will bring together various stakeholders, including College and U.S. Army Recruiters, Virginia State University Military Alumni, local Fraternity and Sorority members, Community leaders, businesses, and college administrators with scholarship opportunities. It aims to create an inclusive and informative environment where students can tour campus and explore their educational and career options while celebrating Black History.

**RPS Raider Challenge OIC:** SAI LTC (R) Corey Robinson/ NCOIC SFC Leon Thornton and Clinton Jefferson



"ONE ROTC" RPS DAI: COL (R) Samuel E. Licorish, Jr.

### HEALTH & MEDICAL VISITS SCIENCE MUSEUM

Students in the Law, Health and Medical Sciences Cluster, in partnership with the HOSA Chapters of Richmond Technical Center and Richmond Community High School, visited the Science Museum of Virginia. Students were able to experience hands-on activities related to health and medical, nutrition, and sports medicine to enrich what they are learning in the classroom. The opportunity for students to receive tickets to the museum was afforded by a group of philanthropists who desired to remain anonymous. The students are appreciative and they were enlightened by the experience.



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## IN THE CLASSROOM & COMMUNITY

### GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS



Graphic Imaging Class in Mr. Jeff Taylor's class at the Richmond Technical Center completed a screen printing project. Students learned to design and print graphic images on t-shirts using traditional screen printing methodologies. The students designed an image in Adobe Illustrator and Canva followed by learning how to transfer the image from a screen onto a substrate or garment. Students pictured are De'Asia Winston and Xzavier Watkins.

### MBL BOYS N BUSINESS EXPERIENCE



Male students from RTC and Franklin Military attended the Boys N Business field trip at the Science Museum of Virginia hosted by The Metropolitan Business League. This one day experience was designed for male students interested in art, science, technology, engineering, and math. The experience provided students with activities that helped sharpen their skills through creativity, collaboration, and innovation.

### RHSA COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

Shout out to Ms. Hines and her FCCLA students at Richmond High School for the Arts for hosting a success event!



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### ACTE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Our CTE leadership team had an opportunity to attend the national ACTE Career Tech Vision '23 conference in Phoenix, AZ. We were able to connect and learn from other CTE leaders across the country and explore options to enhance our current programming and course offerings.



### COS II STUDENTS FIELD EXPERIENCE



Ms. Johnnell Taylor was super dedicated and creative with engaging her Cosmetology III students in preparing for the state board exam. Nine out of ten students passed their practical in December after visiting the RICH nail salon for hands-on experience and test review. Shout out to Ms. Buck, instructional specialist, and Ms. Taylor for a wonderful field experience for the Cos III students at RTC!

### GIRLS WHO MEAN BUSINESS SUMMIT

A huge THANK YOU to the team at The Metropolitan Business League for a fantastic Summit! Five of our high schools were represented with CTE students and teachers. The day started with a nice breakfast spread followed by make-up tips from two knowledgeable Mary Kay consultants. Then, the students were able to glam up for headshots and engage in a hands-on LinkedIn session and enjoy lunch. The best part was the surprise giveaway at the end. Each student received a gift bag with a tablet.



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## LIFE IN CAREER & TECH ED



**GENERATION ME!**  
Challenge

A SPACE TO SHARE THE PERSPECTIVES OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ON SCHOOL, LIFE & MORE!

Listen to our Podcast using this QR code:





**TECH**

Connect with us via Social Media @RPS\_CTE



**ATTENTION PLEASE**



**CTE MONTH CHALLENGE**  
FEBRUARY 5-29, 2024

| February 5-9<br>1ST WEEK<br>CTE SCHOOL SPIRIT                                     | February 12-16<br>2ND WEEK<br>CTEDS                                     | February 19-23<br>3RD WEEK<br>CAREER READINESS                          | February 26-29<br>4TH WEEK<br>WORLDWIDE LEARNING                    |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Day 1</b><br>HOW CHOOSE  | <b>Day 1</b><br>TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY                                  | <b>Day 1</b><br>FAVORITE & FAVORABLE CAREER CHOICE                      | <b>Day 1</b><br>REVIEW THE WORK-RELATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES        |
| <b>Day 2</b><br>SUBMIT ONE ACTIVITY TO CTE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA                       | <b>Day 2</b><br>TAKE A CHAPTER ACTIVITY RELATED TO CTE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA | <b>Day 2</b><br>RESEARCH CTE CAREER PATHWAYS                            | <b>Day 2</b><br>REVIEW THE WORK-RELATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES        |
| <b>Day 3</b><br>SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR STUDENTS LISTENING TO THE CTE PODCAST      | <b>Day 3</b><br>YOUR CHOICE   | <b>Day 3</b><br>CONDUCT A WORK-RELATED ACTIVITY                         | <b>Day 3</b><br>HOST MOCK INTERVIEW ON CAREER & CHOICES FOR SUCCESS |
| <b>Day 4</b><br>TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR STUDENTS DISPLAYING SKILLS ON A NEWSLETTER | <b>Day 4</b><br>SUBMIT A COMMENTARY ON THE CTE NEWSLETTER               | <b>Day 4</b><br>RECOMMEND A STUDENT FOR THE NEWS CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE | <b>Day 4</b><br>HOST MOCK INTERVIEW ON CAREER & CHOICES FOR SUCCESS |
| <b>Day 5</b><br>YOUR CHOICE   | <b>Day 5</b><br>YOUR CHOICE   | <b>Day 5</b><br>YOUR CHOICE   | <b>Day 5</b><br>YOUR CHOICE   |

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND WIN:**  
COMPLETE THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR EACH DAY AND EARN POINTS FOR EACH ACTIVITY COMPLETED  
\*\*\*MS & HS TEACHER WITH THE HIGHEST POINTS WINS

**WHAT DO YOU WIN?**  
TOP POINT EARNERS (MS & HS) WILL BE FEATURED IN AN UPCOMING NEWSLETTER ISSUE & WILL RECEIVE A CTE PRIZE PACK

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS BY MARCH 8TH TO DR. TABATHA SPURLOCK AT [TSURLOCK@RPSVA.SCHOOL.NET](mailto:TSURLOCK@RPSVA.SCHOOL.NET)



**SCAN ME**



**UPCOMING MBL EVENTS**

**VISIT**  
[WWW.THEMBL.ORG](http://WWW.THEMBL.ORG)  
**FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS!**



2024 Richmond Children's Business Fair  
Launch Event!  
Saturday, February 10, 2024  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Metropolitan Business League  
1717 E. Cary Street  
Richmond, VA 23223



girls INC. FEB 20  
SCHOOL CLOSING  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
1000 N. 10th St.  
Richmond, VA 23224



**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION**  
Building Beyond Boundaries  
**JOIN US!**  
MAR 4 2024  
11:00AM - 4:30PM  
Marriott Hotel  
1831 W. Broad St.  
Richmond, VA 23224  
Guests: Connect, Succeed



Join Us!  
Masks are now available!  
**MASQUERADE**  
2024 Masquerade Dinner & Auction  
Central Library of Virginia  
Friday, March 8, 2024  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Patio: 1000 N. 10th St.  
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www.thembbl.org

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SAVE THE DATE...**  
Richmond Public School's Job Shadowing Day  
February 2, 2024



Scan code to sign up to participate or link:  
<https://forms.gle/baG56VJQ5hAzhg46>

**FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK**

We are fast approaching the holiday season. Take time to rest, reflect and prepare for the new year. Richard Carlson said, "Reflection is one of the most underused yet powerful tools for success".  
Reflect and Take Action!

Keep Raising the Bar CTE,  
Dr. Turner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2/2/24 - Job Shadow Day  
2/5-29/24 - CTE Month Challenge