



May News from KCTC

KCTC's Principal Named "Michigan's CTE Administrator of the Year for 2015-2016"!

Mr. Kraus was named the 2015 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Administrator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP). He was surprised with the award on Friday, May 8, by Colin Ripmaster, associate executive director of MASSP. Click here to read the [full article](#).

The MASB 2015 Education Excellence Award Goes To...

...the Kent Career Tech Center's Hospitality Program! Congratulations to the KCTC Hospitality program for being selected for the 2015 Education Excellence Award by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). Mr. Kraus and Mrs. Sargent traveled to the Kellogg Conference Center on Tuesday, May 12th and were presented the award at a wonderful event that was sponsored by Set-Seg. They were awarded a trophy, \$1800 and a road sign recognizing this accomplishment.

Business and Industry Expo a Huge Success!

The KCTC Business and Industry Expo was a terrific success. On Wednesday, April 29th, we witnessed achievement of our mission - providing a world class education...leading to successful employment. More than 2,000 high school students from throughout KCTC attended the full-day event which attracted more than 80 employers, nearly twice the number of businesses as in previous years. Industries represented included healthcare, home improvement and construction, food service, trucking, retail and law enforcement, among others. Students from the programs who attended the event had prepared by writing their resumes, learning the proper etiquette for job interviews and researching companies they were most interested in. Area employers work with the staff at KCTC and influence curriculum, advise on incorporating the newest technologies and evaluate student performance in labs throughout the year.

PLT Membership

Congratulations to the newly selected PLT members for 2015-2016. We will re-open the application process this upcoming fall for additional members. This is a great leadership opportunity for students and these students represent the student voice at KCTC. We are looking forward to this summer's Leadership Workshop for the returning and newly selected members of the PLT. Watch for more information.

Principal's Note – KCTC Students receive the MDE Breaking Traditions Award and Skutt Scholarship

Each year, in May, KCTC recognizes students for extraordinary achievement. This year at the annual "End of the Year Student Awards Ceremony" we recognized over 281 students. Included in that number were five students that earned either the Breaking Traditions Merit Award or the Robert H. Skutt Scholarship.

The Breaking Traditions Merit Award recognizes students who have demonstrated success in Career Tech Ed programs that are nontraditional to their gender. These students received their award at a ceremony at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Both Arriya Harris, a senior in Criminal Justice who also attends East Kentwood High School and Damarias Sanchez a junior in Aviation Maintenance who also attends Potter's House High School earned this award.

The Robert H. Skutt Scholarship was awarded to three KCTC students. The Skutt Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to exemplary students completing programs at KCTC. Students are required to complete an application, must have a 3.0 GPA in their program, be program completers, have the recommendation of a KCTC staff member, be graduation from high school this academic year, and have good attendance. Congratulations to Bethany Levandowski, a senior in Graphic Communications who also attends West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science; Carrie Rister, a senior in Graphic Communications who also attends Kent Innovation High School; and Teresa Strobel, a senior in Graphic Communications who also attends Mother of Divine Grace – Homeschool Distance Learning Program; for earning this scholarship.

Important Dates

May 15-Senior's Last Day

May 25-Memorial Day (No Classes)

June 4-Last day of Classes

September 8-First day of Classes for 2015-2016

Note: Beginning June 8th KCTC's summer hours are 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. (We will be closed on Friday's in the month of July and on Friday, August 7th)

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