

PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter

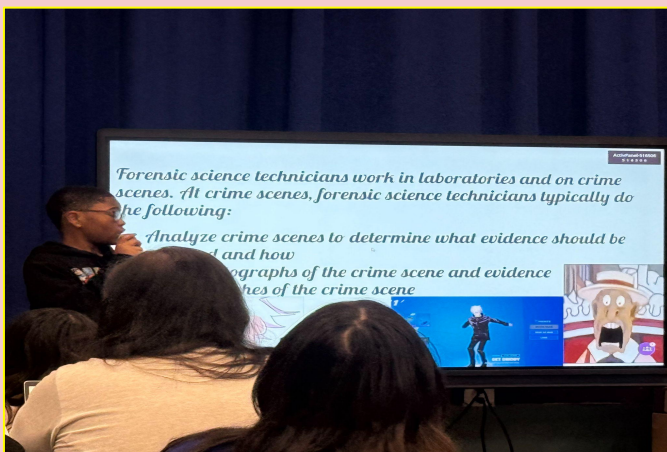
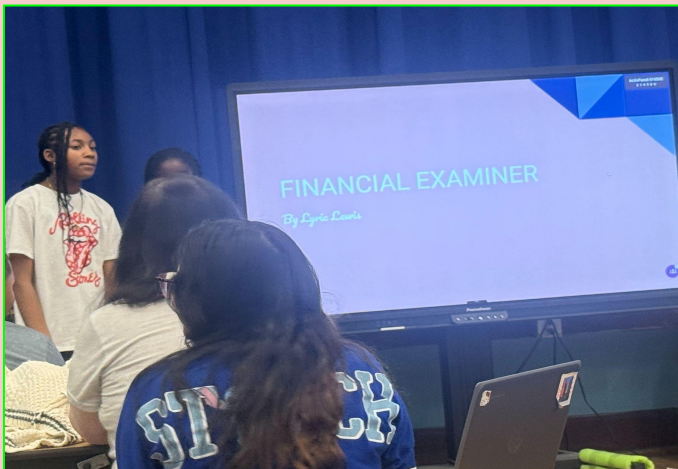
February 2025

Elementary-College and Career Readiness from Exposure to Awareness

Clinton Elementary School

Student Career Presentations

Fourth grade students used Pathful Junior, an Elementary Career Exploration Platform available to all elementary students grades K-5, to complete a career assessment. They researched different careers based on the results of their career interests inventories. Besides beginning to understand how their interests align with their future career choices, students are developing research and communication skills.



Some of the careers presented were:
Lawyer, Basketball Player, Forensic Science Technician, Financial Examiner, Elementary Principal, Fine Artist, Business Executive, Brand Licensing Director and Cosmetologist.

As students discover different careers, they begin to think about their future and what they want to be when they grow up.

They also begin linking academic work with the world of work.

Dr. Janety Encarnación
Director of College Readiness and Workforce Education



PTECH Applications Available- Due February 28th

Eighth grade student recruitment, for the P-TECH- Mechatronics program housed in the Wappingers School District for grades 9 and 10 and at the Dutchess Community Campus in Fishkill for 11th and 12th graders, is on its way.

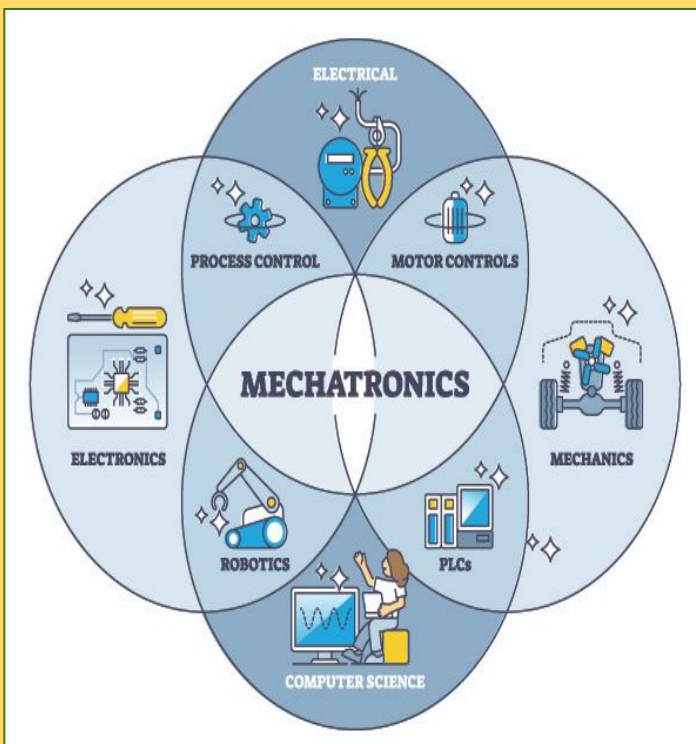
A parent information session was well attended on February 5th at the Middle School.

Student Applications have been shared through Parentsquare.

The 8th grade Middle School counselor, Mr. Gibson, also has applications available.

There are only 10 spots available!

Would you like to have your college paid for in full? The PTECH Mechatronics program does just that. The PCSD is committed to ensure students in the P-TECH program graduate with a 2 year degree fully paid by our District. Students would have the opportunity to graduate from High School and College at the same time. Not only that, but the manufacturing companies in our area are ALREADY scouting these students for future jobs in the field.



According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Electro-mechanical and mechatronics technologists and technicians operate, test, and maintain electromechanical or robotic equipment.
- Electro-mechanical and mechatronics technologists and technicians work with electrical and mechanical engineers.
- Most work full time, and some work more than 40 hours per week.

**At the Middle School,
students begin their career exploration and planning.**

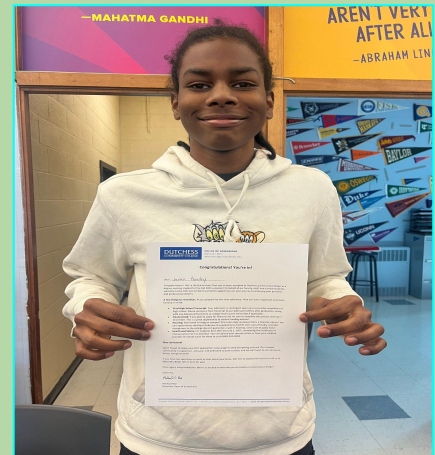
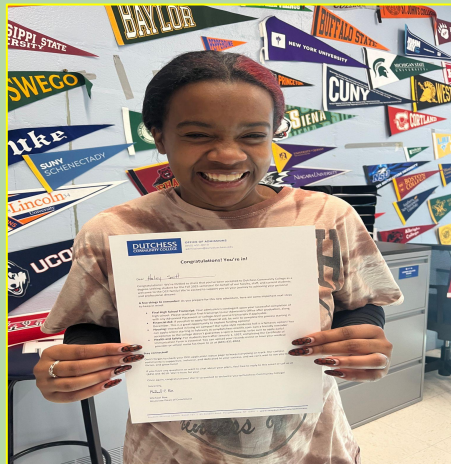
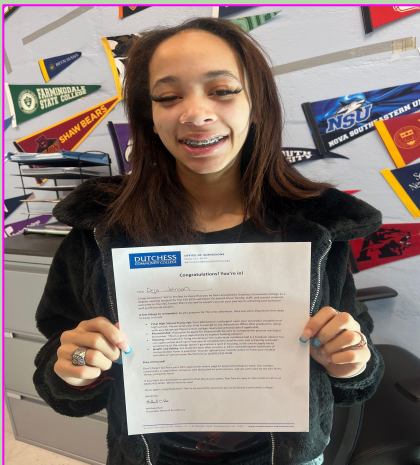
High School: College and Career Exploration, Planning and Development

Dutchess Community College Instant Admit Day.



Our Students get Accepted to DCC College on the spot!!

At the Dutchess Community College Instant Admit Event with Dutchess Community College, over 50 students received acceptance letters on the spot. For many, this was their first college acceptance and the excitement in the room was inspiring. The DCC admissions' team joined us to present information about their programs and opportunities, to assist students with their applications, and to provide decisions immediately. Also, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) team gave a fantastic presentation about the additional academic and financial resources available to support students in college.



Mrs. Semexant, our College Readiness and Workforce Education Counselor worked alongside DCC staff to make sure students were ready, ensuring their transcripts were prepared, explaining DCC's majors and programs, and discussing how many of them can attend DCC for free through scholarships and financial aid.

They also discussed the new New York State FAFSA requirement, which now mandates that ALL graduating seniors complete the FAFSA.

To support families with this process, we've scheduled several FAFSA workshops: February 19, March 26, April 30, May 28. Each workshop will be held from 5–7 PM in the PHS library, with DCC's financial services team available to guide families through the application process.

At the High school, students advance their college and career planning to include real life work opportunities and learn that the same skills needed to be a success in school apply to the workforce.