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49th Annual FACTE Conference

The 49th Annual FACTE Conference is fast approaching. It will be held at the beautiful Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, on July 27 –29, 2015. The conference registration is available on the FACTE website. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that contains information about how to reserve your hotel room. Please register as soon as possible. Attendees can register now, but pay later by selecting a Purchase Order as their payment method.

We are still accepting pre-

sender proposals for our Tuesday breakout sessions. The presenter proposal form is available online, under the Conference & Events tab. Please submit your forms as soon as possible.

We have 19 booths still available for exhibitors. These spots tend to fill up fast. If you are interested in exhibiting at the conference or you know someone who will want to exhibit, please register as soon as possible. We are not able to hold spots for exhibitors. We still have a few sponsorship opportunities available for our vendors.

Please contact the FACTE office for more information.

We are also pleased to announce that nearly 100 individuals have registered for the conference. That is an excellent number for this early in the process. We are hoping to beat last year's registration of 475 attendees.

Thank you, all, for your support. Stay tuned to the FACTE website for developments in the conference program. We look forward to seeing you in July!



"Eternal Poison" by Jimmy Strumpf, Manatee Technical College, Digital Design Program

2015 CTE Photo Contest

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our 2015 CTE Photo Contest. All of the submissions were excellent. In total, we had 93 entries for this year's contest!! You can view those photographs on the FACTE website, and you will also see our top picks featured in our 49th Annual FACTE

Conference and Trade Show program. The winners of this year's contest are Jimmy Strumpf from Manatee Technical College, and Brewster Technical College Industrial Maintenance program. Each winning program will win a \$50 gift card to the restaurant of their choice.



Industrial Maintenance Program at Brewster Technical College.

Chef Castleberry's Culinary Arts Students Are Building Something Special!



Chef Castleberry and Steven Handley

The Culinary Arts students from the Lewis "Red" Bean Nassau Technical Career Center (NTCC) have been busy earning accolades over the past month. First, they successfully defended their Gold Medal at the second annual regional competition in St. Augustine. They followed that up by placing 4th out of over 50 teams in their first appearance at the prestigious ProStart State Culinary Competition. Finally, three students earned

scholarships from the National Restaurant Association. While each of these feats is impressive, a closer examination of what the achievements entail suggests that Chef Bill Castleberry and his students have built something special.

When Chef Castleberry returned to the district 19 months ago, he came with a clear vision. As he told the district's career education director in his interview, "It may be hard because of the work hour requirement, but we have to have our top students earning the ProStart Level 2 Certification, and we're only going to get to that point if we get our students competing and tasting success." The way the past two years have played out, these words were more than interview fluff.

Last year, when the American Culinary Federation (ACF) announced the first Northeast Florida regional high school culinary competition was established, it seemed like a great starting point and his Nassau County students took the gold medal. Having set his sights on competing at the

ProStart state level this year, Chef Castleberry considered foregoing the regional competition comprised of 14 school teams from Duval, St. Johns and Clay Counties. However, he decided that additional events gave opportunities to more students. Since the different competitions had their own parameters, he prepared separate teams. Jennifer Alkire (YHS), Alee Goodbread (WNHS), Autumn Reaves (WNHS), and Gavin Wettstein (WNHS) competed at the regional event which included preparation of a three course meal, knife skills, and fabrication of a chicken according to the American Culinary Federation standards. The result was the program's second straight gold medal!

While the ACF competition is relatively new, the ProStart competition is well-established. Over 50 schools across the state compete, and this year would be the first time Nassau students competed. Teams finishing in the top 5 earn a medal, but these awards are typically dominated by large, longstanding programs. Nassau's Culinary team consisted of Breanna Kilpatrick (YHS), Crystal Hicks (WNHS), Austin Hulse (YHS), Monica Crawford (HMSHS), Abigail Lawrence (HMSHS), and they were the story of the competition finishing 4th! Additionally, Nassau's Waiter Relay team, consisting of Ariana Dawson (YHS), Robert Strange Jr. (YHS), and Jacob Page (YHS) finished 6th.

The program isn't just excelling in team competitions. The National Restaurant Association awards 25 \$2,000 scholarships every year to culinary stu-

dents. These awards aren't just open to the 50+ programs that compete at the state level so the field is considerable. While most programs are ecstatic if one of their students is selected, three of Castleberry's protégés were selected: Monica Crawford, Gavin Wettstein, and Austin Hulse. Nassau County was the only program with multiple winners!

Best of all, the inspiration and skills students discover in the program lead to even bigger and better things. Take 2014 YHS graduate Steven Handley for instance. Handley was part of last year's regional gold medal team and earned a scholarship to a post-secondary culinary program. He's on schedule to graduate in May, and has already secured his employment following earning his certificate – he'll be working at a restaurant in Yellowstone National Park. The destination of Yellowstone is especially important because living there was Handley's dream. Little did he know when he was choosing his electives two years ago, the NTCC Culinary program would be his ticket.



*NTCC ProStart Culinary Team
Top Row: Chef Bill Castleberry, Abigail Lawrence, Austin Hulse*

Bottom Row: Monica Crawford, Breanna Kilpatrick, Crystal Hicks



*NTCC ACF Culinary Team
Autumn Reaves, Chef Castleberry, Gavin Wettstein, Jennifer Alkire, Alee Goodbread*

M.A. Degree in Career and Technical Education

USF is accepting applications for the Fall 2015 cohort for our online M.A. Degree in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Ph.D. in Career and Workforce Education programs.

The M.A. in CTE is a two-year, 12 course Internet-based program with three Saturday meetings in Tampa each year. We have participants from all areas of CTE at the middle school, high school, technical center and community college levels involved. No GRE scores are required. The MA in CTE is an exciting program featuring a STEM focus and practical applications for conceptualizing, implementing, and evaluating programs in CTE depending on your interests. In addition, by completing the MA in CTE, you automatically fulfill the coursework requirements for Local

Director of Vocational Education certification. For an overview of the program you may check out our website (<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/ache/cte/cte.html>), and the program summary (<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/ache/Program%20Summary.pdf>).

In turn, the Ph.D. in Career and Workforce Education (CWE) is a research degree that prepares professionals interested in positions in teaching, research, and policy positions in universities, four-year colleges, community/technical colleges, government agencies, and in the private sector. The doctoral program seeks to provide professionals in related fields with the preparation needed to address important research questions related to the planning,

organization, delivery, and evaluation of systems and components involving the connection of education, work, and economic development. If you are interested in advancing STEM in CTE, curriculum integration, infusing technology, and broadening the participation of students in high-tech, high-wage careers you should consider pursuing the Ph.D. in CWE at the University of South Florida. For further information about the program, check our website (<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/ache/VocationalEdPhD.htm>), and the program outline (<http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/departments/ache/OutlineofDegreeProgram.htm>).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Teaching Students with Disabilities	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 FLCTE Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Standards- Based Instruction	24	25
26	27 ←————→ NG CATER	28	29	30		



2015 Advanced Manufacturing Careers Institute



This 2.5 day hands-on training workshop includes:

- ✓ Manufacturing Education and Career Pathways
- ✓ Integrating Florida Standards - manufacturing programs
- ✓ Manufacturing industry tours
- ✓ Robotic/automation and additive manufacturing activities
- ✓ Manufacturing meets STEM in the classroom
- ✓ Lunch with manufacturers!

- Middle & High School Teachers
 - All levels welcome!
 - Limited slots (25 max)
 - Travel stipends available for eligible teachers (>50 miles from HCC) sponsored by FACTE
- Apply online BY APRIL 26, 2015:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRP69KY>
 • Selected applicants will be notified by 05/09/15



Dates/Times: Mon/Tues/Wed June 8-10, 2015
 Jun 8: 11:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Jun 9: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Jun 10: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Hillsborough Community College-HCC
 Brandon Campus, BSSB 206-08
 10414 Columbus Drive, Tampa, FL 33619



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If you would like to submit an article or information to be published in the next issue of the FACTE Enlightener, please contact lboyd@facte.org.