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CTE CHATTER

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Bechtel – Cheniere Welding Partnership

Bechtel Oil, Gas & Chemicals, Inc., and Cheniere Energy is partnering with LIT and PN-GISD, Nederland, Vidor, and Taylor Career Center for sponsorship opportunities for our graduating welding students.

Cheniére Energy is building the first LNG export facility in North America in over 40 years at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. The Sabine Pass Liquefaction project represents an investment of \$20B and an 8-year construction timeline from 2012-2019. The project is one of the largest capital projects in the world and they say will forever change the global energy market.

Cheniére is creating a specialized Welding Program in collaboration with Bechtel, the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor for the facility. For those welding students who are accepted into this program, they will pay for their welding certification at LIT and be eligible for monthly stipends for participating in Cheniére-sponsored activities. After successful completion of the welding program, the student who passes the standard Bechtel structural weld (2/3/4G) test will receive a \$1,500 completion bonus and will be considered for employment by Bechtel.

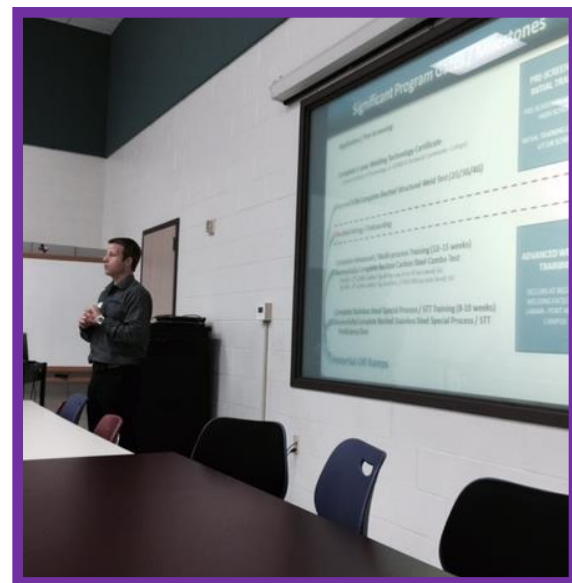


If hired, the student will continue onto the Advanced Welding Training Program, which includes the following:

- Paid training to pursue advanced/multi-processed designation and if successful, receive a \$3,500 completion bonus
- Paid training to pursue 6G carbon steel/combo designation and if successful, receive an additional \$5,000 bonus

Bechtel and Cheniére representatives presented this opportunity to our welding students on March 2 in the LGI at the high school.

What a great opportunity for our welding students!

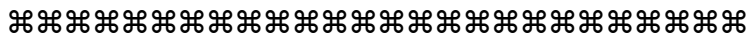


Nick Harris, Cheniere Craft Development Project Manager, presents the welding opportunity to welding students in the LGI.

Cosmetology Event

PN-G High School cosmetology students enjoyed a field trip on February 13 to the Port Neches Senior Citizens Center. The students enjoyed visiting with everyone at the event and offered free manicure services to those that were interested.

Cosmetology students made many new friends and passed out information about cosmetology services available at the high school on client day!

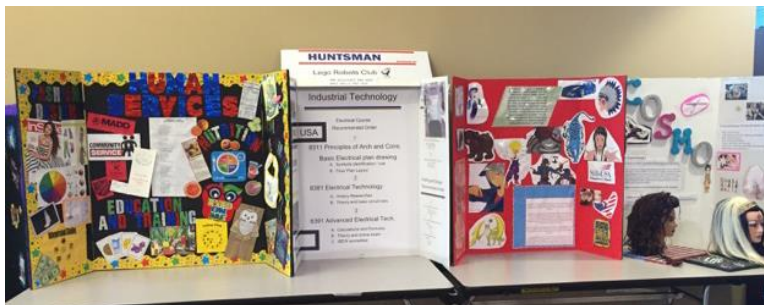
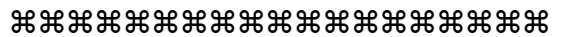


Careers at Middle School

With HB5, eighth grade students are now required to choose an “endorsement” upon entering the ninth grade. During the year, Groves Middle and Port Neches Middle School eighth grade students have been introduced to the endorsements and careers within those endorsements in an effort to help them select their endorsement path for high school.

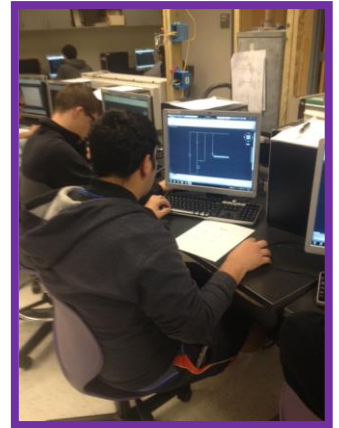
CTE program/organization boards were displayed at both middle schools in February to highlight high school CTE programs available to students. Middle school students were very interested in the CTE boards. Students were able to view the board before school, after school, and at lunch. The boards generated some good discussions about high school courses and future careers. Kelanie Konidis, GMS counselor, said that “The boards came at a great time, right before our 8th grade Career Day at Lamar Port Arthur...it was a perfect introduction. Both the students and staff enjoyed viewing all the boards!”

Eighth grade students participated in a Career Day on February 20 at Lamar State College Port Arthur which was sponsored by the Port Neches-Groves Rotary, LSCPA, and PN-GISD.



Update on Electrician's Program

Port Neches-Groves High School is piloting an electrician's program in conjunction with the Electrician's Training Center in Nederland with its online training course, textbooks, and calculators provided by IBEW. This venture is funded by a grant opportunity through a local electrical contracting company. Mr. Boucher's electrical students who successfully complete this year of training have the opportunity for it to count toward their first year of the five-year electrician's apprenticeship program after graduating from PN-G High School. Mr. Danny Prosperie, Training Director, says things are going very well and they are very pleased with the progress of our electrical students.



Middle School CTE News

Mr. Sigur's middle school shop students have been busy this year with various projects. Seventh grade shop students made 15 golf tee jump games while eighth grade students made scroll saw cutouts. In addition, eighth grade students used lathes to make wooden pens.



CTE Advisory Committee

The PN-GISD CTE Advisory Committee meets twice a year and serves in an advisory capacity on matters related to our CTE programs. We would like to say a special thank you to our CTE Advisory business members: Robert Runnels, Sharon Carter, Carol Hebert, Melissa Armentor, Lisa Briggs, Randall Creel, Raymond Smith, Sheila Guillot, Kimberly Hoyt, and Josh Jaetzold. Student representations include: Brandy Barnard, Jose Cazares, Jacob Guilbeaux, Dillon Eakin, and Christie Clark. Richie Wolfard with Energy Country Ford will be replacing Robert Runnels on the committee. The spring meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2015, and lunch will be prepared by Mrs. Margie Wilkinson's Lifetime

CTE Teachers Recognized

The PN-G girls' varsity softball team held Teacher Appreciation Night on Tuesday, April 7.

CTE teachers, Mrs. Darlene Mills and Mrs. Traci Ewing were nominated by students and were recognized at this event!

Congratulations, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Ewing!



Above: Darlene Mills was nominated by Alexis Renfrow



Right: Traci Ewing was nominated by Brooke Smith.

COMPETITIONS

SkillsUSA

District Competition

Early Childhood Education

Lexie LeBouef—3rd place
 Karen Reyes—4th place

Entrepreneurship

Breanna Veazy, Caitlyn Wallace & Karen Ewing—3rd place

Promotional Bulletin Board

Ryan Webb & Jacob Smith—3rd place

HVAC

Micah Soto—3rd place
 Brandy Barnard—4th place
 Jason Hoang—5th place

Cosmetology

Courtlyn Caballero, Christie Clark, Bailey Touchette, Alicia Roman & Brenna Nguyen—4th place Quiz Bowl



Advancing to State

“Can”struction

Brock Brennan, Austin Emerson, Dylan Erwin, William Ntsoane, Ryan Webb & Jacob Smith

Engineering Technology Design

Isaac Revia, Edwin Obregon & Dylan Erwin—1st place

Community Service Project

Karyn Ewing—2nd place

Chapter Display

Cayla Merrit & Mackenzie Woods

Residential Wiring

Matthew Pham—1st place

Pin Design

Jeanna Sanders—2nd place

Early Childhood Education

Caitlyn Eakin—1st place
 Eric Youngblood—2nd place

Automotive

Dillion Eakin—2nd place

HVAC

Darren Nguyen—1st place
 David Booty—2nd place



Welding SkillsUSA

PN-GHS welding students Devan Segura, Jondashia Domingue, and Trevor Hartje won blue ribbons at their Skills USA competition with the staircase they built for the Drama Department!



MORE COMPETITION NEWS

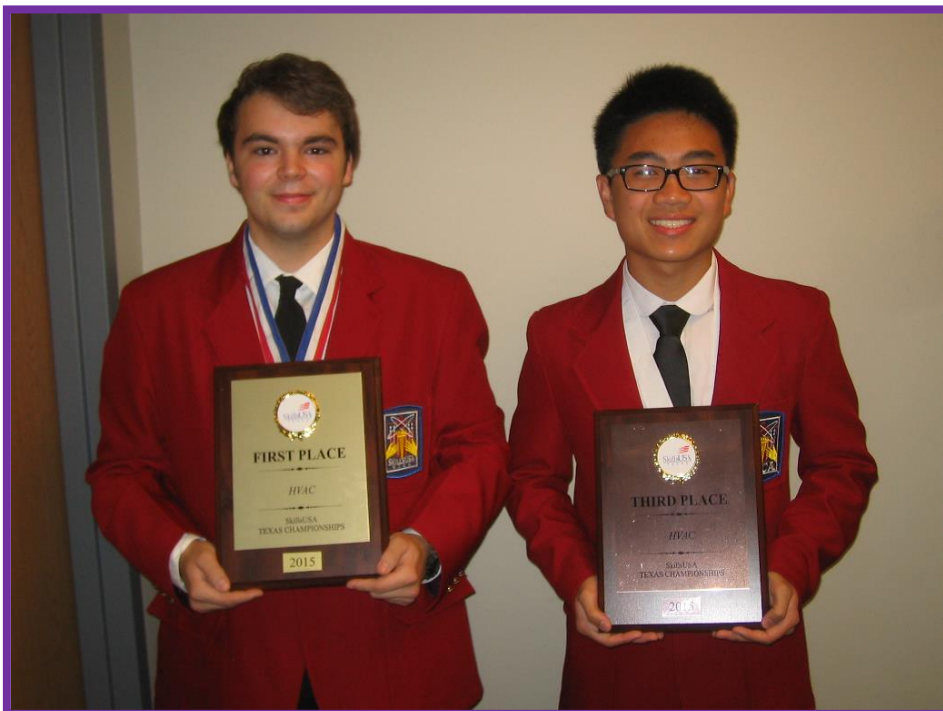
DECA

Thirty-one DECA members competed at the State DECA Career Development Conference which was held in Dallas, Texas. Sophomore William Ntsoane advanced to International CDC in the Business Finance event. Sophomores Madison Hamby and Mackie Brown were First Alternates in the Business Law and Ethics Team Decision-Making Event.

Mr. Eldridge Ravey, DECA Sponsor, and William will travel to Orlando, Florida, in late April to compete at the national competition.



William Ntsoane, International DECA Career Development Conference Qualifier!



David Booty (left) and Darren Nguyen (right) displaying their winning plaques

HVAC--SkillsUSA

Congratulations to David Booty and Darren Nguyen for placing in the SkillsUSA State Competition held in Corpus Christi this spring.

David placed 1st and Darren placed 3rd in their HVAC competition.

Mr. Paul Paris, HVAC instructor, and David will travel to Kentucky this summer for the Skills National competition.

CERTIFICATION NEWS

CareerSafe

Currently, 27 CTE students have successfully completed their CareerSafe certification endorsed by OSHA. Topics include preventing falls, personal protective equipment, blood borne pathogens, electrical safety, machine guarding, hazardous communications, ergonomics, preventing workplace violence, and emergency action planning.

OSHA Construction Safety

Mr. Paul Paris, certified OSHA instructor, is currently training 17 HVAC and Auto II students for their OSHA Construction Safety Certifications.

Certified Nurse Aides

Senior Health Science Technology students recently took their exam to become Certified Nurse Aides. In preparation for the exam, each student had to successfully complete 100 hours of the nurse aide curriculum which combined classroom instruction with clinical rotations in a nursing home. In order to become a CNA, each student had to travel to a testing center in Livingston, Texas, where they then had to pass both a skills and a written test. The skills test required the student to perfectly perform 5 nurse aide skills drawn at random from a pool of 22 skills they learned and practiced this year. The written test consisted of 70 questions that drew on information from the entire nurse aide curriculum. Nineteen seniors received their CNA certifications.

Microsoft Certification News



Mrs. Atkins' BIM II students are currently testing for their **Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications!** As of this print date, students have passed many of the certification tests, and MOS testing continues through the rest of the school year.

Welding



Welding students will be testing for their American Welding Society (AWS) welding certifications in Shielded Metal Arc later in the spring. Good luck!



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