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Dining Etiquette enjoyed



Students from Joanne Matricardi's Early Childhood Education class and Sam Melaragno's Automotive Collision class enjoy putting their Maxwell Work Ready dining etiquette lesson into practice. Shown on the left side of the table from the front are Yariana Hernandez, Sam Coger, Tania Oniwinde, Diego Vega, and Nahdia Wongbay. Seated on the right side of the table from the front are Omama Rahmany, Franklyn Hart, Savannah Walker, Tony Parker, and Gloria Watson.

The Maxwell High School of Technology's Work Ready Program dining etiquette banquets were held on April 16-17 at the GSMST cafeteria. Prior to the banquets, all Maxwell students received training in business dining etiquette as the last step in preparing for college and career.

All students dressed professionally as they were served a five course meal. The dining etiquette lesson was designed to enable Maxwell students to feel prepared for business and career luncheons. Classes were intermingled in order to facilitate a male, female seating arrangement so that students could practice each aspect of the dining etiquette lesson.

In addition, students were served by

their classroom teachers. Moreover, in order to facilitate the banquets, all support teachers and staff assisted the GSMST cafeteria staff, and volunteer county staff in food preparation and dining set-up.

Special thanks goes to GCPS Food and Nutrition Director Ken Yant, GCPS Chef Rachel Petraglia, GSMST Cafeteria Manager Pepper Stout, GCPS Manager Trainer and Area Supervisor Brenda Perry, the GSMST support staff, and the Maxwell High School of Technology faculty and staff.

The Maxwell Work Ready Program is the school's advisement program and ensures that graduates have employment skills needed to successfully enter the workforce and post secondary education.



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Calender

Thursday, May 9

*Honors Night
GSMST Cafeteria
6:00 pm*

May 16-May 22

*EOCT Tests
Home Schools*

Friday, May 19

*Maxwell Final Exams
PM classes*

Monday, May 20

*Maxwell Final Exams
AM classes*

Wednesday, May 22

Last day of school

2013 Middle School Summer Camp

June 3 - 6
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Automotive Collision Repair
Automotive Services
Construction
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Early Childhood Education
Electronics
Graphics Communication
Flash 2D Game Animation
Healthcare Science
Law and Justice
Welding*

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Students attend gala



Maxwell Interior Design instructor, Dee Tillman, attended the 2013 NEWH (National Network of Executive Women in Hospitality Design) Scholarship Gala with three of her students. Shown above from left to right are Mrs. Tillman and her students, Dyan Maxey, Isra Usmani, and Sophia Dolson. The students had an opportunity to attend a professional celebration, dress in professional cocktail attire, and use their dining etiquette skills as they were served a three course meal. Dee Tillman, a recipient of the NEWH scholarship while in college, was a guest speaker at the event, and wanted her students to be inspired to apply for the scholarship.

Graphics wins State



Shiloh students Tyteyana Wilson and Brianna Pollard won 1st place in the 2013 State SkillsUSA Web Design competition held at DeVry University in Alpharetta. The girls, students in Mark James's Graphic Communications and Design class, constructed a five page real estate web site. The national competition will be held in Kansas City in July.

The Principal's Message...

The end of another school year is upon us. This year has flown by, but has afforded us the time to celebrate, recognize, reflect, and close the door on a fantastic school year. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students and staff for a job well done.

Our stakeholders have put forth a great effort this year. We experienced great success with our student organizations-HOSA, FCCLA, and Skills USA.

In addition, our Work Ready advisement program provided students the opportunity to experience real-life activities that prepare them for college, work, and life. We held a Work Ready

dining etiquette banquet, which was the culminating event for our Work Ready program. Please take a few moments to read about the banquet in this issue of the Navigator.

We host a middle school summer camp in June, which is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our programs to potential future students.

I wish nothing but success for our seniors, and hope everyone has a relaxing and restful summer. As always, please know our doors are open to you and thank you for your support. Go Navigators!

-Dr. Jeff Hall, Principal



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Auto Services win trophies



Maxwell Automotive Services students pose with competition trophies from the Ford/AAA Student Challenge. Pictured left to right: 2nd place winners, John Prince, Brookwood High School and Fernando Boyzo, Meadowcreek High School who are students in Eliot Lawrence's Auto Services class; and 3rd place winners Dale Regan, Peachtree Ridge High School, and Jacob Huckeba, Dacula High School who are students in Ricky Bradford's Auto Service class. All of the students are first year Automotive Services students, and both teams produced perfectly repaired vehicles. The competition is open to 11th and 12th grade students in secondary schools and in colleges across the country that offer courses in automotive technology. Thanks to Akins Ford who provided a vehicle for student preparation.

The Navigator

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Welding jump starts career



The students in Charles Kachmar's welding classes leave Maxwell career ready as they have earned a national certification in welding. This year, the Maxwell welding program was named a certified training center for the National Center of Construction Education Research (NCCER).

The students who have completed the program in the Maxwell certified training center are Arnulfo Casco and Micah Lewis, Brookwood High School; Andrew Edwards, Archer High School; Defarra Gaymon, Sean Heenie, and Tommy King, North Gwinnett High School; Tommy Givens, Duluth High School; Deion Hewitt, Dacula High School; Shirrahn McNair, Norcross High School; Christopher Monturo, Parkview High School; Shedric Moody, Shiloh High School; Justin Norris, Central Gwinnett High School; Mohini Persaud, South Gwinnett High School; Eddie Rincon, Meadowcreek High School; Joey Sarro, Collins Hill High School; Diante Scott, Hooper Renwick School; and, Nicholas Sperling, Mill Creek High School.

Maxwell High School student, Tommy Givens from Duluth High School, demonstrates his welding skills using a cutting torch during Charles Kachmar's welding class. Givens completed the Maxwell certified training program earning a national certification in welding.

Shadowing offers career pathway

Fifteen Maxwell Auto Service and Auto Collision Repair students spent three days in March shadowing experienced AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Systems) mentor technicians learning to diagnose and service the newest, most innovative automobiles.

Students were able to shadow at Atlanta Classic Cars Mercedes-Benz, Hayes Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, Infiniti of Gwinnett, and Rick Hendrick Chevrolet, Duluth.

The shadowing program not only provides invaluable hands-on, on the job experience to the students but also offers possibilities of future



Pictured left to right are Auto Services student Josue Guzman, Auto Collision student Monica Reyes-Zapata, and Auto Services student Diondre Robinson. The students are receiving instruction from Atlanta Classic Cars Mercedes-Benz Production Foreman Bob Padavano. In the photo, Mr. Padavano is pointing out the features of the SL63 Mercedes to the students who are participating in a Maxwell shadowing program.

internships and employment with the dealerships. For example, Herb Hoffman, Service Director at Infiniti

of Gwinnett, staffs approximately half of his service technicians with Maxwell interns and graduates, many who have previously completed the shadowing experience. In addition, many students are able to become interns with tool scholarships while they are studying at Maxwell High School.

The students shadow at each of the five participating dealerships within the three days. Prior to the three day shadowing

experience, students are required to complete an additional safety orientation class as preparation.

Students complete mock interviews

Special thanks to all industry contacts who volunteered their time to assist in the training of Maxwell students in the process of completing a professional job interview:

Architecture, Drawing & Design

Interior Design

Carl Rapp, *ViaSat Engineering Services*
Michael Clifford

Lindsay Pope, Bradfield, Clifford

Auto Collision

Ken Edge, *State Farm*
Brian Eve, *Hendrick Auto*

Automotive Services

Herb Hoffman and James Hunt
Infiniti of Gwinnett

Mark Chitwood, *Hayes Chevrolet*

Jeff Mize, *Carquest*

Dr. Jeff Hall, *Principal Maxwell High School*

Tonya Leary, *Maxwell parent*

Cosmetology

Cathy Keane and Jackie Gleeson
Georgia Institute of Cosmetology

Alicia Barney, *Jet Set Spa*
Philamenia Rivers,

Phil's Barber and Style School

Culinary Arts

Richard Hurst, *Compass Group*
Sandra Clavijo, *Georgia State*

Pepper Stout, *GSMST Cafeteria*
Waymond Bogans and Mark Bridges

Publix Supermarkets

Daniel Perry, *Chick-Fil-A*

Early Childhood Education

Jill Burnham,

Maxwell Retired Early Childhood

Janna Rookis, *Dacula Academy*
Jeri Jones, *GCPS Nurse*

Tricia Floyd, *Maxwell Georgia Pre-K*

Electronics

Ernestine Nesby and Andy Seitz
Rockwell Collins

Laurie Steward, *Spectral Response*
Derek Roach, *CISCO*

Graphic Design

Amanda Sutt

Rock, Paper, Scissors Creative Communications

Walt Wooden, *Vevgeler Design Group*

Stephen Skinner, *GCPS Print Shop*

Janie Hudson, *GCPS Print Shop*

Healthcare Science

Steve Moyers, *Dean, Gwinnett Tech College*

Linda Horst, *Gwinnett Medical Center*

Fran Overdyke and Susanne Beckett

GCPS School Nurse

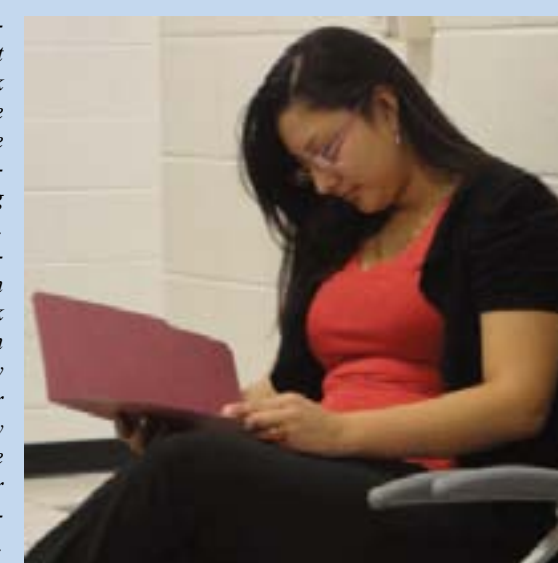
Law & Justice

Brittany Timmerman, *Gwinnett County CSI*

Charles Adams, Kim Newton, Shavon Brown
State Farm Insurance Investigators



In the top picture, Herb Hoffman from Infiniti of Gwinnett is shown conducting a mock interview with an Automotive Services student. Forty-one industry professionals interviewed 393 students during the mock interview process. Interviewers conducted a fifteen minute interview and then offered constructive feedback for future job interviews. In the bottom picture, an Early Childhood student reviews her resume and sample interview questions as she waits in the mock waiting room for her scheduled interview appointment.



The Maxwell Work Ready Program facilitated four days of mock interviews in March. Interviews, which were held in the GSMST lecture hall, were a great success with 393 students completing interviews with 41 industry professionals.

Prior to the mock interviews, students were given instruction on how to conduct a successful interview, how to dress professionally for an interview, and how to produce a professional cover letter and resume. Students were also given sample interview questions so they could practice before their interview appointment.

As a part of the interview process, after a student was scheduled for an

interview appointment, the student was asked to contact the interviewer confirming the interview and providing a copy of their resume. On the day of the interview, students arrived early to the interview venue where they went through a check-in process waiting in a mock waiting room.

Industry representatives conducted fifteen minute interviews and also gave each student a personal critique to provide constructive information for future interviews. In addition, many Maxwell students completed real life interviews before and after the mock interview lesson. Some also received call backs for a second interview as a result of the mock interview.

**Students of the Year
Academics & Citizenship**

Aircraft Flight Operations
Instructor Captain Ken Phelps
Patrick Mollette AM
Kasey Barker PM

Architecture, Drawing & Design
Instructor Dee Tillman
Stephen Fleming

Auto Collision Repair
Instructor Sam Melaragno
Kinley Petefish AM
Monica Reyes-Zapata PM

Auto Collision Repair II
Instructor Sam Melaragno
James Perez

Automotive Services
Instructor Ricky Bradford
Adam Metalwala AM
Joshua Kurasaka PM

Automotive Services II
Instructor Ricky Bradford
Matthew Partridge

Automotive Services
Instructor Max Chavez
Trevon McFarlane AM
Bobby Bipram PM

Automotive Services
Instructor Eliot Lawrence
John Prince AM
Fernando Boyzo PM

Construction
Instructor Mike Shepherd
Chris Yenny AM
Marthin Martinez PM

Cosmetology
Instructor Janice Loyd
Ashley Williams AM
Wen Wen Chen PM

Cosmetology
Instructor Cathy Smith
Rubi Cortes AM
Dkayla Self PM

Cosmetology
Instructor Libby Williams
Tia-Maria Mitchem AM
Charmaine White PM

Culinary Arts
Instructor Chef Debbie Grant
Braxton Brooks AM
Stacy Aguilar PM

Congrats to NTHS Members



The National Technical Honor Society is an acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding achievement in technical education. The National Technical Honor Society motto, "Success favors the prepared mind," and slogan, "Excellence in America's workforce begins with excellence in workforce education," is supported by Maxwell High School of Technology's academic standards and goals. Pictured above are the AM members and below, the PM members. The 2012-2013 NTHS members are Medina Ajanovic, Kaliya Alfred, Steven Andrews, Florence Atobrah, Brittani Bowman, Fernando Boyso, Tiffany Brown, Arnulfo Casco, Leslie Castrejon, Wen Wen Chen, DeBryant Etchison, Andrew Freggens, Elisabeth Groccia, Steven Head, Ashley Hemphill, Olga Hernandez, Mauricio Hernandez, Kareen Huynh, Kuanishia Ingham, Mamona Javed, Jamalh Jeune, Jodi Ann Johnson, Sonya Kakaiya, Daniela Lolandes, Nicole Manu, Dyan Maxey, Abel Mejia-Lopez, Nereida Najera, Jessica Palencia, Jeannette Perez Hernandez, Omama Rahmany, Gabrielle Rapposelli, Sasha Roberts, Rasanna Rouse, Ali Salcedo, Erin Steele, Mary Stroup, Aleah Sturdivant, Nailah Underwood, and Qing Wang.

Auto Collision wins scholarships



James Perez and Monica Reyes-Zapata both won 2013 I-Car Scholarships. James won a \$9000 scholarship to be used at a collision school of his choice, and Monica won a tool scholarship earning her two paint guns. Both students have also been chosen a 2013 Student of the Year in Sam Melaragno's classes and will attend North Georgia Technical School in the fall.

Culinary ProStart rocks



The Maxwell 2013 ProStart Culinary Team won Best in Sanitation and 2nd place in Culinary at the State ProStart Invitational, winning \$17,500 in scholarships. Pictured at top, left to right: Mentor Linh Nguyen, students Isabel Rojas and Braxton Brooks (team captain), mentor Chef Rhodes Fearn, students Daniel Ruiz, Kaitlyn Sicard, and Leo Garcia, and instructor Chef Debbie Grant.



Pictured above is the 2013 ProStart Management team who won 2nd place winning \$8,500 in scholarships. Shown left to right is culinary student Deylyn Brizuela, mentor Aicha Bascaro, Director of Operations at Olive Garden, instructor Chef Debbie Grant, and culinary student Salma Ibarra.

Congratulations SkillsUSA winners

2nd Place
Commercial Baking
Nikki Nichols
Career Profile Portfolio
Monica Reyes
Collision Repair Technology
James Perez
Electronics Technology
Rogelio Puebla
Flight Operations
Kasey Barker, Quinn Hill, Patrick Mollette

3rd Place
Automotive Electronics/Ignition
Trevon McFarlane
Cosmetology Nail Design Display
Briana Owens Jones, Kymberly Jurgens
Quiz Bowl
Oreva Aki, Brittani Bowman, Shelby Heintz
Paul Massey, Miriam Pacheco

Early Childhood wins



An Early Childhood Education student team from Joanne Matricardi's class won first place in the "Focus on Children" contest at the FCCLA State Competition. Pictured from left to right are Mountain View students Omama Rahmany, Sharon Martinez, and Yariana Hernandez. Their FCCLA competition project was based on research concerning poison safety for children. The three students determined a community need for this type of research and presentation after talking with Safe Kids Gwinnett. These students will advance to Nationals to be held in Nashville, Tennessee in July.

Students of the Year...cont.

Early Childhood
Instructor Wendy Long
Rasanna Rouse AM
Brian Macon PM

Early Childhood
Instructor Joanne Matricardi
Omama Rahmany AM
Jasmin Cruz PM

Electronics/Robotics
Instructor Ken Womack
Rodrigo Lapenne AM
Abel Mejia Lopez PM

Graphics & Design
Instructor Mike Bates
Skyy Deangelo AM
Aaliyah Dudley PM

Graphics & Design
Instructor Mark James
Brianna Pollard AM
Edgar Garcia PM

Healthcare Science
Instructor Monica Collins
Catarina Park AM
Tyler Ireland PM

Healthcare Science
Instructor Linda Fisher
Stacy Nokham AM
Sarai Carrillo PM

Healthcare Science
Instructor Dr. Jade Gillispie
Florence Atobrah AM
Andrew Freggens PM

Healthcare Science
Instructor Barbara Hoag
Pauline Jeffrey AM
Morgan Townsend PM

Healthcare Science
Instructor Nancy Knight
Ke'Erra Harris AM
Jasmine Quezada PM

Interior Design
Instructor Dee Tillman
Dyan Maxey

Law and Justice
Instructor Steven Seroyer
Precious Gary AM
Jhonatan Membreno Aguinada PM

Law and Justice
Instructor Scott Wilson
Jennifer DeSantos AM
James Miller PM

Welding
Instructor Charles Kachmar
Andrew Edwards AM
Arnulfo Casco PM

Cosmetology wins State

Right: Student model Kelly Ramirez poses in her makeup for the Esthetics Competition at the 2013 Skills USA State competition. Student Marina O'Connell was the 1st place winner in Esthetics.

Right: 1st place winner in Cosmetology, Victoria Xie, poses with her maniquin as she prepares for the 2013 SkillsUSA State competition. Below: Melissa Chavez models a nail design by Cruzita Cruz who won 1st place in Nail Care at the 2013 SkillsUSA State competition. Victoria is a student in Janice Loyd's Cosmetology class.



Graphics and Georgia Pre-K collaborate



Mike Bates's Graphic Design students, Malcolm Pitts and Jaq Walker (above), and Efrain Jimenez (left), work with Maxwell Georgia Pre-K classes to design personalized books that the Pre-K students receive as gifts from the Maxwell students.