



# The Maxwell Navigator

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## Calvin Watts challenges students



*GCPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Calvin Watts stands with Maxwell High School of Technology cosmetology student Chelsea Clarke who is a Shiloh High School senior. Chelsea, while in attendance at the September Maxwell Work Ready Seminar held at the GCPS Instructional Support Center reminded Dr. Watts that he was her principal when she attended Annistown Elementary school.*

Dr. Calvin Watts, GCPS Assistant Superintendent, was the keynote speaker for this year's first Maxwell Work Ready Program seminar which was held at the GCPS Instructional Support Center. He spoke to the Maxwell student body and faculty on the importance of being workforce ready in today's competitive world. Sharing personal lessons that his father taught him, he offered insights on professionalism and work ethics.

Emphasizing the importance of

making a good first impression, Dr. Watts quoted Joe Pace, "You only have one chance to make a good first impression. People form first impressions within the first ten seconds and pass judgment by thirty seconds."

His own enthusiasm emulated the importance of a positive attitude as he had the students who are preparing to take the next step in college and career repeat the words, "I am ready to work, I am ready for this job, and I am ready for the challenge."



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# Calender

- Mon-Wed, Oct 22-24  
*Work Ready Seminar @GSMST  
Professional Dress Required*
  
- Mon-Tues, Nov 4-5  
*HOSA Fall Leadership Conference*
  
- Mon-Fri, Nov 12-16  
*Georgia HS Graduation Retest*
  
- Mon-Fri, Nov 11-15  
*GHS GT Retests*
  
- Tues-Wed, Nov 12-14  
*Georgia Apply to College Event  
Seniors Only*
  
- Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29  
*Thanksgiving Holiday*
  
- December 2-13  
*Maxwell Performance Exams*
  
- December 9-20  
*EOCT (End of Course Tests)*
  
- Wednesday, Dec 18  
*AM Session Final Exams  
Early Release*
  
- Thursday, Dec 19  
*Maxwell Enrichment  
Early Release*
  
- Friday, Dec 20  
*PM Session Final Exams  
Early Release*
  
- Monday, Dec 30  
*Winter Break Begins*

# New program added



Interactive Media instructor Mark James (center) assists North Gwinnett student Chris Nasi(left), and Peachtree Ridge student Derek Huynh (right) as they work on their interactive web page designs. Interactive Media is a new course offered this year at Maxwell High School of Technology. The class focuses on the skills necessary to enter the design and development field to build interactive web sites, and create 2D Flash animated games. Students in the class learn computer and network principles, graphic technologies, and programming for interactivity. Photo by student Sade Guzman.

# Students learn by doing



Students from Linda Fisher's Healthcare class learn how the heart works by drawing a giant heart on the pavement and following the blood flow through the heart. Students in the class lined up as a blood flow and followed Mrs. Fisher through the parts of the heart that students had drawn on the surface of the Maxwell parking lot. Shown left: Shiloh High School student Lolade Bakrin, Grayson High School student Christine Small, Peachtree Ridge High School student Anique Punjwani (seated), and South Gwinnett High School student Mehriya Mohammad draw the heart's inferior vena cava on the parking lot's surface. Photo by student Benjamin Woods.

# The Principal's Message...

Greetings! We are having a wonderful school year and have many exciting things featured in this newsletter. We have over 50 student ambassadors this year. Our ambassadors represent Maxwell on tours, local high school visits, and public relations endeavors. We are also excited to offer a new program of study this year- Interactive Media. The program focuses on skills needed to enter the design and development field to build interactive web sites, and create 2D Flash animated games.

This edition of our newsletter features our talented Teacher of the Year, Janice Loyd. Last year, Mrs. Loyd had a student who won the national championship in Skills USA, one of our student organizations. A few weeks ago, we were happy to host State Representative Valerie Clark, who read to our pre-K classes in recognition of Pre-K Week. Finally, I encourage you to read about the Maxwell Work Ready program. Our students traveled to the GCPS Instructional Support Center to hear a powerful message on work ready skills from Dr. Calvin Watts, Assistant Superintendent. As we look forward to another successful school year, please know our doors are always open to you and thanks for your support. Go Navigators!



Dr. Jeff Hall, Principal  
Maxwell High School of Technology

-Dr. Jeff Hall

# Valerie Clark reads to Pre-K



During Georgia Pre-K Week, State Representative Valerie Clark paid a visit to the Maxwell Georgia Pre-K classes. She read to the Pre-K students as well as danced and sang with them. Representative Clark, who is a former GCPS principal, showcases the type of hands-on community support that makes Maxwell such a vital school.

# Maxwell The Navigator

The Maxwell Navigator newsletter is a quarterly student publication. All photos and layout and design are produced by students.

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# SkillsUSA officers elected



Parkview student and Maxwell SkillsUSA AM co-president, Ke'Mari Jones, stands with Peachtree Ridge student and Maxwell SkillsUSA AM Officer Pro Tem, Chris Rhoden, as they prepare to lead the Maxwell student body in the pledge of allegiance during the morning announcements. Ke'Mari is a student in Libby Williams's cosmetology class, and Chris is a student in Chef Debbie Grant's culinary arts class. Both Chris and Ke'Mari take an active role in Maxwell student activities such as daily morning announcements. In addition, all SkillsUSA members have the opportunity to participate in state, national, and world competitions in their Maxwell pathways. SkillsUSA is one of several Maxwell student organizations that offers students an opportunity to network with other students as well as professionals in their career fields. Photo by student Sade Guzman.

Maxwell's SkillsUSA chapter officers have been elected for the 2013-2014 school year. Officers were elected for both AM and PM sessions. Students come to Maxwell High School of Technology for a half school day and take additional classes needed for graduation at their home school. Maxwell currently has 137 SkillsUSA student chapter members.

SkillsUSA is a United States career and technical student organization serving more than 320,000 high school and college students and professional members enrolled in train-

ing programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations including health occupations.

The AM officers are: Collision Repair student Co-President Devione Beasley from Berkmar High School; Cosmetology student Co-President Ke'Mari Jones from Parkview High School; Cosmetology student Secretary Cherish Sims from South Gwinnett High School; Cosmetology student Parliamentarian Taylor Settles from Lanier High School; Culinary Arts student Officer Pro Tem Chris Rhoden from Peachtree Ridge High School; Cosmetology student

Reporter/Historian Yessica Alvarado from Shiloh High School; and Cosmetology student Events Officer Lori Braddy from Parkview High School.

The PM officers are: Cosmetology student President Whitney George from Collins Hill High School; Culinary Arts student Vice President Kyle Pornsopone from Meadowcreek High School; Collision Repair student Secretary Jesse Coggins from Dacula High School; Collision Repair student Parliamentarian/Events Officer Guy Turner from Collins Hill High School; and Collision Repair student Reporter/Historian Alex Wilkins.

## Georgia Apply to College Event for All Maxwell Seniors

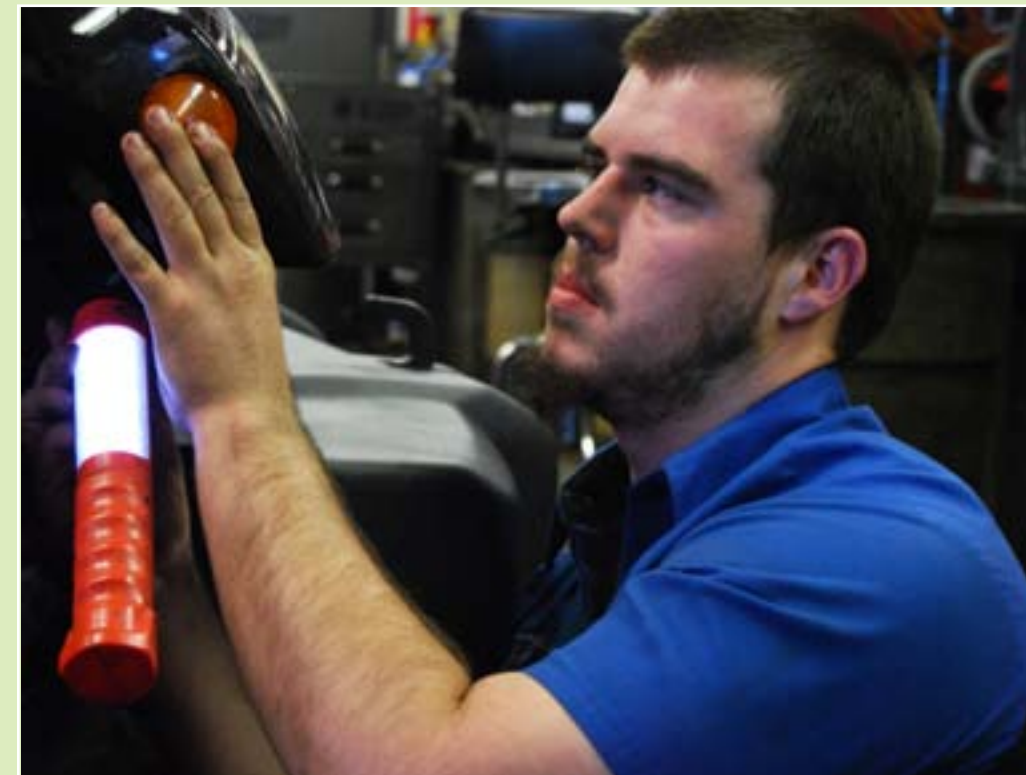
Apply to colleges and technical schools of your choice @ Maxwell

All Maxwell seniors will be scheduled during November 12-14 to meet with the Maxwell counselors in the Maxwell High School computer lab so that counselors can provide assistance in filling out applications to Technical Colleges and/or four year colleges. Seniors must have their GAcollge 411 login and a list of 1-3 schools. They can complete their applications during this process by paying electronically or they can pay at home with their parents. The computer lab will be open 8:00 am-1:30 pm daily to encourage all Maxwell seniors to complete this application process. Seniors will be able to complete all applications with assistance from the Maxwell counselors.

# Auto students take the next step

Maxwell graduates and current students are taking the next step as they pursue college and career opportunities offered to them at Maxwell High School of Technology through the support of shadowing and job placement with local car dealerships. Right: Maxwell High School graduate, Jarrod Ward, is working at Hayes Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram.

Jarrod graduated from Gwinnett Technical College's Chrysler CAP (Chrysler Apprenticeship Program) after beginning his career at Hayes during his 2010 senior year at Maxwell and Dacula. Below left: 2012 Maxwell and Shiloh graduate, Daniel Garcia, is an entry level technician at Atlanta Toyota. He plans to enter the T-TEN program at Gwinnett Technical College. Atlanta Classic Mercedes, Atlanta Toyota, Hayes Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, Rick Hendricks Auto Group, and Infiniti of Gwinnett each offer Maxwell students shadowing and job opportunities. Also, each dealership sends representatives to interview Maxwell students during our Work Ready Program Mock Interview process in the spring. Maxwell also offers dual enrollment courses with Gwinnett Technical College to all eligible Automotive Services students.



Shown above: Approximately half of the auto technicians at Infiniti of Gwinnett are current students or graduates of Maxwell High School of Technology's Automotive Service classes. Shown are former Maxwell students Jonathan Mora, 2010 North Gwinnett graduate, Daniel Dawson, 2006 Dacula graduate and AYES Intern, and Rhamell Lett, 2010 Shiloh graduate. In the photo, Daniel is showing Jon and Rhamell the latest scan tool operations on a new Infiniti.

To schedule a tour of Maxwell High School of Technology or if you have questions about registering for a class, call Emily Latone, Counselor @ 770-338-4605 or Dr. Vicki Hoffmann, Curriculum AP @ 770-338-4601.

# Students design front office

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) hosted a design charrette for Maxwell High School instructor Dee Tillman's Interior Design and Architecture students on October 12 at Teknion Showroom at Atlanta Station. The students hope the winning design will be used to refurbish Maxwell High School's front office.

Students, divided into groups with a design professional, developed their own design. The students were given three hours to design the Maxwell front office enabling the students to see what it is like to design a project on a deadline. The winning team included Interior Design students Melissa Bautista-Martinez, Curry Reach, and Erika Gordon, and Architecture students CJ Clark and Ahsan Houston.

Ronnie Belizaire of IMA Corporate Interiors and current president of IIDA Georgia facilitated the event with her committee members: Marybeth Morowski of IMA Corporate Interiors and Michelle Dietrich of Veenendaal Cave. The event location was sponsored by Teknion, lunches were sponsored by Interface Carpets, and samples were sent from Interface and Sherwin Williams. The design professionals involved included Cynthia Hovorka of Teknion, Paul Ross of Veenendaal Cave, Alison Barnes of Casablanca Design Group, and Allison Gerstung of Office Images. The judges panel included Maxwell instructor Dee Tillman, Maxwell Head Counselor Emily Latone, Laurie Lane from Wise Designs Integrated Architectural Services, Angel Kauffman from Sizemore Group, and Helen McEachern, a former Maxwell High School student who is pursuing Interior Design at the University of Georgia.



Top: Design professional Cynthia Hovorka of Teknion (center) is shown collaborating with winning Maxwell High School team members: Brookwood student Curry Reach (left) and Berkmar student Melissa Bautista-Martinez (right). Both students are Interior Design students in instructor Dee Tillman's class. Bottom: Students were divided into design groups by choosing a paint chip. The students were given three hours to create a new design for Maxwell High School of Technology's front office. Each group worked with a design professional.

# Ambassadors hard at work

Fifty-four student ambassadors have been chosen to represent Maxwell High School of Technology. In addition, two of the new student ambassadors are not only returning to Maxwell for a second year, but are also serving as a Maxwell ambassador for the second time around. All student ambassadors completed an application and interview screening process.

Maxwell ambassadors receive marketing and leadership training, equipping them to represent Maxwell as marketing liaisons at their local high schools as well as community events. This opportunity also gives the students a forum to develop communication skills.

The September training centered around making a

good impression in the first fifteen seconds and developing a personal brand. It also showed students how to determine personal leadership styles in order to work well with others. Maxwell Assistant Principal, Dr. Vicki Hoffmann, Maxwell Work Ready Coordinator Georgia Tomlin, and GCPS Student Leadership Director Nancy Ward conducted a hands-on seminar with the students.

The following students are Maxwell ambassadors: Archer students Michelle Anemana, Franciso Clark, Erica Golden, Gregory Jacquet, Gaylen Miles, and Cristian Olvera; Berkmar students Melissa Bautista-Martinez, June Orocio Granados, Sade Guzman, Monique Harkless, Joshua Maner, and Mona Samiyan; Brookwood students Rakib Ahmed, Briana Armenta, Kieffer DeForest, Stephenie Osewe, and Danielle Ramos; Central Gwinnett students Sinee Rose Hicks, and Ester Owusu; Collins Hill students Irania Cortizo, Princess Davis, Daniella Riba-feira, Jailene Soto, and Huy Vu; Dacula student James Blomgren; Duluth students Julia Edwards, Alexis Walton, and Aaliyah Willis; Grayson students Joshua Covalsch, and Antonio Jeanty; Lanier student Sabrina Brown; Mill Creek students William Holmes, Matthew McMillan, and Jasmine Pender; Mountain View students Francis Bamfo, Roxie Gallegos, and Nicholas Villalva; Norcross students Brii Grant, Rae' Keymia Lewis, and Victor Rivas; North Gwinnett student Adalia Fullbeck; Parkview students David Chavez, Ke'Mari Jones, and Sarah Siddiqui; Peachtree Ridge students Ameer Hamza, and Dale Regan; Shiloh students Armani Chandler, Egzona Krivanjeva, Alexis Taylor, and Lakeish Thomas; and South Gwinnett students Jay Dinh, Alexander Pourhossein, and Benjamin Woods.



Top: Maxwell student ambassador Francis Bamfo from Mountain View High School (right) is shown working on an engine part with Berkmar High School student Miguel De Los Santos (left) in Instructor Ricky Braford's Automotive Services II class. Bottom: Maxwell student ambassador Roxie Gallegos (with name badge) is shown leading a Maxwell tour with current Norcross High School students. Gallegos, a Mountain View High School senior, is a student in Dee Tillman's Interior Design class, and last year was a student in a Maxwell Early Childhood Care class. Both students are serving as Maxwell student ambassadors for the second year. Top photo by student Farah Nathan. Bottom photo by student Sade Guzman.

# Loyd chosen Maxwell TOTY

Cosmetology instructor Janice Loyd is this year's Maxwell Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Loyd has taught cosmetology at Maxwell High School of Technology for fifteen years.

Janice Loyd has mentored several students for state and national competitions and enjoys taking students to hair shows and competitions to build enthusiasm for future careers in cosmetology fields, and to help them understand real world standards.

Demonstrating her mentoring skills, last year, Loyd's student, Marina O'Connell, who also attends Brookwood High School, won SkillsUSA nationals in the Esthetics competition where she was evaluated for techniques and professionalism in the field of skin care. Loyd and O'Connell are looking forward to the SkillsUSA world competition which will be held in Brazil next summer.

Loyd, who studied at Georgia State University has earned a teaching certification in cosmetology. She has chaired the state SkillsUSA Nail Care Competition and has participated in developing cosmetology curriculum being used in cosmetology pathway courses throughout the state.

Janice Loyd says that her students inspire her daily to be a better instructor. She explains the importance of staying in constant contact with local salon owners and cosmetology schools in order to establish a network of support for her students, not only for classroom instruction but also for cosmetology competitions.

Most importantly, Mrs. Loyd enjoys helping students in their transition from secondary to postsecondary endeavors. She calls herself a perfectionist and projects that sense of excellence and hard work to all of her students who emulate her example.



*Top: Maxwell High School's Teacher of the Year Janice Loyd is shown with her AM and PM students of the year, Ashley Williams and Wen Wen Chen during the 2012-2013 Maxwell High School of Technology spring awards ceremony.*

*Bottom: Loyd stands with Maxwell High School and Brookwood High School student Marina O'Connell who won a Skills USA state championship in the spring and a national championship at the SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Mo. last summer. Marina won the Esthetics competition where she was evaluated for techniques and professionalism in the field of skin care. O'Connell used Maxwell High and South Gwinnett student Crystal Morales as a model as she competed against other state winners. Both Mrs. Loyd and Marina look forward to attending the World Skills international competition to be held in Brazil.*

