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Dr. Davis speaks to Maxwell



Top left: Dr. Frances Davis, GCPS Chief Human Resources Officer, stands with Maxwell High School Automotive Services student Aaron Butts. Bottom left: Healthcare Science students (from left) Classie Cromartie, Javier Quijada, Tanae Wilson, Angella Phan, Corine Martin, Kayla Whitaker, and (back row) Automotive Services students Josue Hernandez, Alejandro Palacio, Jake Hertica, Jacob Huckeba, and Travis Morris wait for the Maxwell Work Ready seminar to begin. Photos by Mike Bates.



Above: Dr. Frances Davis demonstrates how to give an impressive handshake with Healthcare Science student Bertha Gomez. Photo by Mike Bates.

Dr. Frances Davis, Gwinnett County Public Schools Chief Human Resources Officer, spoke to the entire Maxwell High School of Technology student body on October 15. Dr. Davis was the keynote speaker for this year's first Maxwell Work Ready Program seminar which was held at the GCPS Instructional Support Center board room.

Dr. Davis spoke to the students about the importance of becoming workforce

ready. As she interacted with the student audience, she addressed employability skills such as professional dress, literacy proficiency, interaction with others, necessary computer skills, and teamwork.

Dr. Davis challenged the students with the questions: Why you is the question? What makes you ready? What sets you apart? She also reminded the students that their schools and teachers are preparing them well for the next step.



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Calender

Tuesday, November 6
No School/Election Day

Mon-Fri, Nov 12-16
Georgia High School Graduation Retest

Mon-Fri, Nov 19-Nov 23
Thanksgiving Break

Mon-Fri, Nov 26-Nov 30
Performance Final Exams

Monday, December 17
AM Session Final Exams

Wednesday, December 19
PM Session Final Exams

Thursday, December 20
Winter Break Begins

Maxwell grads making the mark

Maxwell High School 2011 graduates Ali Huda and Arianna Rodriguez, who are current employees of Gwinnett Medical Center, were recognized at Gwinnett Medical Center's awards banquet held on October 25. Both students were honored for displaying "Excellence in Healthcare."

These students were a part of the initial program that allows Maxwell Healthcare students to be hired by Gwinnett Medical Center. The program made our students the first 18 year olds to be hired by the hospital. This is just another example of Maxwell graduates making the mark.

Service is the norm



Shown from left to right are Aircraft Flight Operations student Mathew Ramirez, Early Childhood student Sasha Hennessey, and Barbering student Maruricio Hernandez as they contribute to the GCPS Great Days of Service. The event was sponsored by Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services. Donations will benefit Gwinnett shelters, group homes, and food pantries. In addition, Maxwell students earn community service hours through their donation efforts. Photo by Natalie Ondish.

Counselor's Corner

Understanding the difference between the ACT & SAT

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.

The ACT has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The SAT has only 3 components: Critical Reasoning, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test.

The College Board introduced a new version of the SAT in 2005, with a mandatory writing test. ACT continues to offer its well-established test, plus an optional writing test. You take the ACT Writing Test only if required by the college(s) you're applying to; however, the counseling office encourages all students to take the writing section the first time they take the ACT.

Finally, the SAT has a correction for guessing. That is, they take off for wrong answers. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing. In addition, the ACT has an Interest Inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career options.

To Schedule a Maxwell Tour

To schedule a tour of Maxwell High School of Technology, or if you have questions about registration, please contact Head Counselor Emily Latone at 770-338-4605 or Curriculum Assistant Principal Dr. Vicki Hoffmann at 770-338-4601 or email Emily_Latone@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us or Vicki_Hoffmann@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Maxwell Online Registration for the 2013-2014 school year begins on February 1, 2013. Class enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure and register early for the class of your choice. You can find our school website at www.maxwellhigh.com.

The Principal's Message...

Hello from Maxwell! First of all, thank you for taking the time to read about our students and their accomplishments. It is hard to believe the busy fall semester is winding down to a close.

This edition of our newsletter features our Maxwell Work Ready Program and two important seminars our students attended. First, our students were able to attend a seminar at the GCPS Instructional Support Center (ISC). At the ISC, our students heard a wonderful presentation from Dr. Frances Davis, GCPS Chief Human Resources Officer, who addressed our students on employability skills and workforce preparation. Her words were strong motivation for our students as they were able to hear, firsthand, from a successful educator. In addition, our students heard from Al Duncan, a successful entrepreneur and motivational speaker. Mr. Duncan's message of "no excuses" in life and the workforce was energetic and enlightening.

Also, please enjoy the articles about our students and their dedication to their service and their program areas. Finally, we are excited about our Student Ambassador program which features students who are strong leaders and advocates of Maxwell. 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*

Future careers explored



Over 100 Maxwell High School Healthcare Science students along with ten faculty members attended the HOSA (Future Health Professionals) fall rally held October 10 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA. This event was designed to serve as a motivational tool to showcase all of the opportunities HOSA offers. The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness, and recognition which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program. Shown from left to right are Maxwell students Quiana Bryant, Annessia Richardson, Afi Simmonds, Ashley Rattray, Anescia Lio, and Nicole Manu.

The Maxwell Navigator

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FCCLA officers attend conference

Seven FCCLA officers attended the September 21 Fall Leadership Conference held in Covington, GA. Students participating in the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA) represent culinary arts, early childhood education, and interior design.

In the picture, shown clockwise from the bottom left are Maxwell High School FCCLA officers: Chef Debbie Grant's Culinary Arts students PM Vice President Jasmin Gonzalez from Norcross High School and PM Secretary Jessica Maletz from Duluth



High School; Joanne Matricardi's Early Childhood Education students PM Treasurer Columbia Renix from

Norcross High School, AM Treasurer Hannah Willis from Mountain View High School, and AM Historian Paola Ceron from Parkview High School; and Wendy Long's Early Childhood Education students PM Historian Yannira Duran from Brookwood High School and AM President Savannah Walker from North Gwinnett High School.

FCCLA is a dynamic and effective program that helps young men and women become leaders and address important family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

Work Ready Seminar looks to the future

As a part of the *Maxwell Work Ready* program, speaker Al Duncan, youth advocate and author, spoke to Maxwell students October 22-24. Sponsored by the non-profit motivational group, *Making It Count*, Duncan challenged nine hundred and ninety-three Maxwell High School of Technology students to take the next step towards their future with confidence.

Duncan gave the students pointers on how to decide on a career and college as well as work on their communication skills and personal brand. As he shared his own life story, he reminded students of what he calls Duncan Nugget #21, "Failure is only permanent if you quit."

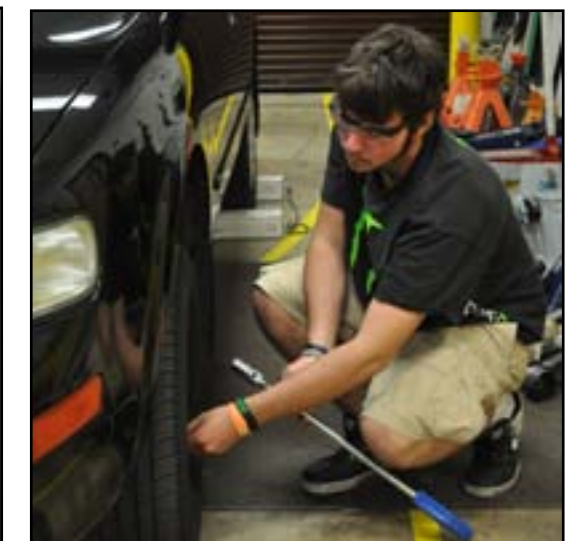
Al Duncan is a soft skills expert and offers an engaging dialogue with high school students as he encourages them to form their own positive definition of who they are and want to be. He told his listeners, "A person's definition of you does not define you. You must define yourself." Finally, students were challenged to not allow their personal circumstances to stand in the way of their future success stories.

In addition, Mr. Duncan gave students access to free resources to help develop soft skills that are available on his website. To find out more about Al Duncan and The Resource Center for Exceptional Performance, go to his website at www.DUNCANNUGGETS.com or contact him at al@alduncan.net or call 1-888-810-4302.



On October 22, during a Maxwell Work Ready morning seminar, speaker Al Duncan tells Maxwell students, "You can make an excuse or you can make a way, but you can't do both."

Auto Services students earn certification



Top left to right: Teacher Eliot Lawrence and student Benson Brune use a computer interface to read car data, photo by Natalie Ondish; Teacher Ricky Bradford shows student Dorothy Williams how to properly tighten battery post terminals, photo by Zoe Bascaro; and Teacher Max Chavez and student Jamalh Jeune diagnose a running problem on a 800 horsepower 1998 Supercharged Dodge Viper; photo by Zoe Bascaro. Bottom left: Student Brandon West balances a tire during class, photo by Zoe Bascaro. Bottom Right: Student James Mullins rotates tires on a teacher's car, photo by Zoe Bascaro.

Maxwell Automotive Services students work to earn industry certification as they look to take the next step towards their careers and college.

All of the students in Max Chavez's auto services classes are now SP2 or Mechanical Pollution Prevention and Mechanical Safety certified which is a recognized certification in the auto industry. Moreover, many companies require this certification prior to employment.

Chavez's AM students earning the SP2 certification are Victor Ayala, Robert Borders, Matthew Brooks, Timothy Cotton, Anthony Farley, Eleazar Godinez,

Christopher Hendricks, Jamalh Jeune, Ricky Lauder, Blake Martin, Trevon McFarlane, Rodney McLaughlin, Christopher Medina, James Mullins, Mitchell Parker, Zachary Rowberry, Lemuel Sheffield, Luis Turcios, Christopher Vasquez, and Brandon West.

Chavez's PM students earning the SP2 are Emir Aguilar, Ahmad Al-Amin, Juan Alfaro, Daniel Almonte-Rodriguez, Jesus Alvarez, Bobby Bipram, Aaron Butts, Cody Cevallos, Giovanni Coto, Mitchell Evans, Tomas Flores, Mario Galdos, Rony Garcia, Hugo Gutierrez, Brandol Huerta, Demirel Huskovic,

Claret Iwuogo, Brayan Lopez, Christian Lopez, Matthew Lopez, Thien Nguyen, Luis Ortiz, Zavair Rose, Pablo Saldana, Brian Sanchez, Adonis Smith, Arinda Smith, Ryan Turner, Alex Wilkins, and Shaqyl Woodbury.

Students in Ricky Bradford's AM and PM auto services classes who earned the SP2 certification are Nathan Jones, Matthew Partridge, Jose Valentin Porras, Nick Braida, Debryant Etchison, Joey Lussier, Victor Moctezuma, Dustin Nelson, Alejandro Palacio, Adam Stewart, and Jake Zoekler-Hertica.

SkillUSA elects student officers

SkillsUSA chapter officers for the 2012-2013 school year have been elected. On Thursday, October 18, student candidates gave campaign speeches outlining their qualifications for the job and explaining their motivation to fulfill the office.

Officers were elected for both the AM and PM Maxwell sessions. Students from all Gwinnett County high schools come to Maxwell High School of Technology for half day AM or PM sessions; students then take additional classes needed for graduation at their home schools during the second half of the school day.

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

Maxwell High School of Technology has ninety SkillsUSA student members, and the faculty advisor is LSTC Christine Pulliam.

The AM officers are: Interior Design student President Sophia Dolson from Peachtree Ridge High School, Construction student Vice President Juan Carlos Estremadoyro from Parkview High School, Electronics student Secretary Deonté Cannon from Lanier High School, Law & Justice student Treasurer Shonnece Hines from South Gwinnett High School, Law & Justice student Parliamentarian Tori Redd from South Gwinnett High School, Graphic Design student Reporter/Historian Morgan Humphrey from Shiloh High School, Construction student Officer *Pro Tempore* Chris Yennery from Parkview High School, and Cosmetology student Member-at-Large Kymberly Jurgens from Brookwood High School.

The PM officers are: Law & Justice student President Shelby Heintz from Dacula High School, Architecture student Vice President Miriam Pacheco from Norcross High School, Aviation student Secretary Oreva Aki from Dacula High School, Architecture student Treasurer Brittani Bowman from North Gwinnett High School, Architecture student Parliamentarian Paul Massey from Shiloh High School, and Construction student Reporter/Historian Sean Morris from Meadowcreek High School.



Shown top: New SkillsUSA AM vice president, Juan Carlos Estremadoyro gives a campaign speech urging students to vote for him. Juan Carlos is a student in Michael Shepherd's construction class and his home school is Parkview High School. Below: Shonnece Hines, newly elected SkillsUSA AM treasurer, waves as she finishes her campaign speech. Shonnece's home school is South Gwinnett High School, and she is a student in Scott Wilson's Law & Justice class. Photos by Zoe Bascaro.

High school teachers teach Pre-K



Weekly science and Spanish lessons are prepared for our Pre-K classes by Maxwell teachers. Shown left: Science teacher Bruce Rountree shows the students how dry ice works. Right: ESOL teacher Dina Riquelme teaches a lesson entirely in Spanish. Photos by Mike Bates.

Volunteers help Special Olympics

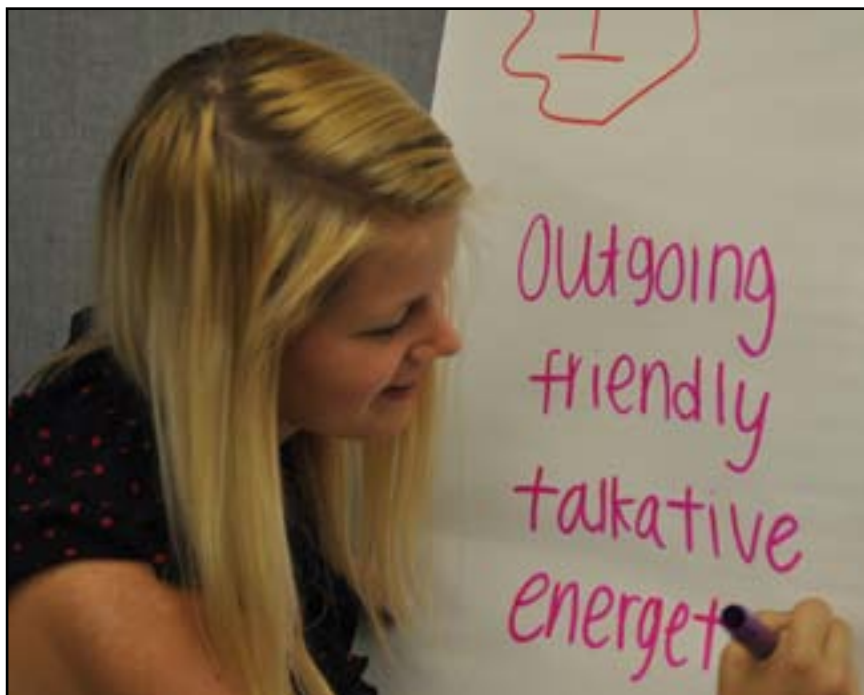
Maxwell student volunteers help in the GCPS Special Olympics three times per year by assisting elementary students in athletic events that have been planned for them.

The first outing centered around a Bocce Ball competition and was held at Bunten Road Park on September 13. Forty three Maxwell students took part in the all-day olympic contests. Upcoming events include a January 14 bowling event and a February 11 volleyball outing.

Students participating were: Jaquavian Walker, Malcolm Pitts, Adam Metaluala, and Chris Medina from Lanier; Omolara Abosede, Maya Maisonet, Florence Ato-Abraham, Lamide Fashina, Samantha James, Jose Terrones, and Abel Mejia from Mountain View; Sarai Carrillo, Thamas Givens, and Ruby Perez-Mendoza from Duluth; Arielle Edouard and Rayshell Haggins from Dacula; Callie Cronin, Brittani Bowman, and Cody Snyder from North Gwinnett; Ashley Rattray, Desiree Morrison, Tia Mitchem, and Kadina Garcia from Shiloh; and Ashley Taylor, Matthew Suggs, Spencer Carroll, and Stephany Yanez from Mill Creek. Camri Jackson and Shabre Freeman from Grayson; Meghan Smith and Angie Quinones from Collins Hill; Aleah Sturdivant, Tayler Hopkins, Najaiha Butler, and Courtney Hopson from Peachtree Ridge; Ismaelle Oceus and Gary Vang from Central Gwinnett; Adriana Rosell from Berkmar; Tiffany Riley from Parkview; and Rehan Virani from Brookwood.



Maxwell High School student volunteers Callie Cronin from North Gwinnett High School and Maya Maisonet from Mountain View High School smile as they earn community service hours assisting with the Gwinnett County Special Olympics. Over forty-three Maxwell High School of Technology students participated in the September Gwinnett County Special Olympics which was held at Bunten Park in Suwanee. Upcoming Special Olympic events include a January 14 bowling event and a volleyball outing on February 11.



Left: Student ambassador Tiffany Brown from Mill Creek High School participates in the DISC assessment to determine her leadership strengths. Right: Student ambassadors Taylor Churchwell and Anazjah Mayes from Dacula High School ponder some of the interpersonal skills being discussed at the Maxwell student ambassador training session. Photos by Georgia Tomlin.



Student ambassadors selected

Fifty student ambassadors have been chosen to represent Maxwell High School. Ambassadors receive marketing and leadership training equipping them to represent the Technical Education programs as marketing liaisons at local high schools as well as community events. In addition, this opportunity gives students a forum to develop leadership and communication skills.

Student ambassadors must be willing to speak in front of both large and small groups of students and adults, and must have good attendance and good academic standing. They will serve as representatives at all Maxwell events. On September 26, the student ambassadors received a full day of training. During these sessions, they were asked to identify their own personal strengths. The September training was also the first chance to begin refining their public

speaking and interpersonal communication skills. Special speaker Nancy Ward helped them identify personal leadership styles.

The following students have been chosen as Maxwell student ambassadors: Brianna McGuirrie Trevon McFarlane, and Tyler Ireland from Archer High School; Rafid Haque from Berkmar High School; Leslie Castrejon, Mary Stroup, and Rehan Virani from Brookwood High School; Ferdos Hashem from Central Gwinnett High School; Sydney Frankel and Brian Macon from Collins Hill High School; Taylor Churchwell, Anazjah Mayes, Shelby Heintz, Savannah Reymann, Ricardo Ruiz, and Ahdan St. Phard from Dacula High School; Jennefer Delcid and Janecia McClarin from Duluth High School; Christyn Brown, Camri Jackson, Shabre Freeman, Erin Steele, Rachel Wall, and Jessie Kim from Grayson

High School; Jaquavian Walker from Lanier High School; Kareen Huynh from Meadowcreek High School; Tiffany Brown, Andres Giraldo, and Monica Reyes from Millcreek High School; Francis Bamfo, Roxana Gallegos, Omama Rahmany, and Catarina Park from Mountain View High School; LaNicia Davis and Edgar Garcia from Norcross High School; Cassidy Houchins from North Gwinnett High School; Terrance Lindsey and Paola Ceran from Parkview High School; Preston Gant, Tayler Hopkins, Nariya Ollis-Peterson, Nailah Underwood, and Stephanie Aguirre from Peachtree Ridge High School; Ali Salcedo from Phoenix High School; Sharzah Bhuiyan, Krishna Patel, Taneya Mollah, Brianna Pollard, Mackenzie Love, and Jennifer DeSantos from Shiloh High School; and Nicole Manu from South Gwinnett High School.