

Career & Technical Education *program*

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LEARNING HANDS-ON SKILLS!



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What Is The CTE Program?

For small school districts, such as the Bristol Bay School District and the Lake & Peninsula School District, it's virtually impossible to offer a wide range of career and technical education courses to students at their home school sites. But when two school districts combine to offer joint courses, magic happens.

The Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program, which has become a partnership between the two school districts, has been able to offer the desired career and technical education opportunities because of bringing the

students to one central location (King Salmon/ Naknek), multiple times per year, where a wide range of courses and programs can be offered.

Attending classes earns students either high school or college credit (through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay Campus)...or both!

This is a dream come true for both school districts. Students can choose courses in Facility Maintenance, Heavy Equipment, Maritime, Welding, Small Engines, Culinary Arts, Business &

Computers, and much more.

Without the CTE program, these students would miss out on this much needed, and wanted, training.



Students learn Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Personal Finance during the October 2014 session.

A Day in the Lives of CTE Students

Each day begins with a 7am wake-up. Vans leave promptly at 7:45am, heading to the high school in Naknek, where breakfast awaits. Classes begin at 8:30 and run until 5pm, with a short lunch break, also served at the

school. At 5pm, the vans leave and head back to the lodge where students are paired up to share a room. At 6pm, a catered dinner is served buffet style in the dining room, followed in the evening by shorter courses

such as OSHA 10 and First Aid/CPR. And on those evenings when the students are free, they may choose to go swimming at the pool in Naknek, stay at the lodge to play games, or get outdoors for some exercise.

October 2014 CTE Session



Business Admin students learning about Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Basic Personal Finance.

Eighteen students from the Bristol Bay Region spent five days participating in the Career & Technical Education Program offered through the joint efforts of the Bristol Bay Borough School District and Lake and Peninsula School District.

This hands-on exposure provided students from both school districts a realistic picture of life inside the work force. The train-

ing they have received during the CTE program's three yearly sessions is designed to spark an interest that has potential to turn into a career for some of these bright young people.

Session I brought students together from six villages around Bristol Bay. Students completed training in one of two fields of study: Small Engines and Business Admin.

These students not only gained valuable skills in the fields of study, but they also gained knowledge and understanding of what is expected of someone in those fields of work in order to determine their own interest in further pursuit of the line of work.

Business Admin Program

This October, eight students spent the week earning three college credits—one each for Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Basic Personal Finance.

These students were fortunate to benefit from the use of UAF Bristol Bay Campus' brand new mobile laptop lab, with the most current version of Microsoft Office Applications.

Most students have been exposed to Apple products (laptops, iPads, iPhones), but for many, this was the first extensive exposure to PC based computers (Dell laptops with Windows operating systems).

The class favorite, though, was the Personal Finance material. Students learned the basics of cost of living, budgeting, cost

of common habits (both now and in the future), compound interest, how credit cards work, and even the cost of health insurance, among many other topics.

Students were excited to learn how a little spending and saving discipline early in life can greatly improve their financial freedom in the future.

Where Are They Now? Jenny Shryock

Jenny Shryock, a 2014 graduate of Bristol Bay Borough School, was a participant of the CTE Program, taking courses in Entrepreneurship, Personal Finance, and Web Design/E-Commerce.

This Fall, she started her college career at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ.

According to Jenny, she now

uses the personal finance skills she learned in the CTE program on a daily basis while in college. "It helps a lot to know about personal finance especially when you come to college and are on a budget. I also recently started a retirement fund because I learned that if you start putting in little by little and gain interest...by the time you want to retire,

the money will be there to do so and you don't have to rely on the government."

No doubt, Jenny will continue to benefit from these skills long into her future. Way to go, Jenny!

Jenny Shryock



Small Engines Program



In addition to the Business Admin courses, students could also choose to take courses in Small Engines.

The courses included an introduction to shop safety, two and

Breaking down & rebuilding small engines.

four stroke engines, snow-machines, four-wheeler repair/maintenance, and outboards.

In the evenings, students spent an additional 10 hours receiving instruction in, and ultimately certification in, OSHA 10.

This is a fantastic hands-on, practical set of courses that are of immediate benefit to students, who often have their

own small engines to repair and maintain in their villages. Being able to work on their own motors can be a huge cost savings, as well as an introduction to a potential career field.



Preparing Students from Small School Districts for High Demand Careers

For more information, visit

www.lpsd.com
or
www.bbbsd.net

LPSD

Lake & Peninsula School District offices are located in King Salmon, AK and serve 14 communities from Port Alsworth to Perryville along the Alaska Peninsula.

**Superintendent:
Ty Mase**

BBBSD

The Bristol Bay Borough School District is located in Naknek, AK, near the mouth of the Naknek river, where it meets Bristol Bay.

**Superintendent:
Bill Hill
Principal: Jim Dube**

Where Are They Now? McKenzie Ritter

A 2014 graduate of the Bristol Bay Borough School, McKenzie Ritter is already following a dream to become a pastry chef! McKenzie took part in the Culinary Arts courses offered through the CTE Program. She enjoyed them so much that she enrolled this Fall in AVTEC's Culinary Arts program (www.avtec.edu) in Seward, AK!

Now, she's trying new foods, learning new skills, and preparing herself to fulfill her dream of working in a pastry shop or perhaps owning her own bakery or food truck, selling homemade goodies.

When asked what she took away from the CTE Program that is helping her now, she says, "I'm putting several skills into my practice like

paying attention to the instructors directions and how to properly cut and cook something."

Congratulations to McKenzie for taking the next step toward fulfilling her dream!





CTE Program

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To all involved, your support helps our youth and Alaska's future! Thanks so much.

For more information on the CTE program, contact Jack Forrester at **907-246-4280**.

Where Are They Now?

Molley Stoltman

University of Alaska Southeast

Steven “Buddy” Angasan

University of Alaska Southeast
(Tech Prep Diesel Program)

Izac Huesca

Fort Lewis

Hannah Ward

University of Alaska Anchorage

Lloyd LeFevere

University of Alaska Anchorage
(Welding)

Arimie LeFevere

University of Alaska Anchorage
(Welding)

Bailey Anderson

University of Alaska Anchorage

Jennifer Shryock

Northern Arizona University

Aponi Johnson

Alaska Pacific University

Madison Manning

Brigham Young University Idaho

Michael Gravelle

University of Alaska Anchorage
(Welding)

Gabby Hill

Fort Lewis

Jay Thompson

AVTEC

Kvichak Aspelund

University of Alaska Anchorage

Tess Hostetter

University of Alaska Anchorage &
Alaska Pacific University

McKenzie Ritter

AVTEC (Culinary Arts)

Roy Shagin

Heading to University of Alaska Anchorage in Spring

William Lind

Heading to University of Alaska Anchorage in Spring