



The Connecting Link

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FCAVC Areas of Study

- ◆ Auto Body Collision Repair
- ◆ Automotive Technology
- ◆ CAD Drafting
- ◆ Construction Trades
- ◆ Cosmetology
- ◆ Criminal Justice
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Direct Health Care
- ◆ Health Occupations Education
- ◆ HVACR
- ◆ Machine Trades
- ◆ Marine Mechanics
- ◆ Welding

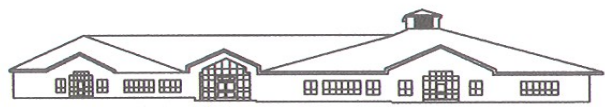
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A Great New Year!!!

Four County Area Vocational Cooperative kicked off another great new year on August 23 with students from participating School Corporations attending, giving FCAVC yet another record enrollment. We once again started the first day using the new transportation schedule, which is proving to be extremely efficient and immensely benefits the students and their time in classes. Busy summer preparations culminated with new “all-digital” teaching methods being piloted by our teachers and having a new program location opened for Culinary Arts.

All the teachers and staff at FCAVC are excited to see what all the new year brings us at Four County, and again thank all the School Corporations and Community partners who help make it a success!



Serving Students from:

- ◆ Angola High School
- ◆ Central Noble High School
- ◆ DeKalb Central High School
- ◆ East Noble High School
- ◆ Eastside High School
- ◆ Fremont High School
- ◆ Garrett High School
- ◆ Hamilton High School
- ◆ Lakeland High School
- ◆ Prairie Heights High School
- ◆ Westview High School

At a Glance...

This issue will highlight:

- * All Program Overview
- * Culinary Arts: What’s New

Important Dates:

- September 6: Labor Day, FCAVC Closed
- September 8: Culinary Arts Open House
- September: Fees from Haircuts to benefit Human Society’s in the 4-county area
- September 17 ISR Count Day
- September 20: ISR Info. Due to FCAVC
- October 18: Joint Advisory Board Mtg.
- November 4: Program Open Houses





All New Culinary Arts

It was an exciting and busy summer as the Cooperative worked diligently to build and open a new Culinary Arts classroom, kitchen and deli counter. The new facility is located in the back end of the current Fairview Facility that opened last school-year to house Automotive Technology, CAD, Cosmetology and Criminal Justice. The new construction was a huge upgrade to the program adding large amounts of square footage, including much needed storage space, walk in cooler and loading dock. The kitchen features additional prep space, an instructional area, a bakery and a deli prep area. Another exciting addition to the program is the Deli Counter. The **4C Café** plans to open September 14 and will be open to the public every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am-1pm. They will offer daily specials and light lunch items such as sandwiches, soups and salads. As they get up and running, they also hope to offer baked goods and specialty items as well as take carryout lunch orders for groups such as High School office employees, factory lunches, etc...

The program is still also catering events. With the new location, this service is able to be enhanced as events are able to be held on location in the facility's Lecture Hall. The Lecture Hall can hold groups up to 100 guests and is available for rent.

- * Interested in the **4C Café** and want to place an order or get more information? Please call: 343-2167
- * Interested in booking the Lecture Hall for your event? Please call Jamie Howard at 343-2164
- * Interested in the Culinary Arts class catering your event? Please call Chef Dave Hettler at 349-2567



CULINARY ARTS NEW FACILITY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 5-8PM ~ 580 FAIRVIEW BLVD

College Classes in Full Swing

Fall session college classes are in full swing at Four County. The Cooperative is yet again operating as a satellite location for Ivy Tech, IPFW and Indiana Tech college courses. Fall semester for the classes began on August 23 and the Administration Office is hopping with fresh college students.

With each semester, it seems that class offerings increase and we find our evenings booked solid, including an open lab for students to take advantage of.

As always, if you have a student interested in participating in the Campus Connections courses, they can begin the registration process for the Spring semester. Please contact Leslie Raymer, Campus Connections Coordinator at 260-343-2159 or by email at lraymer@fcavc.org





FCAVC Open House

Four County will be holding it's annual Fall Open House on Thursday, November 4.

Program Sites will be open to parents and school staff during the following times:

8:00am-11:00am

12:00pm-3:00pm

5:30pm-8:30pm

You are invited to join the classroom in tours and presentations, meet and greet the teachers and see the program first hand. We also encourage you to pass on this open house date to prospective students for the next enrollment year. Sometimes seeing the program first hand can help the student and/or parent decide this is the place for them. Please look for your formal invitation in late October.

Joint Advisory Board Meeting

An integral part of FCAVC programs maintaining the most up to date curriculum, supplies, and learning materials is the input of our Advisory Board members. Each program within FCAVC has a board consisting of atleast 5 members who meet 3 times per school year. These members consist of former students, parents, school staff and/or administrators and employees/employers in the industry. At these meetings, they discuss what's happening in the program, challenges the students are facing, employment opportunities and even hurdles upon graduation, post-secondary education avenues as well as new and/or updated materials and software.

The first of these 3 meetings is kicked off with an annual Joint Advisory Board Meeting. This year, the meeting will be held on October 18 at the Lecture Hall in our Fairview Facility.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining a program's board, please contact Jamie Howard at 343-2164 and she will refer you on to the appropriate program.

FCAVC is incorporating an Honor Roll for the 2010-11 School-Year. Students will be honored monthly with a Certificate of Achievement for both an all "A" or and "A/B" Honor Roll. Those students remaining either the all "A" or the "A/B" Honor throughout the year, will be honored with a special recognition at the Annual End of Year Student Celebration in May. Look for your student's names in the next issue!



A NEW YEAR AT FCAVC

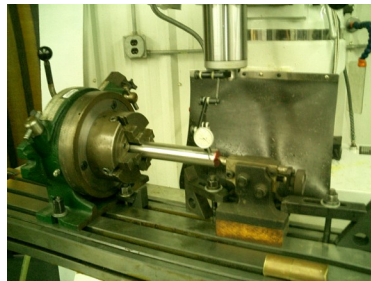
What are your students working on this year?

What can your student's expect to learn this year? Lots of things! Each program is in full swing. As with every year, the first few days are occupied with paperwork, safety tests and getting acquainted with classmates and the lab/shop areas. All FCAVC teachers are piloting new "all-digital" methods of teaching. Each student has been given a Four County gmail email account. Each of those emails will be linked to a program website the teacher has set up in Google Apps. These sites are being utilized to house classroom calendars, syllabi, assignments, worksheets and even assignments. In an effort to "Go Green", the cooperative has pushed this method as a way to reduce paper waste. Many programs are using these online tools fully, doing all bookwork through technology. It's an exciting venture and is a great way to keep our students connected to the programs no matter where they are. If you can access Google, you will always know what's going on in your class!

The Automotive Technology program has seen a few changes for the new year. We introduced Terry Helm, who was the Instructional Assistant during the 2009-10 school year as the new full time Instructor, replacing Scott Parks. Terry is a great asset to the program. Here, Mr. Helm is shown with a new machine for the program. The students are currently finishing up shop safety lessons and will soon begin work in the shop with learning how to use specific equipment and machines. The students are eager to learn and look forward to learning to use the new alignment equipment.



The Machine Trades program student's excitement is growing as returning students begin to work on their advanced projects. First year students are currently working on basic shop safety and measurement as well as machine operation. As a program, the class had a large number of students participate in the summer ICT program, which enable them to work in the industry in an internship. During these internships, students learned first hand on-site industrial practices as well as classroom lessons to better prepare them for the workplace.






The Welding program is off to a great start. The 2nd year students are beginning to work on AWS projects while 1st year students are learning the basics of welding and spending time in the classroom learning the written portion of the AWS curriculum. Students are already in preparation of honing up their skills to participate in the MidWest Team Tournament to be held in April.

The Healthcare programs (Direct Health Care and Health Occupations) are off to another great start and are already hard at work. The first week of class was spent together learning Healthcare Provider First-Aid and receiving their CPR certification. These tasks are a part of the dual credit requirements. The healthcare students participated in this training along with the Criminal Justice and Culinary Arts programs. Students are currently in their classroom portions of the semester. In just a few short weeks, the Direct Health Care class will break out into clinical rotations for the hands on portion of their training in preparation of State testing to receive their CNA. The teachers are each excited to have such an eager group of learners and each program has again seen full enrollment with a long list of alternates.



The Criminal Justice program kicked off it's first week of class receiving First Aid and CPR training alongside the healthcare programs as well as Culinary Arts program. The program instructor, Mark Farren and students send out a big thanks to the Healthcare Instructors as this certification wouldn't be possible without them. The next step for the program will be a list of guest speakers and soon field trips and hands on trainings. Guest Speakers coming soon are the Indiana State Police and Kendallville Police Department. They will also be scheduling a trip to the Noble County Jail. The program again has a full enrollment as students are eager to learn the various areas of law enforcement.

FCAVC would also like to send out a big WELCOME BACK to Mark. Mark returned home from a year long tour in Afghanistan working with the International Police. We are happy to have him back safe and sound.



The Cosmetology program is hard at work. With a larger class than ever, the class has welcomed on 2 student teachers as well as welcoming back instructional assistant Kellie Huelsenbeck. 2nd year students are currently going through a refresher course in preparation of taking on clients. 1st year students are hard at book work and are quickly learning the basic techniques to also help with clients. The program will again this year have a monthly Community Service event. For the month of September, all haircut fees will go to the Humane Shelters in the 4 counties. The class will also honor a new schedule for the year to have more consistency with clients. They will be open every Monday evening until 8pm beginning September 13 and every other Saturday from 8am-4pm beginning September 11. They will take walk-ins, but an appointment is recommended as the student clientele has grown drastically.

On a positive note

Following is a poem many of our staff found inspirational:

IF YOU WISH...

If you wish to be respected, then be ever respectful
If you wish to be understood, then sincerely understand others
If you wish to be appreciated, then be ever grateful
If you wish to be loved, then give love in each moment

If you wish to be wealthy, then act to create real value
If you wish to learn, then take time to teach
If you wish to climb higher, then lift others up
If you wish to be wise, then share what you know

Whatever you wish, life will surely give it
What you must do though, is to truly live it
There is so much to live for and so much to see
You will have whatever you are willing to be

