



Hillsdale Area Career Center: **“HACC HAPPENINGS”**

Happy New Year!

Program Updates

- Mr. Duff's Criminal Justice classes finished becoming certified in First Aide, CPR and AED. This means that they will now need to renew this certification every 2 years.
- Mr. Duff's program visited Jackson's "Prison of Southern Michigan" and took the "Cell Block 7" guided tour learning about the history and what it is like to be in prison (not jail).
- Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Cook's Construction students are busy continuing with the inside work at the house. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) education is still being worked on along with the electrical wiring at the house. Students learn first hand by actually spraying the cellulose insulation into all of the walls of the house and doing all of the wall insulation on the main floor and basement.
- Counselors and administrators in the county received the current articulation agreements for students who successfully complete their 2 year program here at HACC. They are able to earn from 5 to 33 credits, depending on the program, toward certifications and/or college credits. Have your student ask Mrs. Frank in the front office for the paperwork.
- MIAT College of Technology came to visit the Engineering, Drafting & Design Program students about campus offerings in Canton, MI. They offer aviation technology, welding, electromechanical, windpower, HAVCR and energy technologies certifications right here in Michigan!
- FANUC training has started (our pilot program) for 3 morning and 3 afternoon students in Engineering. This will give our most talented Engineering students a chance to have both the experience and the certification in FANUC robots and C.N.C. programming for immediate employability upon graduation.
- The Health Sciences program had their Advisory Committee meeting in December to discuss the community needs in healthcare. We are fortunate to have such great support from the hospital, the Medical Care Facility, local parents and private practitioners.
- Mr. McKelvey spent time at the HACC during his Christmas Break. The plasma table had some much needed repairs made to it so that it is now completely functional for use the second semester. The table, along with the new Fanuc Robotic Welder, are just two ways in which we are making updates to programs in order to meet the ever-changing needs of industry training.
- Mr. Boggs had a visit from Representative Leutheuser and a representative from AT&T, Andy Solon. AT&T awarded the Cybersecurity program a check for \$5000 as a donation to the program for whatever is needed pertaining to the student's education. We are all very grateful for the financial assistance and for Mr. Boggs having the "salesman" ability he does in soliciting funding for his program!

As always, we could not do this without your support and the continued support of area businesses, industry and the community. The skills your young adults learn here, no one can take away from them. Thank you for entrusting them to us.

Educationally Yours: Brooke Ballee-Stone, Principal of HACC

