



Hillsdale Area Career Center: “HACC HAPPENINGS”

Program Updates

- Mr. Duff’s Criminal Justice classes are working on the ethics and actual apprehending of alleged criminals. This means that there is a lot of handcuffing, learning pressure points and throw-downs going on in his classroom. Students will be starting their work-based study programs out within our courts, with police officers and with corrections within the next 2 weeks.
- Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Cook’s Construction students are busy finishing the inside work on the house. Students have finished hanging the drywall and are now mudding the drywall.
- Health Science students on their second year are getting ready to start their CNA hours. They will be working at both the hospital and the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility.
- The FANUC training is going well in Engineering. The senior students in good standing are progressing through the online course while programming the robots in order to practice their newly gained skills.
- Mr. John Condon from Hillsdale Terminal is guest-teaching students in the Engineering class basic CNC programming for the second year in a row. Mr. Condon selflessly donates his time to come in and teach in the morning and afternoon at least 3 days/week so that students are able to have a better understanding of what they might do should they pursue CNC training. We are very grateful for his time.
- Mr. McKelvey has been busy programming the plasma table and seniors in good standing have been learning how it works while making cuts and creating designs in the Welding Program.
- Mr. Boggs has had very busy students in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics! All students are consistently working on and passing certifications in Microsoft and in networking. We have again nominated a female student for recognition and will fill you in when we hear more.
- Just a personal thought: I turned one year older this week and have, as I always do, taken stock of my life. I just wanted to share with you how lucky I feel to work here at the HCISD in the capacity I do. I feel that we make a difference in our student’s lives every day and we are helping to prepare them for graduation and beyond. I also feel very fortunate to be working for, and with, Ronna Steel. She is the epitome of what “student-centered” means. She has the traits necessary to carry out what is best for our charges: our students. She embodies the passion, integrity, work ethic and vision that any school board would be fortunate to have in a superintendent, but she has chosen to be here, to make a positive difference. In this day and age of short-term superintendents, those who seek notoriety at the expense of the students, and those who do not “walk -the-talk”, we are so blessed to have Ronna at the helm! I thank all of you for the opportunity to be here and to make a difference!

Going PRO in Hillsdale County

- *WHAT:* An evening showcasing high-demand and Professional Trades opportunities in Hillsdale County.
WHO: You! Your family, friends, employers, educators, students, basically anyone interested in learning about the professional trade opportunities in Hillsdale County.
WHY: The need for professional trade talent has never been greater. There is demand in Hillsdale County for rewarding careers in Healthcare, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, and Construction Trades.