



Hillsdale Area Career Center: **March 2019 Board Report**

Program Updates

- **Criminal Justice:** Mr. Duff had his second Advisory Council meeting on March 12. Consensus from the group is that the attendance policy put in place in order for students to take part in Work-Study is very appropriate. Representation from Jonesville Police Dept., Hillsdale Police Dept., Hillsdale Sheriff Dept., 911 Emergency and others just proves that Mr. Duff has gained much respect for his program. Two Chiefs and the Sheriff attending on their own time speaks volumes for what Mr. Duff is doing for the program.
- **Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics:** Mr. Boggs' program is being featured on Fox News. Friday, March 15, the segment will be aired out of Lansing at 5:45 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. The video will be on the Fox News website (<https://www.fox47news.com/>) sometime after 9:00 a.m. Several students were "prepped" by Mr. Boggs and me for two days, then interviewed by Julie Williams on camera. Ms. Williams spent over 2 hours here at the HACC taping. When she completed the taping, she told us that of all the high schools she has worked with, our students were the most articulate and mature when she interviewed them. Kudos to the students!
- **Construction Trades:** Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Cook's Construction students are continuing with the drywall finishing touches. The next step will be for Stoll Kitchens to start with the cabinet layout for the kitchen and kitchen planning. Students will be able to see what goes into the planning, installation and finishing of the kitchen and bathrooms.
- **Welding:** Mr. McKelvey's students took their hands-on welding test for Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding. Out of the 40+ students in both a.m. and p.m., all but 5 passed and then move on to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, or Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding. The plasma table and robotic welder continues to be mastered by second year students in the classes.
- **Engineering:** Mrs. Maxfield's FANUC class students both in the a.m. and the p.m. are making great progress in completing the necessary steps to become certified. Students are programming the trainers to do a variety of things including picking up objects and moving them to a specific location to have a second step initiated. Practice makes perfect!
- **Health Sciences:** What does oatmeal and old nylon stockings have to do with health science? It is a way that the first year students are able to learn the digestive system! Mrs. Tharp is doing a great job at integrating hands-on activities into her classes. Second year students just had their TB test, flu shots and Drug Tests yesterday in order to be qualified to do their clinical rounds (16+ hours) at the hospital and at the medical care facility. The clinicals will begin right after spring break.

Sophomore Visits: We always enjoy this time of year when the districts bring their sophomores over to tour the facility and visit all of the programs. I arrange a rotation so that every student is able to experience every program, including construction trades, so that they may get a feel for what goes on. We then invite schools to send their “undecided” students back, if they so desire, to audit the class/program for a day. It helps students to hone in on what they think their strengths are and, with their counselor, they are able to choose an appropriate program.

Going Pro in Hillsdale County: Health Sciences, Cybersecurity and Construction students are volunteering to attend the Going Pro Event at Litchfield (Thursday, March 14th) and at Pittsford (Monday, March 25th) to give demonstrations of their programs. Health Sciences will be taking vitals of any volunteers visiting the sites. Cybersecurity will be showing how they earn their certificates and certifications and what the program entails. Construction students have built a mock-up of a house corner, including the roof, in order to demonstrate how siding is installed along with soffit and fascia. All three instructors will be attending the event to supervise.

Marshall Plan Update: Marshall Plan is back! New timelines have been released and we will be submitting our revised plan during the the talent agreement part of phase two. We are excited to see this funding opportunity moving forward.