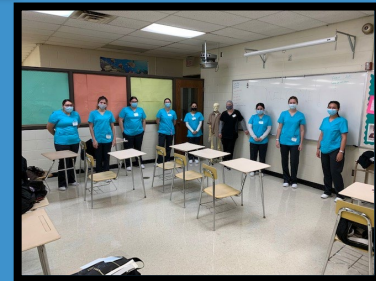


Career Center Courier

LASALLE PERU AREA CAREER CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Back to Work at The ACC

Student Thoughts

With the celebration of a return to in-person hybrid learning, it was refreshing to hear students comment on their perception of the return. In listening to them (I heard no negatives), two comments stood out to me. A Fire Science student commented “I need this, I can’t learn the other way”. A second student from Culinary stated “It went by fast”—referring to class time. In both of these comments we see our CTE students reflecting on the strength of a CTE program.

CTE Philosophy

Within the CTE realm of secondary education an emphasis is placed on application. Students come to us with a varying blend of two distinct needs. One, they know they are seeking to learn a specific skill which could potentially lead them to a career. Two, the students (as well as the teachers) also know that they have a preference to learn using kinesthetic and tactile learning styles. Those are generally not possible remotely.

Teacher Reactions

Teaching within the pandemic environment has increased teacher lesson preparation needs significantly. Teachers are optimistic with the prospect of improved attendance and grades, but it would be a misstatement to say their lives are any easier. For ACC Teachers, the ability to fulfill the hands-on portion of their curriculum is a welcome occurrence. With it, are the need for safety procedures to insure that learning can continue.



Pictured at top (L to R): Students get back into the swing of things with their hands-on skill development. All students are masked and gloved (where appropriate) and have limited (brief) interactions with their classmates; emphasizing the need for safety in machinery operation, but also in preventing the spread of contagions.

The ACC Welcomes Mrs. Lori Johnson

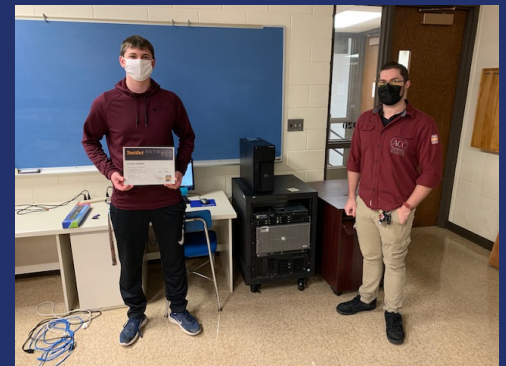
There are several changes occurring at the Career Center this semester and one of the most exciting is the addition of a new instructor, Mrs. Lori Johnson. Mrs. Johnson will take over for retiring Child Care instructor Mrs. Barbara Rutkowski. Mrs. Rutkowski turns over a program that has grown significantly during the past three years, and Mrs. Johnson looks to continue that trend. With a solid background in early childhood care and education (Mrs. Johnson has served as a Director of the Ottawa Opportunity School, and also as a lead teacher in the same program), Mrs. Johnson looks to infuse her love of children’s literature as a cornerstone of the structure of her program. With literacy being of paramount importance, this initiative should serve to help not only the small children, but also the high school students who will use the literature to develop lesson plans and teach. Mrs. Johnson also looks to infuse her love of nature into the classroom and the lessons that are taught to the children. While relaxing at Smoky Lake in Phelps, Wisconsin is a favorite past-time, as is kayaking, the experience that comes from interacting with nature makes for a strong educational component that small children need to be exposed to. The ACC looks forward to working with Mrs. Johnson and fulfilling her vision for the running of the day-care classroom.



Pictured above: Mrs. Lori Johnson—ACC Child Care Instructor

Dylan Lovgren

La Moille-Computer Repair



Pictured above is Dylan Lovgren and instructor Mr. Zac Koesler. Dylan is a second year student from La Moille HS. Having found his niche in Computer Repair, Dylan has gone far beyond the bounds of the normal curriculum requirements. He is currently working on his third industry certification after having already earned a PC Pro, and Network + credential. Currently, Dylan is working on his Linux certification. Dylan’s instructor Mr. Zac Koesler had thought it important to commend his student not only for the sheer quantity of work, but also the quality of work that Dylan Produces. Dylan looks to achieve his career goals by attending IIT and pursuing a career in Computer Hardware Engineering. With hard work, in 10 years you won’t buy an Apple, you’ll buy a Lovgren.

Student of the Month

Angelo Feliciano—La Salle-Peru HS

CHILD CARE

Pictured to the left is Angelo Feliciano, he is a second year Child Care student from La Salle Peru High School. His instructor Mrs. Rutkowski has nominated him for his abilities in working with the children, and for his extra effort in assisting his fellow students during this year of remote learning. Angelo is classified as a non-traditional learner (a male in child-care), and his presence has helped in having his young charges see that positive role models come from all genders. Thank you Angelo, for all you have done in the Child Care program. We wish you well as you work towards graduation!

