

Career Center Courier

LASALLE PERU AREA CAREER CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Certifications and Clinical Experience

Certifications

A number of classes at the ACC are starting to report on the success of their students in attainment of industry credentials. These are significant accomplishments. The teacher and their students are to be commended not only for their achievement but also for their exceptional passing rate:

Culinary Arts: Nine Students achieved their Food Managers and 12 achieved their food Handlers Certification—A 100% success rate.

Certifications Continued

CAD Drafting: Five Students earned their 10 Hour OSHA safety certification—A 100% success rate.

CNA: 40 students have earned their Red Cross CPR Certification and passed the required 23 skills to advance on to clinical experience.

Computer Repair & Programming: 6 Testout Repair Certifications, 1 Network Pro and 1 MTA Software Certification

Clinicals

As the pictures above indicate, the ACC nursing class has been in person to fulfill their required 40 hours of clinical experience. The pictures above detail how the students are earning their first 20 hours via in class simulation (an exception allowed by IDPH this year). The remaining 20 hours will be done at IVCH and local nursing homes. No student will work with a known Covid patient and will be supervised by a certified nurse.



Pictured at top (L to R): Students practice their bedmaking, patient movement, and changing procedures-- patient output measurement-- and pulse and blood pressure reading. For more information on certifications the logos provide links to pertinent websites.

Lt. Colonel Brian Kuhn (ret) Speaks to Aviation Class

One of the requirements for employment at the Career Center is for a teacher to have industry experience in the subject matter they will teach. That experience brings with it many advantages, and among those advantages are friendships and connections with accomplished professionals. Mr. Scott Jones (aviation instructor) called upon a life-long friend, and aviator, to speak to his ACC Aviation class. Mr. Kuhn spoke to the class as a civilian pilot of a major airline, and also as a retired Marine Corp pilot (planes and helicopters). His message to the students was one of humility and joy. He described himself as an average student and pilot who is blessed with being able to make a living doing what he loves. According to Mr. Kuhn, he has never *“worked”* a day in his life. The above description can be judged as an understatement of his accomplishments, but it was a heartfelt and well received message for the students. In his message, students were advised to follow their passion, work hard, and consider all options that are in front of them. As Mr. Kuhn stated, he worked as a handyman to put himself through college, but a fond memory of stories Mr. Jones told him about his father who was an American Airlines pilot propelled him to seek out that profession and opportunity. While not everyone may choose the military as a way of life, it did grant him the ability to see his dream come true. Having served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, and having flown both planes and helicopters, Mr. Kuhn was able to take that experience and transition to his current career in civilian life. The ACC is very thankful to Mr. Jones and Mr. Kuhn for providing this information to our students.



Pictured above: The view from inside the cockpit as Mr. Kuhn's plane makes an approach to Rio de Janeiro Airport. At right: Lt. Colonel Kuhn during his career as an aviator in the United States Marine Corp.

Student of the Month

Logan Bopes—Princeton HS

CULINARY ARTS

Pictured at left is December student of the month Logan Bopes and instructor Mrs. Susan Stiker. Logan is a Princeton HS Senior and a second year ACC Culinary Arts student. Logan plans to attend Joliet Junior College as a culinary student in the Fall. Mrs. Stiker has said “Logan is always participating in class and encouraging other students. He is always pushing himself to go above and beyond on any assignment given, especially when it is a cooking at home lab. He is striving to attend JJC next fall in baking and pastry.” Thank you Logan, for your excellence in pursuit of a career.

