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"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."
—Winston Churchill

From the Director...

Greetings and salutations from your P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Education For Employment team! This year we are hitting the ground running as we have planned several events and activities for the upcoming fall months. Similar to last year, we have planned our Content Area Meetings in all 5 CTE areas. These will be informative sessions which will enhance instruction and provide an opportunity to share successful teaching practices between districts. We are also busy working to provide activities in Health Occupations, Manufacturing, and the Union Trades Industries. Our Work-Based Learning programs are incredibly successful in educating students with the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

We are still faced with the financial challenges of the past. The 2012 Carl D. Perkins reauthorization will have a profound impact on Career and Technical Education programs in this State. To what extent we do not know, since our legislators are still working through the details. There is much talk about making significant changes to this "lifeline" to Career and Technical Education. Until we know the outcome of the political environment this fall, we can only presume what might be the changes presented and debated with the legislature.

I feel more excited than ever to be a part of this elite organization referred to as Career and Technical Education. There are many new, innovative ways to educate and reach our students. Embrace the challenges and keep positive. Together we can produce successful, eager students for either a career choice or a college path. Either way, I am confident that our students will be successful and productive. Let's make it another great year!

Chris

The average high school graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE programs is **90.18 percent**, compared to an average national freshman graduation rate of **74.9 percent**.

(www.acteonline.org)

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August In-service: "Stay on Course".....

(Sponsored by P.E.R.F.E.C.T. and Tazewell County EFE)



The August In-service was held on August 8, at Pekin Country Club. It was a terrific "kick-off" to the new school year. Featured speakers included **Kevin Dill, Executive Director, Woodford County Special Education Association**, presenting on "Special Education" An Inventory of Best Practices in the CTE Classroom.' **Shalessie Pie, Superintendent of Human Resources, Peoria Park District**, presented on "Empowering Students to be Contenders in the Recruitment Process;" and **David Taylor, Career Counselor, Career Link**, presented on "The Magic of Career Development: Secrets to Share with Teens."



Kevin Dill
Executive Director, Woodford County
Special Education Association

The day concluded with a wonderful networking lunch and fabulous door prizes which put all of us "on course" for an exciting new school year!



Shalessie Pie
Superintendent of Human Resources
Peoria Park District

"Very informative;
useful material."



David Taylor
Career Counselor
Career Link

"Speakers were terrific;
great ideas."

"Liked all three speakers;
very relevant to
CTE teachers
(career and recruitment)."





15th Annual 8th Grade Construction Industry Career Expo

Thanks to the contributions of the following sponsors, this event has successfully reached over 16,000 students since 1998 with a hands-on introduction to careers in the unionized construction industry.

THANK YOU 2012 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CAREER EXPO SPONSORS!

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Tazewell County/Area Education For Employment

Tri-County Construction Labor-Management Council, Inc. (TRICON)

West Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council

Western Area Career System

Williams Brothers Construction

Content Area Meetings have been scheduled at the P.E.R.F.E.C.T. office on **October 16**, for **Business, Marketing, and Computer Education**; **November 8**, for **Agriculture, Technology and Engineering**; and **November 27**, for **Family and Consumer Science and Health Occupations** educators.

Topics of discussion will include:

- ∞ Common Core and CR Project—Tools for Infusion
- ∞ “Achieve” Workshop—CTE Math vs. Academic Math
- ∞ MYCAERT Electronic Lessons update
- ∞ PERA

Each meeting will also offer a great opportunity for participants to network and share best practices.



CTE Month

CTE Month—February 2013 Career and Technical Education Works!

Celebrate **CTE Month** in your school! Be creative and plan a wide range of activities that connect students to **C**areer and **T**echnical **E**ducation and their future.

Visit www.ctemonth.com (CTE Month/Association for Career and Technical Education) for some great ideas.

School matters.....

The July 2012 unemployment update by the **Bureau of Labor Statistics** (BLS) shows that education influences whether you will be able to find a job.
Education Level Achieved/Unemployment Rate - July 2012

- ∞ **Less than High School** - 12.7%
- ∞ **High School Graduate, No College** - 8.7%
- ∞ **Some College or Associate's Degree** - 7.1%
- ∞ **Bachelor's Degree or Higher** - 4.1%

Today's students need more education than the generations before in order to become employed and create the lifestyle they desire.

(Career Solutions Publishing, September 2012)

What is Career and Technical Education?

- ∞ Encompasses **94 percent** of high school students and 13 million postsecondary students
- ∞ Includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more
- ∞ Educates students for a range of career options through 16 Career Clusters and 81 pathways
- ∞ Integrates with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum
- ∞ Features high school and postsecondary partnerships, enabling clear pathways to certifications and degrees
- ∞ Fulfills employer needs in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand areas
- ∞ Prepares students to be college and career-ready by providing core academic skills

(Adapted from www.acteonline.org)

“There isn’t a person anywhere that isn’t capable of doing more than he thinks he can.”

—Henry Ford



Student Services



Student Services Committee delves into Komatsu's Mining Division...

P.E.R.F.E.C.T.'s Student Services Committee met with the Tazewell County EFE group on September 18, for a tour of **Komatsu America Corp.'s (KAC) Peoria Manufacturing Operation**. The Mining Division of KAC, headquartered in Peoria, houses the full complement of business activities at its location, including research and development, marketing, sales and product support activities along with a large manufacturing facility. Komatsu is the world's foremost supplier of electric-drive trucks, and Peoria is the "mother plant" for Komatsu for the manufacture of these exceptionally large off-road dump trucks used in mining applications around the world.

The tour of their facilities was followed by a networking lunch at the **Two25 Restaurant** downtown. Their salad/pizza buffet could certainly be revisited!

(Adapted from www.komatsuamerica.com)

Meeting the demand for highly skilled technicians...

Advanced Technology Services (ATS) improves the productivity for many of the world's most respected manufacturers through the managed services of production equipment maintenance, information technology and spare parts repair.

To meet the demand for a new generation of highly skilled technicians, ATS is preparing students enrolled in Industrial Technology/ Mechatronics degree and certificate programs, for a high wage career with excellent growth opportunities.

Our regional **Student Services** group, including P.E.R.F.E.C.T. and Tazewell County EFE, was joined by **Greg Padesky**, HR—Training Specialist with **ATS**, on October 18, for a networking lunch at **Basta EastPort** in East Peoria. We continued the day at Illinois Central College's East Campus, with a presentation and tour of the **ATS Technical Training Program**, given by Greg. The program is a great opportunity for students who like working with their hands and are good at math.

For more information, please call **Greg Padesky** at **309.693.4031** or visit www.advancedtech.com/toolbox.

(Adapted from www.advancedtech.com)

Save these Committee Meeting dates—



▶ **November 6, 2012—**
Career Cruising County "New User" and "Updates/Admin." Training
—*Illinois Central College, North Campus*

▶ **December 14, 2012—**
Networking Lunch/"Green" Careers Presentation
—*TBA*

▶ **May 3, 2013—**
Peoria Zoo/Luthy Botanical Garden—
Careers to Explore
—*Networking Lunch—TBA*

Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor degree, are a significant part of the economy. Of the 46.8 million job openings created by 2018, **30 percent** will require some college or a two-year associate degree.

Carnevale et al, *Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018*, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2010.

"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned."
—*Peter Marshall*





The P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Calendar 2012-2013



November 2-3	Illinois Technology Education Conference	Marriott, Normal, IL
November 6	County Career Cruising Training	ICC-North Campus
November 7-9	IBEA Fall Conference	Marriott, Normal, IL
November 8	Agriculture/T&EE Content Area Meeting	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
November 9	Healthcare Career Encounter	Methodist Medical Center
November 14	Project Lead The Way State Conference	Champaign, IL
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Thanksgiving break- office closed	
November 27	FACS/Health Content Area Meeting	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
November 28-30	IL Education and Technology Conference	Crowne Plaza, Springfield
November 29-December 1	Career Tech VISION	Atlanta, GA
December 6	1:30 P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Board of Control	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
December 14	Student Services Networking Lunch/Green Presentation	TBA
December 22-January 6, 2013	Christmas break- office closed	
January 21	Martin Luther King Day- office closed	
January 28-30	Careers Conference	Madison, WI
February 2013	Career and Technical Education Month	

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Be thankful...

*"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year;
to the honest man it comes as frequently
as the heart of gratitude will allow."
——Edward Sandford Martin*

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