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Entrepreneurship is back in the fold and Culinary Arts has a new lead

The ACC Culinary Arts program welcomes Ms. Lori Turczyn who assumes the role of Culinary Arts Instructor. Additionally, after a two-year hiatus, the ACC Entrepreneurship program is back up and running with Mr. ZaQ Zrust at the helm. The ACC is excited to welcome these two very talented individuals into its faculty.



The following quote from Ms. Turczyn perfectly sums up her excitement for this year: *As a graduate of LP High School and a lifelong resident of the Illinois Valley, I am very excited to be a part of the ACC Community. Having been involved in the running of a family-owned restaurant in the area for the past 30 years, I am enthusiastic and prepared to contribute my knowledge to the Culinary Arts program. I hope to give students the power to take charge of their educational futures by enabling them to be more committed and engaged in their learning.*

I believe that one of the best parts about teaching is also being able to learn all the time. After working as a special education teacher for almost 20 years, Culinary Arts provides me the flexibility to guide students to be a creative team member, who enjoys learning new things; together with hands-on training and experiences to prepare for a career in the field. This school year I look forward to giving students the opportunity to showcase their creativity through food and helping my students to love learning for a lifetime.



Mr. ZaQ Zrust comes to the ACC from Minnesota. Mr. Zrust states the following about his relocation to the Illinois Valley: *After my family (wife and 4 kids) and I relocated to the Illinois Valley last fall from the Twin Cities metro area (my wife is originally from La Moille, IL) I wasn't sure where I would end up teaching, and honestly felt pretty lost as I was in love with my last school. However, after just a few weeks, I can confidently say I've never been more excited about a class as I am about our IVEO program. After spending over a decade on the road as a touring musician, manager, and tech, and running my own successful businesses with my*

wife (a couple still going strong), I came to teaching as a second career, and traditionally have taught in the Social Studies department (AP World and US History, Sociology, Human Geography.) One question I struggled with at times with students was when they would ask things like, "when am I ever going to need to know who the leader of 3rd century China was when I leave school?" While I would give those types of inquiries my best responses, they weren't always wrong to ask. Students want to know their time and efforts in the classroom are going to be useful to them when they move on, and I can confidently say, my class offers exactly that in spades. I am beyond excited to be a part of the LP and ACC family, and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Mr. Zrust concludes his expectations for the 2021-22 school year with his philosophy on education: *"None of us are as smart as all of us!" Every single day of my teaching career this comes into play. It doesn't matter how many years of experience someone has in one field or another, or how many degrees they may acquire in college. My students are told on day one, you can ALWAYS learn something new from someone else. Never discount another's experience or perspective, especially when you have the opportunity to spend time with people that come from different backgrounds from yours.*

Computer Repair Certifies and Incorporates

ACC Repair and Programming Students Start Their Own Business

While other students eagerly greeted the end of a trying school year, six students in Mr. Zac Koesler's Computer Repair class decided that they needed about 40 more hours of intensive study. That hard work paid off in multiple ways.



As a way to help make up learning gaps that occurred during remote instruction, and to offer students a tangible takeaway from the course they had just finished, Mr. Koesler offered a summer workshop that focused on earning the Computer Repair A+ Certification. Six students took him up on this challenge and put in roughly 40 hours of extra work to prepare for the grueling two stage exam. That hard work paid off, as all six students passed both exams and earned their A+ certification. Those six students represented three different ACC schools (LPHS, Princeton, and La Moille).

Additionally, as an extension of their love for all things computing, three of the summer workshop students have set up their own company known as Starvel Industries. It is a company dedicated to offering computer/gaming repair as well as 3-D printing services.

You can visit their startup company by going to <http://starvel-industries.net/> and seeing what they have to offer. This is the second business that has spawned from the Computer Repair class. In a previous class student Josh Grygiel started his own web-design and programming business. It seems the computer aficionados have quite the entrepreneurial spirit.



Pictured Top Left: Gabe Limberg, Dylan Lovgren, Brice Fundell, Tyler Lucas, Jonathan Polhemus, Jayden Polhemus, take out their frustrations on a dilapidated printer that was provided as an incentive to pass the exams. The destruction was followed by a BBQ. A nice two-fold reward for hard work!

Pictured Bottom Right: The 3-D printers used by Starvel Industries, a company formed by three of the students from the ACC Computer Repair Class: Gabe Limberg, Brice Fundell, and Dylan Lovgren

Student of the Month:
Name: Madyson Zimmer
Home School: **LPHS**



Madyson was nominated by Mr. Joe Villarreal (welding instructor). His nomination was based upon the following occurrence which showcased Madyson's exceptional skill set.

According to Mr. Villarreal:

I want to nominate Madyson Zimmer for ACC Student of the Month, for putting her knowledge and skills from last year's ACC Nursing (CNA) course into action. Today Madyson proved her nursing competency with the calmness of a pro! Unfortunately, we had a student in ACC Welding get light-headed and went to the floor, with no injury. The student showed signs of overheating and a flush face. Madyson instantly stepped in and gave guidance on how to sit the student for best results. She then sent another student for water as I followed her instructions on getting a cool compress for the student's neck. She then took the student's pulse and asked for some crackers and something with sugar. Madyson performed like a veteran of her craft; calm, collected and with a plan! I can't state enough how impressed I was with Madyson's leadership and knowledge of emergency response.

Madyson is a second year ACC student who is a licensed CNA and is now honing her craft as a welder. The ACC is both proud and lucky to have her in its fold. Congratulations Madyson!

ACC in Action



ACC Child Care Student (Dylan McVey) involves himself in a self portrait activity that is designed to model a teacher's interactions with and awareness of pre-school developmental stages.



CAD students work in the Inventor design program to develop a model for a keychain.



CNA students work on their skills in using and applying a gait belt for assisting and transporting patients.

ACC in Action continued...



A Computer Repair student (Cate MacLeod) hones her skills in the disassembly and identification of computer parts.



Ottawa student Max Gretencord, tests computers for their ability to function.



Welding Students put their skills to use in practicing their seam welds.



Mr Villarreal gives two students instruction on correct operation of the welder.

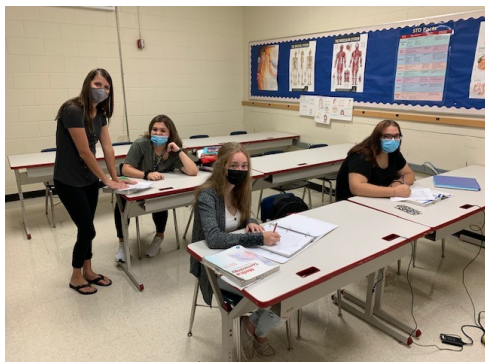


Machining student Greg Williams follows blueprints in using the lathe to shape and cut his project to exact dimensions.



Residential Wiring Instructor Matt Dawson details the strength needed in a supporting structure for proper installation of a ceiling fan and other overhead electrical fixtures.

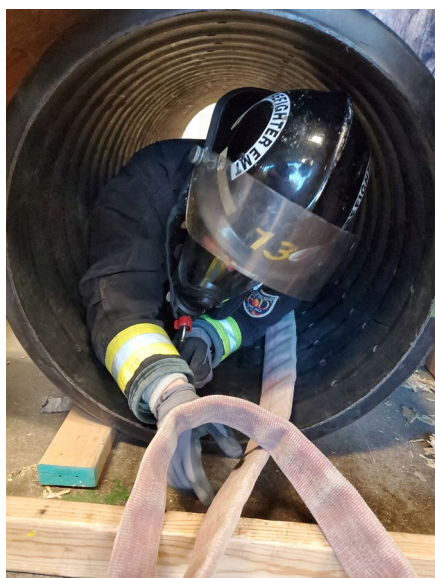
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Instructor Cathy Lambert works with Medical Terminology Students (Abby Marliere-Henry, Michaela Harsh-Ottawa, and Zulfije Imeri—LP) to master their Dual Credit curriculum.



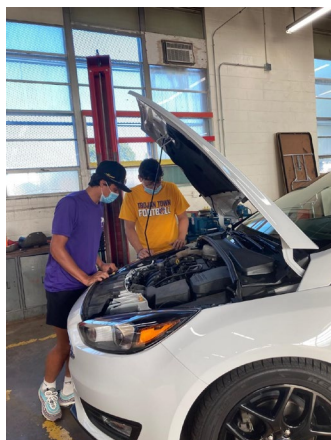
Student Eric Lockwood makes his pitch for a new sandwich shop during presentation time in his IVEO-Entrepreneurship class.



Fire Science student Victoria Ullric of Hall high school crawls through a confined space wearing her personal protective equipment. (Fire gear including her self contained breathing apparatus) SCBA



Above: Second Block Cosmetology Students pose for a group photo at the Educators of Beauty School. ACC Cosmetology is offered via a contract with Educators of Beauty. Below pictures the 1st Block Cosmetology Students.



Mendota Auto Students Abel Rodriguez and Josue Arteaga examine a vehicle before performing an oil change.

Instructor Lori Turczyn works with culinary students who are making cream cheese cinnamon rolls. The unit is designed to reinforce measurement skills.

