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Vocational education programs have made a real difference in the lives of countless young people nationwide; they build self-confidence and leadership skills by allowing students to utilize their unique gifts and talents. *Conrad Burns*
U.S Senator from Montana

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Automotive

The ACC Automotive program begins the year with a new instructor and a new emphasis on working with the community. Joining the ACC staff for the 2017-18 school year is Mr. Michael Fisher.

Mr. Fisher comes to the ACC after working for the past 19 years in the Auto Repair industry. Working in LaSalle at the Last Muffler and Brake shop Mr. Fisher brings with him a thorough knowledge of the community and the opportunities that can be found by partnering his program at the Career Center with local business owners.



Having worked in the automotive industry for close to 20 years, Mr. Fisher not only looks to impart skills for mechanical repair, but also to teach students the necessary rapport for interacting positively with customers. Being able to work with people is a skill that allows a mechanic to merge his essential knowledge with people who rely upon him for assistance. Seeing a customer who knows they can trust you, and trusts you to repair their vehicle is the ultimate compliment

As a CTE instructor Mr. Fisher looks forward to sharing his expertise with his students. He hopes to instill a love for problem solving and mechanical repair. Whether that be in the student's pursuit of a career in the repair industry or simply as enjoyment of automotive repair as a hobby.

The ACC welcomes Mr. Fisher !

IVEO--Entrepreneurship

The ACC CEO program is proud to announce the addition of Ms. Mary Scott as the new instructor. Ms. Scott comes to the ACC with certifications in both Mathematics and Business. Ms. Scott has taught mathematics for the past five years before recently moving to the Illinois Valley area.



Combined with her experience in the teaching profession; Ms. Scott brings with her almost 30 years of experience from the Business world. Using her experiences in the Accounting and Finance arenas as a base, Ms. Scott pursued and achieved a teaching license for both Business and Mathematics.

Ms. Scott will use her experiences from the real world to infuse her students with practical and pertinent knowledge to accompany the theory they will explore as part of the IVEO class.

Ms. Scott firmly believes in allowing a student to figure out what is best for themselves. Using her subject matter knowledge as a base, she hopes to infuse her students with the core knowledge they need to assess their strengths and weaknesses and then develop a plan that allows them to realize the goal they set for themselves.

Ms. Scott will act as a guide, whereby she introduces her students to area entrepreneurs and assists them in understanding the educational attainment and life skills they will need to develop in order to successfully navigate the waters of the business environment.

The ACC welcomes Ms. Scott!

93% of Parents and students say that finding a career that I/my child feel passionate about is important. The value of CTE education grows every day. For more relevant facts about CTE click the following link: https://cte.careertech.org/sites/default/files/Value%26Promise_FastFacts.pdf .

LaSalle Peru Area Career Center

Computer Repair--Programming

New to the ACC this year is a Computer Repair and Database Management/Programming class. Mr. Kevin Champlin has been hired to teach this new and exciting curriculum. Mr.



Champlin comes to the ACC with a diverse and apt history in the computer industry.

Having served as a systems administrator at IVCC, as well

as having run his own consulting and development business, Mr. Champlin brings a huge body of knowledge to share with his students.

Mr. Champlin hopes to instill his love for problem solving and technology in his students. Whether it be for helping others (like retrieving "lost" files and data), or using their skills to work in the computer industry Mr. Champlin hopes to have his students think of computers as much more than just a way to access social media. The ability to make a living, as well as develop deep thinking skills are a hallmark of what he has gotten out of working with computers. Ultimately, Mr. Champlin would like his classroom to emulate the words of Jean Piaget-"*The principle goal of education is to create men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done.*"

The ACC Welcomes Mr. Kevin Champlin!

Health Occupations-CNA

Assuming the helm of the Health Occupations Program at the Career Center is Mrs. Juliana Dzurisin. Ms. Dzurisin comes to the Career Center after having taught at Ottawa



High School and also the Indian Valley Career Center. In addition to her position at the Career Center Ms. Dzurisin is a part-time instructor for Illinois Valley Community College.

Living by the motto "The day I stop learning is the day I stop teaching" Ms. Dzurisin hopes to instill in her nursing students the same drive that motivates her. This drive is no more apparent than in a memory from a past student she instructed. It was in helping a student who was hearing impaired that Ms. Dzurisin was able to witness a student's determination and her path to success. This success occurred while Ms. Dzurisin simultaneously reaffirmed her understanding of the student's reliance upon her leadership. Through diligence in searching for assistive technology, and steady reassurance of the student, success and joy were both achieved when the student heard her own heartbeat for the first time, and was able to demonstrate proficiency in taking blood pressure.

This past story relates a primary concept of the goals that Ms. Dzurisin has for her students this year. In studying to be a CNA, Ms. Dzurisin hopes to instill professionalism and success. Through success, students will gain confidence in their abilities. Through confidence in their abilities they will gain the understanding of the traits that make for a competent and valuable health care professional.

The ACC Welcomes Mrs. Juliana Dzurisin!

EDU-CARE:

The ACC Child Care Program will begin accepting enrollments for its fall session of Edu-Care. The program offers child care during the morning and afternoon hours at the Dolan Building of the ACC. Cost is \$5 per week. Those interested may fill out an online enrollment form found at <http://lpacc.org/childcare.html> . Or they may download a form and turn it in, in person.