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HEADLINE: Centralia High School Students transitioning to Columbia Area Career Center

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, Jan. 5, 2017 — The Columbia Public School District is proud to welcome Centralia High School students to select Columbia Area Career Center courses and student organizations starting the 2017-18 school year, most of which will be new programs of study for CHS students.

For the pilot year Centralia will transport all students to the CACC south campus, located by Rock Bridge High School, to participate in a selection of courses, including Certified Welding 1, 2 and 3; Construction and Contracting 1, 2 and 3; Computer Aided Design 1, 3D Animation Essentials, Project Lead The Way Civil Engineering and Architecture; Geospatial Technology; PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design; Laser Technology; Digital Media: Apps in the Cloud; Digital Media; Digital Filmmaking Essentials; Broadcast TV 1; Introduction to Computer Science; AP Computer Science Principles; IT Essentials, PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science, Culinary Arts 1, Teaching Professions, Core Essentials of Firefighting and Public Safety; and Emergency Medical Technician Basic.

“This is about two great school districts taking advantage of its resources to provide an excellent experience for Boone County kids,” said Dr. Peter Stiepleman, CPS Superintendent.

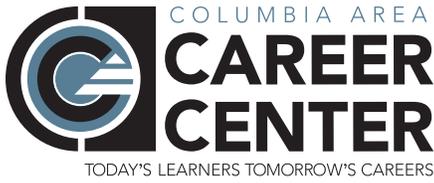
After the 2017-18 year, CHS students will have the prerequisites to continue in advanced courses in the same career pathways. Courses for Automotive Technology and Professions in Healthcare are also in the works for CHS students in subsequent years.

“We are thrilled to have Centralia join our team,” states Mr. Randall Gooch, Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education of CPS. “Centralia is a stellar school district that seeks to provide the highest quality career and technical education for their students. They will have access to career pathways at advanced levels previously not available to them, including Culinary Arts, EMT, PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture, PLTW Biomedical Science, Laser/Photonics, CAD, PLTW Introduction



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to Engineering Design, Broadcast TV, Teaching Professions as well as programs areas previously offered. We are about changing lives, and helping students write the best possible stories not only for themselves but also the workforce and community around them. As members of Boone County these students’ success is also our success, and we want to give them the best chance possible.”

To educate the community about the new offerings, CACC will host a hospitality room at select upcoming Centralia High School varsity basketball games and prepare a parent informational night to address any additional questions. CACC will be announcing times at a later date. Centralia families and the community are also invited to attend the Career Showcase, Thur., Jan. 12, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 4203 S. Providence Rd., Columbia, MO 65203. This event is a perfect time to talk to instructors, participate in interactive labs, view examples of student work and see how CACC classes are relevant to a student’s future success. Big O Tires will sponsor the event, prizes and dinner for attendees.

“The Centralia R-VI School District is excited about the opportunity to partner with the CPS on this pilot,” states Darin Ford, Superintendent of Centralia R-VI Schools. “We visited CACC earlier in the year and were most impressed with the innovation and instruction provided. At Centralia, we are committed to opening doors to our students and preparing them to compete in the ever-changing landscape of career preparation. We are anxious to see how CACC can be an asset to our college and career programs. CPS is a visionary institution with forward-thinking programming, and we are grateful for the invitation.”

If a CHS student or community member is interested in these upcoming opportunities, please speak to a CHS counselor or attend the Career Showcase or an upcoming informational meeting. CACC will be announcing details at a later time.

CACC is a part of the CPS District and serves the community by providing the following education programs to a variety of ages including, but not limited to, career and technical education, personal enrichment, literacy advancement, workforce development and summer camps. For more information, visit www.career-center.org or www.cpsk12.org.

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As a district accredited with distinction by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Columbia Public Schools is a reflection of the community. The vision is to be the best school district in the state, and the mission is to provide an excellent education for all students—from preschool to adult career education.



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