

Kaleidoscope

Winter 2023



Letter From Our Director



As we bid farewell to fall and welcome the enchanting embrace of winter, I am delighted to share the warmth and achievements within our CTC (Charlotte Technical College) family. This semester has been a growth, resilience, and academic excellence journey. Our dedicated faculty and staff have continued to inspire, guiding our students toward new heights of knowledge and discovery. In the spirit of the season, let us celebrate our students' accomplishments, our faculty's dedication, and the collaborative efforts that define our Charlotte Technical College community. As we gather with loved ones and reflect on the past year, may our winter break rejuvenate our spirits for the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead. I am proud to say that our CTC community has made a difference in the spirit of Christmas. We participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. We received angel tags with 50 names of children of all ages in Charlotte

County. All angel tags were selected, and we purchased gifts for each one. Our students learn the importance of giving by participating in such an important program.

SkillsUSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization which all students can join. This student organization allows students to take their learned programmatic skills and compete regionally and nationally. This great learning extension for the classroom gives our students an inside look at their competition when trying to land workforce positions. Our SkillsUSA fundraising is off to a great start. We hosted a school-wide field day raising over \$1700 in donations, and our Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality program had an all-you-can-eat buffet open to the public where all proceeds were donated to SkillsUSA. Most recently, our students participated in the Premier Auto Auction. Students and staff assisted the auction organization by pushing cars on and off the auction block. One of the vehicles auctioned sold for \$14,500.00, and the owner donated the purchase price to the CTC SkillsUSA fund. Many thanks go out to the SkillsUSA members, faculty, staff, and the community for their continuous support of our SkillsUSA team.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all our winter 2023 graduates. It has been a wonderful journey, and I am happy you chose Charlotte Technical College. Go out and make a difference in the world. You have obtained the knowledge and skill, and now you need to go out into the workforce and shine like the CTC Star that you are. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a restful, relaxing break. See you in 2024... Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Gulsby
Cynthia Gulsby, Director

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Veterans' Information Charlotte Technical College's full time programs are approved for education and training by the Veteran's State Approval

Veterans and Dependents of Disabled or Deceased Veterans who plan to attend full-time programs at Charlotte Technical College should contact Student Service located in Building A.

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Congratulations Graduates!



GED

QuahnEryk Blandin
Nadin Grechko
Tyler Smith
Ariel Thomoson Molina

Applied Cyber Security

Josiah Lewis

Baking and Pastry Arts

Abigail Best
Madison Childers
Valerie Morton
Wilfredo Rivera

Cosmetology

Rebecca Dietrich
Julia Goncharov
Brittni Johnson
Ruby Leon
Jessica Longo
Kayla Matthews
Kyla Peterson
Santa Erica Ramos Romero
Kaylie Spoon

Digital Design I

DaVida Booth
Victoria Colon
Noadia Estel
Wayne Heimann
David Lisitsyn
Michael Peto

Digital Design II

Zoey Goodman
Kerwyn Joseph
Kendra Tournear

Digital Media/Multimedia Design

Isabella Colon
Sarah Hart
Jiaowing Li
Gabriela Linares

Early Childhood Education

Brianna Alexatos
Ella Kennamer

Emergency Medical Technician-ATD

Gillian McKay-Bynoe
Abbigail Powell

Enterprise Desktop and Mobile Support Technology

Jean Ducasse
Patrik Garrett
Diego Maldonado Morales
Lucas Schminky

Enterprise Network and Server Support Technology

Nicholas Donaldson
Steven Guerra
Jamieson Lobue
Artem Schelkov
Bobby Taylor

EMT/Fire Fighter

Jayce Beverly
Hayden Bosley
Noah Brown
Dylan Lash
Robert Manta
Brody McManmon
Garrett Mendelson
Jacob Rainbow
Dalton Schell
Daphnie Toussaint

Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Blake Buchanan
Kevin Calero Hernandez
Sue Howell
Audrey Newhall
Adam Smith

Real World

The students in the Real-World program here at CTC love working over at Papa G's! They have official chef jackets and check off each duty that needs to be completed for the day.

The students are learning pre-employment skills while making sure the kitchen is ready for all the hungry folks that arrive! Their duties include prep work, dishwashing, stacking trays, wiping down tables and filling napkins. Once graduating, some of my students plan on working in restaurants. This experience is helping them prepare for their future endeavors!



Jaclyn Trombley
Real World Program Planner & Instructor

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice is currently participating in Basic Traffic stops (T-Stop). We would like to thank Deputy Nova for his assistance in these scenarios. The students have enjoyed using his road patrol vehicle while simulating basic traffic stops. The students have learned the importance of officer safety, command presence, and the importance of situational awareness. Students will be learning felony traffic stops and proper handcuffing.

Dep. Travis Sabadin (Ret.)
Criminal Justice Instructor





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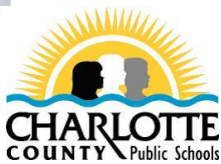
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PARKWAY - CHARLOTTE HARBOR - PENSACOLA



Early Childhood Education

In Early Childhood Education this semester, students completed skills needed for First Aide/CPR and are fully certified. The second-year students also finished their Department of Children and Families testing. They are ready to start the final push to finish portfolios and take their National Industry Certification test in Childcare (National CDA). At the end of their time at Charlotte Technical College, they can earn State of Florida Certifications, National Certifications, and nine college credit hours. All students working towards certifications are employed at area childcare centers as well. The adult students who graduate in December have registered for College. If you are currently working in the Child Care industry and wish to be certified in the State and have the opportunity for National Certification, don't hesitate to contact the school about a three-hour-a-week class to certify you in one year. Anyone who wants to work with children aged Birth to five and can work with that age group can get a job. With the proper credentials, you can have a job you love and get paid more than the average worker.

Crystal Smith
Early Childhood Education and Principles of Teaching
Program Planner & Instructor



Charlotte County Public Schools Bully Advertisement



Charlotte County Public Schools Charlotte Technical College does not tolerate Bullying in any form. Bullying can be characterized by actions that are: intentional, unprovoked, reoccurring, and exhibit a Difference in Power (physical or psychological). Bullying may appear in a variety of forms including: physical, verbal, psychological/relational, and cyber. Any instances of bullying, if confirmed, the students engaging in acts of bullying will be held to consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, with any subsequent acts holding harsher consequences. Charlotte Technical College expects all students to adhere to this policy and immediately report any possible bullying to school officials. Students can report via online reporting tool found at www.yourcharlotteschools.net

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Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Hello CTC family,

I would like to give a big shout out to Mr. Viele's automotive class and all departments that participated in the Angel Tree. Providing a Christmas for the less fortunate is a wonderful way to show pride in your community.

Also due is a HUGE pat on the back and thank you to the volunteers at the Premier Auto Auction. We pushed 447 cars through the building over the two days. Friday began strong with around 50 volunteers! We were down to about 30 by Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday. For those that were there both days to the end, I give my personal gratitude and an extra thanks for your commitment. We brought in \$15,000 for Skills USA and this would not be possible without the commitment of the CTC family! We hope to see you again in March for the next auction event.

Next, I would like to give an update from the Automotive Department. As we deal with this crazy year of remodeling and try to find ways to feel normal, the students' tools are starting to roll in and it is wonderful to see the pride everyone puts into organizing and





learning to care for their toolboxes. We have future technicians putting their heart and soul into learning all they can about the automotive field. I am very proud of all the hard work from students. We are half way there so keep your heads in the books because graduation will be here before you know it.

In conclusion, please feel free to contact the Automotive Department for your oil changes and basic maintenance needs. Also let the community know we are here, working on real live jobs and providing students with hands on training. For those interested in the Automotive Service Technology program we enroll to start every August so contact Nancy Thame to get on the list before it fills up!! Be safe CTC family and keep up the good work, our future leaders are among us!

David Andrews
Automotive Service Technology Instructor
ASE Master Certified G1, A1-A8, L1
EPA 609 Certified

Information Technology

IT students are earning high-level industry certifications like CompTIA PenTest+ and Cybersecurity Analyst+. These certifications represent some of the biggest accomplishments in the state, bringing Charlotte Technical College to the center-front of cybersecurity training. The IT program has been trending toward cybersecurity for the past few years, which represents a significant change in direction. With most technical colleges in Florida capping student certification at Security+, CTC is making major impacts to the workforce, expanding into new territories all the time. At CTC, we dream IT and do IT! Join us!

Douglas Christian

Information Technology Program Planner & Instructor



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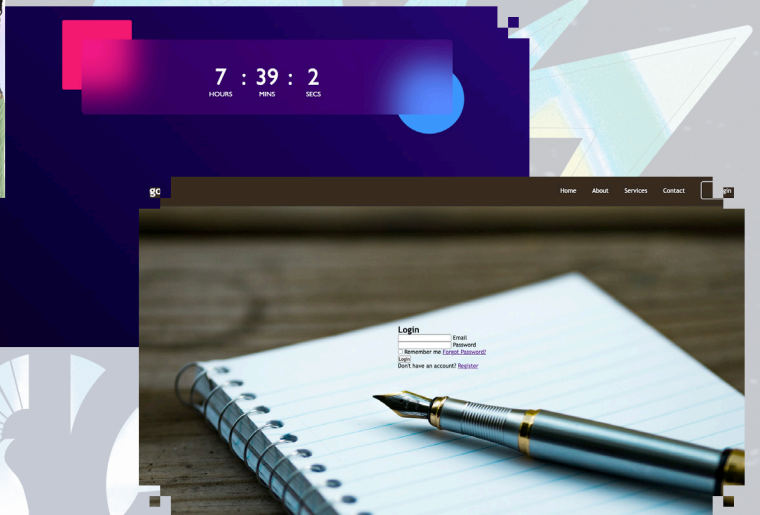
Arts, A/V Technology & Communication

Check out our amazing students' work!

Noadia Estel



Gabriela Linares



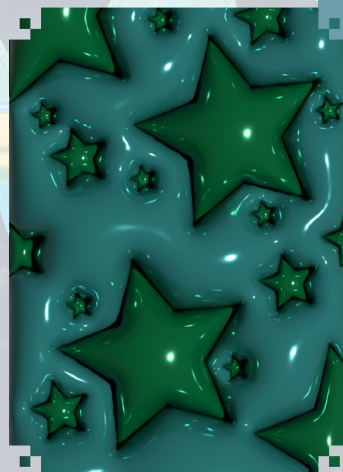
Victoria Colón



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- ☐ School Administrator or any available staff member.
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