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Upcoming WorkKeys Changes—WorkKeys 2.0

On June 1, ACT released a new version of the WorkKeys assessment. This new version has several significant changes, including different assessment names, items and scoring scales. Currently, the updated WorkKeys assessment is only available online, and retesting on the new version will not be available until the vendor releases multiple forms. This version will be available to Ohio schools through the WorkKeys testing portal for Ohio on October 1.



ACT will keep the original version of the WorkKeys assessment operational in its testing portal for Ohio through September 30. Ohio will then transition to the new version of WorkKeys on October 1.

Because the scoring scales differ between versions 1 and 2 of the WorkKeys test, **students must complete all three sections of the WorkKeys test from the same version of the assessment.** If you have students who would like to retest on all or part of the original WorkKeys assessment or would like to complete a section of the original WorkKeys that they have not yet taken, those students must test on WorkKeys version 1 by September 30, 2017.

Middle School Career Camp a Success

The CCS Career-Technical Education Office held the 2017 Middle School Career Camp at Fort Hayes Career Center and Columbus Downtown High School in June. Each day, rising seventh and eighth graders from throughout the District experienced a variety of Career programs. Students took part in two classes each day. This was the perfect preview to acquaint them with Career Center programming prior to their visits that will begin in the fall.

Students spent time at Fort Hayes Career Center in Audio Production, Dental Assisting, Fitness &



Audio Production



Graphic Arts & Design

Wellness, Graphic Arts & Design, Music Production, and Photography. The following week, the same students then met at Columbus Downtown High School. There, they spent time in Business, Cosmetology, Culinary, Law Enforcement, Service Learning, and STEM.



Career Interests

For the students, this was a valuable experience in developing their talents. They found what programs would be a good fit for their interests and abilities when they reach high school.



Construction Trade Show Scheduled

Learn about career opportunities earning \$50,000+ per year with no college debt and excellent benefits!

Explore Careers to become: Boiler Makers • Bricklayers • Carpenters • Drywall Finishers • Electricians • Elevator Constructors • Heat and Frost Insulators • Iron Workers • Laborers • Millwrights • Operating Engineers • Painters/Glaziers • Pipe-fitter/Plumbers • Plasterers & Cement Masons • Sheet Metal Workers • Sprinkler Fitters

You could be a part of changing Columbus' skyline.

Construction Trades Career Fair

**Fort Hayes Career Center
Construction Arts Facility
600 Jack Gibbs Blvd.
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 5–7 p.m.

Open to all high school students and young adults interested in construction careers. Witness hands-on demonstrations.

For more information, email katie.raterman@limbachinc.com. Pizza will be provided!

Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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My Dream is Finally Coming True!

Becoming a nurse is more than just getting a job, it's securing your future. For Michelle Banks, it's also about following your calling. After working as an State Tested Nursing Assistant, she knew there would be no other career she would find as rewarding as becoming a nurse. Upon graduating from the Columbus School of Practical Nursing, she is planning to work as an Licensed Practical Nurse in a long-term care facility while furthering her education to become an Registered Nurse. Michelle says, "The staff really goes above and beyond. This is definitely the program for me."



Michelle Banks

Students of the Columbus School of Practical Nursing's 12-month program learn the critical skills needed to consistently perform successfully on state licensure exams and have careers as Licensed Practical Nurses. For more information, call (614) 365-6000, ext. 239 or visit www.ccsnh.us/acc.aspx.

Team Ohio & Career Centers Ready for Workplace Internships

With school back in session, the Columbus City Career Centers and our State of Ohio partners, under the direction of Cullen Jackson, Department of Administrative Services, and Cheryl Cooper, Columbus Downtown High School, (CDHS) have begun holding discussions, and making plans to continue to offer workshops and internship opportunities for senior students at Columbus Downtown High School and Ft. Hayes Career Center. Team Ohio is comprised of human resource directors from the following agencies: Administrative Services, Health, Youth Services, Public Utilities, Transportation, and others. Last year, Team Ohio employed approximately 25 students. With more state agencies coming on board this school year, more internships are anticipated for our students.

To kick off the partnership around mid-October, Team Ohio staff will create a PowerPoint sharing information about the organization. It will address the do's and don'ts for completing résumés, cover letters, applications, mock interviews, and dressing for success.

The workshop provides just-in-time, relevant information to help students better prepare for the next stage of the partnership, which is getting ready for the interview. Immediately after the presentation, students create or update their résumés based on what they learned from teachers and staff of Team Ohio. In November, the agencies will begin posting their job openings, and students begin to apply for the much sought after positions.

To meet the goal of having students placed before winter break, Team Ohio identifies students to interview and interviews are arranged either at CDHS or at the agency site. This is very competitive and there are often as many as 25 students

applying for the same position. To further assist students, feedback is provided after each interview on how students performed. The students can use the feedback to improve future interviews.

From January through May, the students will be mentored by business partners and they will have a chance to learn from the experts in their field. For many of our students this is a first-time experience in the work environment. Based on the comments received from not only the students but their mentors, it is an experience that cannot be duplicated by staying in the classroom.

In addition to preparing students for internships, business partners provide other areas of support. Business partners mentoring students contribute finances and equipment, serve on advisory boards, and critique student presentations, just to name a few.

IT & Interactive Media Seniors Produce Promotional Video

Interactive Media seniors at Columbus Downtown High School (CDHS) participated in the Jo Cee Apparel promotional video shoot at the beautiful Bicentennial Park and Scioto Mile located in downtown Columbus. The purpose of the video was to market and promote a company product using audio and video technology. Program teacher, Craig Koehler, and business owner John Larkin worked together to direct students in the production of the video.

The video showcases Jo Cee Apparel company's line of T-shirts celebrating Franklin County Ohio - County #25. The project was developed, storyboarded, and edited by Interactive Media senior students at CDHS. Senior students in the video included Tyree Camara, Kiara Dorsey, Keiara Foster, Sandip Gurung, Kennywayne Jenkins, Armani Laney, Emmanuel Ray, and Noah Tinnes.

Go to <http://imcdhs.com/joCeeApparelVid01.html> to check out the video.

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If you have an event, news story to share or have a student that has distinguished themselves, contact Bob Hern (rhernjr622@columbus.k12.oh.us).



Craig Koehler



John Larkin

SPRIT OF SUCCESS

If you've had an experience that promotes a student or program success contact Bob Hern (rhernjr622@columbus.k12.oh.us) so that a story can be considered for an upcoming issue.