

Focus Eagles News

CTE hosts Senior Seminars

Events help students prepare for the future

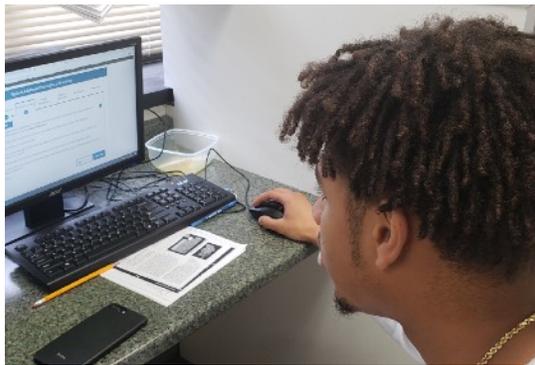
The Focus Career Tech Team hosted Senior Seminars at each of the three schools in December and January, introducing students interested in attending college after graduation to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The January events featured guest speakers from Daymar College and The Ohio State University. Step-by-step instructions for completing the FAFSA were provided, and students received assistance establishing email accounts.

The next Senior Seminars are scheduled for March and will address interviewing skills and time management.

More than 100 students participated in each the Senior Seminars held so far this school year.

Nearly 400 students are enrolled in Focus Career Tech programs. The Career Tech Team is enthusiastic in its support of students and has spearheaded the development of 750 individual career plans so far this year.



OUR PURPOSE

Focus Schools provide safe, caring learning environments with self-paced, flexible, four-day weekly class schedules. These unique schools provide opportunities for students from all walks of life to earn their high school diplomas and industry recognized credentials, opening the door to fulfilling careers, college and post-secondary education opportunities.

OUR MOTTO

"Your choice ..."

FOCUS LEARNING ACADEMY SOUTHEAST

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Columbus, Ohio 43232
614-269-0150

FOCUS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

4807 Evanswood Dr.
Columbus, Ohio 43229
614-310-0430

FOCUS LEARNING ACADEMY SOUTHWEST

190 Southwood Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43207
614-545-2000

An exciting opportunity for students!

Certifications increase career opportunities and pay

Regardless of students' long-term goals — to continue their education beyond high school or to start their careers immediately upon graduation — earning industry-recognized credentials will significantly increase their employment opportunities and earnings potential.

The diversity of offerings creates opportunities for all students to gain practical knowledge and skills that will serve them well in the workforce — now and in the future.

The course length for some — Certified Guest Service Professional, Front Desk Representative, Kitchen Cook, Guest Room Attendant, Restaurant Server and Maintenance Employee — is just one week.

The State Tested Nursing Assistant course — which will make students good candidates for jobs paying 50 percent above minimum wage — lasts three weeks.

Microsoft Office courses — Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook — are six weeks in length. Others vary: CompTIA A+ at 8-12 weeks; Front Office Administration Assistant at 10 weeks; Medical Billing and Coding at 12 weeks; and, Google IT Support Professional at 24 weeks.

A two-week course on career development is a prerequisite for all 15 certification programs.

Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities!



T&J No Limit Fitness supports coat drive at Focus West

Ms. Jones, who serves as the student and family advocate at Focus West, partnered with her gym — T&J No Limit Fitness in Powell — to host a coat drive for students in need of winter apparel.

Ms. Jones outlined participating students' coat sizes and special needs (for hats, scarves and gloves) on ornaments placed on the gym's Christmas tree. Gym members — eager in their support — selected ornaments and generously purchased winter wear for each individual student.

In addition to 16 students who received coats and other items, additional socks, gloves and hats were donated and available for other students.

"Students were so appreciative," Ms. Jones said. "It was truly heartwarming to see them open their winter wear gifts."



ATTENDANCE MATTERS! Missing just two days a month over a nine-month school year makes a student "chronically absent" – limiting their academic success and likelihood to graduate.