

February is CTE Month!

Governor Kaine proclaims February 2009 as Career and Technical Education Month

National School Counselor Appreciation Week ~ February 2-6, 2009

New Horizons wishes to thank all of the counselors for their **dedication and contribution in the educational success of students**: academic, social, personal, and career preparation. Your efforts not only touch the lives of students but play a **vital role in the collaboration and coordination** with parents, teachers, administrators and the community. **Thank you** for your support of New Horizons and all of our specialized educational services.



CTE Students Shine on Employer Follow-up Survey

100% of the 53 employers hiring 2007 graduates completed the survey and expressed being satisfied or very satisfied in the following areas as listed: high school preparation – NHREC 98%, State 91%; students were provided health insurance – NHREC 64%, State 56%; technical skills related to the job – NHREC 100%, State 94%; reading skills – NHREC 100%, State 98%; math skills – NHREC 100%, State 97%; work ethic – NHREC 93%, State 92%; positive attitude – NHREC 100%, State 92%. **New Horizons achieved higher results than the state average in all areas! These results demonstrate that employers locally and state-wide are satisfied with students who have taken CTE courses during high school.**

Blood Drive

New Horizons' high school LPN class sponsored a highly successful Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, January 30, 2009. CTE students and staff participated in the blood drive which resulted in the donation of 31 pints of needed blood for the community. This is one of many community activities sponsored throughout the year by the Career and Technical Education Center.

SkillsUSA Competition

The state SkillsUSA competition will be at the **Hampton Convention Center, March 27 and 28th**. Mrs. Vickie Servais, Cosmetology Instructor at New Horizons, is the District Chair and conducted the first-ever **Virginia SkillsUSA "Mini" Leadership Training Conference** at NHREC on Saturday, November 22. As a result of Mrs. Servais' dedication and hard work, the event was an overwhelming success. Students had a wonderful time and NHREC received numerous kudos from staff members of other schools for this cost-effective alternative to the usual three-day event in the western part of the state.

60 Second Videos

In follow up to the Counselor/Administrators Breakfast focused on Manufacturing Careers, three sixty second video spots highlighting HVAC, Machine Technology, and Electronics/Robotics/Fiber Optics (new program) are being delivered to the schools. It is our hope that the schools will run them alternately on their school television system during the month of February as part of CTE month. A fourth video on welding is coming soon! All videos are sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation.

Caregiver of the Year

FactorHealth recognizes Kathryn Starling, Salon Assistant Instructor at New Horizons, as **Caregiver of the Year** for her **hard work**, loving **compassion** and enduring **dedication**. Read Kathryn's inspirational story in FactorHealth's November 08 issue of Prophy Dose by [clicking here](#).

A Finely Tuned Machine



The **NASA Knights**, a group of 40 students from around the region gather to design and build their robot for entry into the **2009 FIRST Robotics competition**. [Team 122](#), led by Joann Talmage, Electronics Instructor at New Horizons, has won numerous awards and regional championships including a division championship at the national level. Click the newspaper to read the full Daily Press story.