

NHREC Sets New Standard with Industry Credentialing

With 99% of the 401 eligible students participating, New Horizons' Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) achieved an **84.7% passing rate on industry credentialing** during the 08-09 school year. This compares to a 97.1% participation rate and an 82.7% pass rate in 07-08. In addition, New Horizons' students earned a total of 442 credentials, a 10.5% increase over the previous year when the Center earned more credentials than any single high school in the State. Industry Credentialing encourages students to work toward earning an industry certification, achieving a state licensure, or passing an occupational competency assessment while pursuing a high school diploma. It provides evidence that students have completed advanced educational preparation by verifying competency in career and technical education skill areas in demand by business and industry. CTEC's accomplishments are further enhanced by the success of its students with an IEP who attained 100% participation rate with 75% passing the 08-09 credentialing exams. With the outstanding results on credentialing exams, CTEC has set a standard for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Students Earn Nearly 900 College Credits

New Horizons CTEC students earned **889 college credit hours through TNCC** while taking classes at both New Horizons' Butler Farm and Woodside Lane campuses. New Horizons has ten of its programs dual enrolled with TNCC, meaning that they have been verified as college-level courses with instructors certified to teach at that level. Qualified students can earn college credit by attaining a grade of "C" or better. New Horizons' students achieved a 90.7% success rate in these classes compared to 88.8% last year. With these results, New Horizons' students are proving they can be successful at all levels and endeavors.

CTEC Yields High Program Satisfaction and Post-Secondary Futures

In a New Horizons CTEC survey, **98% of past graduates expressed being satisfied or very satisfied with the training** and education they received. Furthermore, their **employers expressed 100% satisfaction** with the preparation of New Horizons' trained employees. The survey also showed that **50% of the graduates entered post-secondary education**. Another recent survey of New Horizons' 08-09 graduates indicates that they will be attending over thirty different institutions of higher learning throughout the United States including; University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Brigham Young, Penn State, George Mason, Virginia Commonwealth, Longwood College, Hampton University, Old Dominion University, Towson University, Johnson & Wales, Ferrum College, Averett University, Harding University, Hollins University, North Carolina A&T, Liberty University, St. Paul's College, Virginia Wesleyan, Virginia State, and Norfolk State. Not only are New Horizons graduates striving for a quality education, but they are receiving scholarships to do so. The 2009 survey showed that New Horizons' graduates received nearly **\$500,000 in scholarships**.

Career Coach Program a Success

Susan Generazio, Career Coach for Thomas Nelson Community College housed at New Horizons was featured in the VCCS Workforce Development Newsletter this month. Mrs. Generazio works with students at New Horizons on career plans and career assessments and has worked with several school divisions to provide students information on the Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathway. Additionally, Mr. Generazio has tested over 100 students with Work Keys assessment and assisted students with obtaining information on the Canon Co-op opportunities. As a result of her efforts, **five graduates from New Horizons' Class of 2009 have now been hired by Canon**. [Click here](#) to read the entire VCCS newsletter.



"NHREC is a Solid Example of the Power of Working Together as a Region"



At the June 19, 2009 meeting of the Hampton Roads Partnership Board of Directors, New Horizons was highlighted as demonstrating "**Acts of Regional Cooperation**". During the meeting, Dr. Michael Canty, Manager of the Neighborhood Office for the City of Hampton shared a video on New Horizons' **FIRST Robotics team** ([Click here](#) to view the video produced pro bono by Amy Broad of Rock Eagle Productions). It was acknowledged in the article posted by HR Partnership that **Mr. Canty's enthusiasm for the New Horizons' students and program was infectious**. [Click here](#) to read the entire article posted by HR Partnership.