



## National Consultant Visits New Horizons

On Tuesday, May 12, Mr. Hans Meeder, Consultant for the Virginia Department of Education visited New Horizons Regional Education Centers as part of the state's CTE visioning process. Throughout the day, Mr. Meeder met with administrators, teachers, and students from New Horizons' Career and Technical Education Center and the Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology, and Engineering. As part of the visit, Mr. Meeder toured the Butler Farm Campus and was able to meet and speak with New Horizons' Career and Technical Advisory Council.

## NHREC to Present at National Conference

NHREC has been selected to present at the Association of Career and Technical Education's National Conference on "Regional Center Leads Innovative Approach to Expand STEM Literacy and Prepare Students for High-Demand, High-Wage and High-Skill Careers." The conference will be held in November and will focus on the Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology, and Engineering. Thanks to Dave Creamer and Vikki Wismer for their initiatives in assisting NHREC to achieve its vision of being nationally recognized as a provider of specialized educational services.



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## GSST Student Earns Two Degrees

Tim Hobbs, Smithfield High School's 2005 valedictorian and graduate of the New Horizons Governor's School for Science and Technology is about to graduate from the University of Chicago with two bachelor's degrees; one in physics and the other in mathematics. Moreover, he earned the degrees in only three and a half years. In high school, Hobbs skipped the seventh grade and by the end of his sophomore year at Smithfield High, had exhausted all of the school's math offerings. He spent his junior and senior years enrolled at New Horizons' Governor's School for Science and Technology where he took specialized classes that included hands-on scientific research. Hobbs, now 21, will attend Indiana University, one of the country's top five schools with nuclear physics post-graduate programs to begin working on his doctoral degree in physics.

## Construction Challenge Team Competes in Knoxville

New Horizons' Construction Challenge team, representing both the Career and Technical Education Center and the Governor's School for Science and Technology, competed in Knoxville, TN at the National Construction Challenge Competition May 20th through the 23rd. The Construction Challenge is a Career Education Initiative that helps develop the workforce of the future with teen participants competing and solving infrastructure, design, and service tech challenges using teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills. New Horizons' team had a great showing placing 13th out of 46.

## Operation Captain's Challenge

On March 11, Roxann Gabany, New Horizons' EMT Instructor and students participated in the Operation Captain's Challenge Mass Casualty Exercise conducted jointly by Riverside Medical Center and the Newport News Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The objective of the exercise was to see how the emergency department would handle an overload of patients from a shooting at Christopher Newport University. New Horizons provided thirty-nine patients and one shooter for the exercise which helped students to understand how Mass Casualty works from both the EMS side and the hospital side. The hospital and the OEM were delighted with the professionalism and enthusiasm displayed by New Horizons' students as role players in the exercise. The Executive Director of Newport News OEM stated "It is a joy for me to work with such a dedicated and talented group of young people." This is a direct reflection on the quality instruction these students receive from Mrs. Gabany.



## GSST Awards and Recognition Banquet

At the Governor's School for Science and Technology Awards and Recognition Banquet, on Thursday, May 28, it was announced that graduates were awarded \$2,333,261 in scholarships. Three students from the Governor's School for Science and Technology were awarded New Horizons Educational Foundation scholarships; Chase Brown from Tabb High School and Julius Ha from York High School were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each and Amy Esser from Smithfield High School was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. These scholarships were made possible by proceeds from the New Horizons Educational Foundation Annual Golf Classic. In addition, Andrew Tyler from Poquoson High School was awarded the Old Point National Bank Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. [Click Here](#) to see the list of other awards presented, as well as the class of 2009 college/universities acceptances.