

FOSTER CTE CENTER

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's been a busy spring & summer at FCTEC! Our EMT students continued to study for and take the practical exam for their EMT licensure. The next step for those who were successful, will be the written exam. Once both sections are passed, students will earn their licenses! We were grateful for our Apprenticeship Academic instructor, Shaun St Germain, who put in all of the extra hours with the students to prepare them for this rigorous exam. We are thrilled that Shaun will be filling his former EMT instructor position and will also be taking on our Firefighter I & II instruction.

Chris Davis, Assistant Director, has been working furiously to develop a new, digital application process, working with our Midcoast CTE partners. He is also continuing to do the middle school work and is preparing and designing additional opportunities for our shared students. This includes assisting with writing the state middle school grant application that FCTCE have been invited to apply for in 2023-24.

Galen Dalrymple, Assistant Director, has jumped in with both feet! He has been learning about how FCTEC works and how we interact with our 4 partner schools and other homeschooled students, virtual academy students, and others. Galen will be our point person for the Bridge Academy program and has already been working with the academies, students, staff, and families as if he had been there all along!

Bruce Mochamer, former MBHS and SAHS principal, has joined us as our Student Services Coordinator. Bruce has been going through all of our student lists and ensuring students are ready to join us in a couple of weeks. Bruce is excited to be here and we are excited to have him join our team!

I look forward to working with these professionals as we start this new school year! We are very lucky to have such a fantastic, hard working team. We continue to design and develop programming and relationships, and continue to work with our community partners to offer the best for our students and communities!

FCTEC/KENWAY COMPOSITES APPRENTICESHIP

Tyler Spugnardi and Kaleb Hutchinson, our 2 apprentices at Kenway Composites are thriving in their new career path. Currently they are working on Phenolic Panels that will be used to enhance and support tunnel structures in New York City.



After the initial few months of training, they are working independently to help complete this major infrastructure project.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL CTE

Last year Over 200 students participated in our Middle School CTE programs and we are continuing to expand.

The Day Mt. Middle School's program is being built into the school's daily schedule this year. We will continue to provide CTE Experiences with every 5th-8th grade student in MSAD #58

Rangeley Middle School students will receive a combination of opportunities. CTE experiences will involve our instructors traveling to Rangeley and Rangeley students traveling to Mt. Abram HS to work with our FCTEC satellite program.

We have received an additional grant from the State of Maine, focused on middle school CTE. This grant will give us the opportunity to expand MS CTE experiences to more students in our catchment area.



CLASSROOM/SHOP SUPPORT

This year marks our largest number of FCTEC students. Between our full CTE courses, Exploratory Experience & Satellite programs we will be working with over 500 high school students and 250 middle school students!

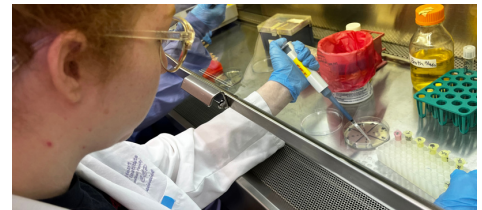
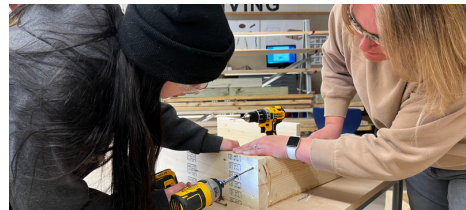
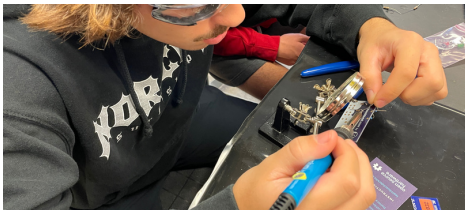
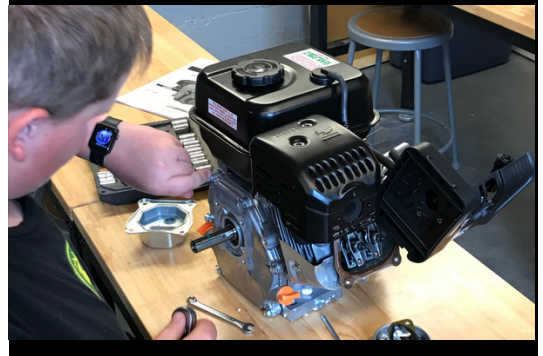
To assist with this student growth we are looking forward to the addition of Makki Bessey, Ryan Voter, & Eddie Hebert to our staff. They are joining our team as Education Technicians and will lend support in our classrooms and shops

Fun Fact. All three of our new Education Technicians were past students of FCTEC. Makki attended Digital Media, Ryan was an Automotive Technology student and Eddie was a part of our Forestry/Wood Harvesting program. They all bring unique talents and an understanding of CTE back to our classes.

BRIDGE "SUMMER" ACADEMY

Our Bridge Academy students just completed their summer academies at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. Our instructors, Frank Giampetro, Sean Minear, and David Nordstrom spent the sessions with them as well! We are so fortunate to have such great students and dedicated staff!

In addition to attending seminars at EMCC, both groups received focused tours. The Junior cohort, spent time visiting Franklin Memorial Hospital, the Sheridan Corporation and UMA, While the Senior cohort visited UMA, Thomas College, FAME and the Maine Maritime Academy, that included a boat tour.



EDUCATION IS LEARNING WHAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU DIDN'T KNOW.