January 10    End of the 2nd Marking Period
January 20    In-Service Day (No students)
February 6    Open House for Prospective Students 6-8PM
(Snow Make-Up Date for this event is February 20)

District Competition Results
On Tuesday, December 17th, CTC students from Western PA competed in district competitions at three local CTC’s. Central Westmoreland CTC had 47 competitors participate in hopes of earning their way to Hershey, PA for state competitions in April.

Central Westmoreland CTC will be sending 41 students to Hershey this year! The qualifying students will begin preparing for the state competition beginning in January.

Congratulations to all the following students who will represent CWCTC in April. First Place Winners: Nathan Widhalm, Dylan Zeravica, Destiny Petrosky, Julia Ruzewski, Josh Hite, Dan Frye, Anthony Geyer, Jon Schoener, Kiara Ankney, Alan Dilegge, Andrew Rutkowsky, Gabby Sherbondy, Angel Sinick, Cheyenne Bash, Hunter Bell, Cole Doran, and Derick Jacob.

In addition, the following students received byes and qualified directly to States: Victoria Fearer, Alexis Garland, Kelly Gillis, Kassandra Miller, Jasmine Nicklow, Lexi Puskar, Brooke Vanischak, Maya Harris, Emily Logan, Ryan Mikula, Mariah Conway, Nicole Krupitzer, Zach Toman, Madelyn Ayres, Carle Collins, Shelbi Lee, Tara Parks, Anastasia Smith, Julianna Taylor, Brenden McNair, Luke Sechrist, Autumn Doyle, and Tyler VanZaig.

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Turkey Bowl Results

Congratulations to Mrs. Iezzi AM Cosmetology class and Mr. Erkel’s PM Sports Therapy class for being the 2019 CWCTC Turkey Bowling Champions.

Central Westmoreland CTC’s Annual Turkey Bowl was held on Monday, November 25, 2019. This activity helps to support the CWCTC’s Caring Closet with the remainder of proceeds going to Westmoreland County Food Bank. The food bank is very active in Westmoreland County and they also provide all the food for our Backpack Program.

A school-wide drive was held and students donated money as their "fee" for bowling. Bowling was held in the Wellness Gym. Winners were awarded the coveted Turkey Bowling Trophy.

The programs collected $1,000 for the Caring Closet and Westmoreland Food Bank. CWCTC faculty and students are proud to carry on this tradition and give back to our surrounding communities.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**Use 2018 Tax information**: Students and families must complete the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using their 2018 tax information. If the family experienced a loss of income since the 2018 tax year, talk to the college’s financial aid office. There, they can look at the family’s situation and make adjustments, if appropriate. The family will also need to notify PHEAA.

**Apply for a PA State Grant**: In order to be considered for a PA State Grant, students must first complete the FAFSA. First-time applicants must also complete the State Grant Form (SGF), which gathers additional information needed for determining eligibility and financial need. The SGF User Guide is available at https://www.pheaa.org.

Open House for Prospective Students

Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, February 6, 2020** from 6:00-8:00PM, (snow date is February 20), to come see our 23 CTE programs, talk with available staff members, and learn what all is available for you or your child here at CWCTC! This is the last opportunity for potential students and their families to visit our building prior to scheduling at the high schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Counselors will be present to answer questions and discuss any concerns you may have about Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center.
THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM KICKS OFF ANOTHER YEAR

The Challenge Program visited CWCTC on December 13, 2019 to kickoff the new year. The Challenge Program, along with our business partner #1 Cochran, motivate students to develop good habits required to succeed in school and in their future careers.

The 2019 winners were presented with a $200 award in these areas: Academic Achievement, Academic Improvement, Attendance, Community Service, STEM. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Pictured left to right are 2019 TCP award winners Tara Parks, Celena Colcombe, Emily Dodds, Tapanga Cook, Alexis Clayton, and Keynan Frendy. Unavailable for photo were Eric Belak, Matt Casorio, Veronica Craft, and Hunter Jones.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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Be sure to do so and see the daily activities our students are involved in. Share with your family and friends.