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Dressing for Success



Shown above (left to right): Kelvin Collins, Humberto Fayula, Joreal Eady, Katilyn Padgett, Demarco Perimon, Shalom Iskhakov, Mr. Jon Valentine, Micah Smith, and Jada Lawler.

The Work Ready program at Maxwell High School ensures that all of its graduates have the essential soft skills needed to successfully enter the workforce and/or post-secondary education. This program is coordinated by Maxwell counselors, Dr. LaVonna Groce and Ms. Emily Latone. The first Work Ready session was held in September, and it was entitled “Dress for Success.” All students at Maxwell were required to attend this session and heard various keynote speakers discuss the importance of soft skills and the first impression when trying to get a job. Students learned about the significance of the hand shake, resume writing, the interview process, and many other skills that

will help them make a good first impression. The keynote speakers who motivated students to make a good first impression and become workforce ready included Mr. Jon Valentine, Gwinnett County Schools Director of Foreign Language; Mr. Bobby Gueh, Counseling Department Co-Chair Lanier High School; Ms. Cindy Haygood of the Etiquette & Leadership Training, The Georgia Civility Campaign; Ms. Linda Proctor Merritt of LPM Group; Mr. Luis Abarca, Southeast Regional Manager of InRoads; Mr. Ryan Jones, Community Outreach Representative of Aviation Institute of Maintenance; and Mr. Brenton Lopez, “The Real Magnet Man.” The “Dress for Success” seminar was a great kick-off to Maxwell’s 2016-2017 school year.



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Calendar

Thurs., Dec. 22-Wed., Jan. 4
Winter Break

Thurs., Jan. 5
1st Day, Second Semester

Mon., Jan. 9
*Maxwell Registration Begins
2017-2018 School Year*

Jan. 9 - Feb. 2
High School Recruitment Visits

Mon., Jan. 16
*No School
Martin Luther King Day*

Thurs., Feb. 2
*Maxwell Open House
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM*

Feb. 6, 8, 9
*Work Ready Seminars
CareerBuilders*

Wed., Feb. 15
*Maxwell Lottery
2017-2018 School Year*

Mon., Feb. 20
Student Holiday/Teacher Planning

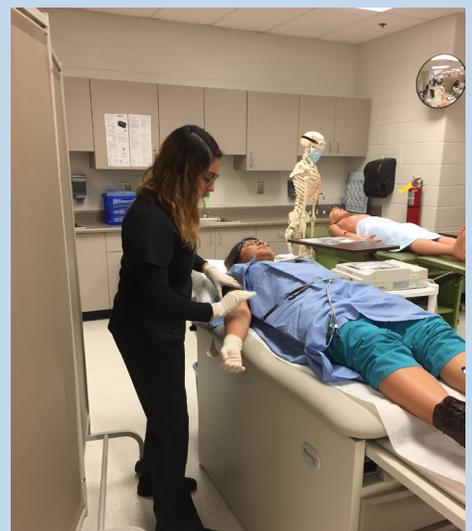
April 3-7
Spring Break

April 12-14, 19-21
*Work Ready Seminars
Business Dining Etiquette*

New ECG Class

Maxwell's Healthcare Science Program has a new class this year: ECG (Electrocardiography). Many may recognize it by its more common name, EKG. The ECG lab contains three ECG machines along with patient exam tables, pulse oximeters, tympanic thermometers, and numerous blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes for students to use.

Students enrolled in the new class have enjoyed learning the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system and putting their knowledge to use when performing ECGs. In order to be accepted into the ECG program, students must have already completed the Introduction to Healthcare Science course at their home schools and pass a medical math exam with a score of 80% or higher. Students will take the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) exam for certification in the spring of 2017. After passing the exam, students must provide proof of high school graduation to receive full NHA certification.



The Principal's Message...

Hello from Maxwell! I appreciate you taking the time to read about Maxwell and our students. It is hard to believe the busy semester is coming to a close. This edition of our newsletter features our Maxwell Work Ready Advisement Program, as well as the overall successes of our students. As part of the Maxwell Work Ready Program, Jon Valentine, Director of Foreign Language for GCPS, spoke to our students. Mr. Valentine discussed employability skills, workforce preparation, and dressing for success. Our SkillsUSA organization is off to a great start, and we currently have over 200 members. Also, take a moment to learn about our new Electrocardiography (ECG) class as well as exciting news from our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. We received great news that a fire tower will be built on the campus we share with GSMST. The tower affords incredible learning opportunities for many of our programs. In October, we hosted a group of Korean exchange students. They participated in several of our programs and shared their experiences, from Korea, with our staff and students. We highlight two teachers in this issue: Captain Kenneth Phelps won a prestigious national teaching award, and we feature our teacher of the year, Monica Collins. Both are great examples of the wonderful educators we have on staff at Maxwell. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and, as always, our doors are open to you. Thanks for your support and go Navigators!



*Dr. Jeff Hall, Principal
Maxwell High School of Technology*

Perfect Attendance



On November 17, 2016, five Maxwell teachers were honored at the DOE Board meeting for perfect attendance during the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations to these outstanding teachers and great job on promoting Maxwell!

Pictured from left to right: Richard Getrum, John Sorah, Genia Saulmon, & Gary LaPrad, Not pictured: Scott Wilson

Halloween 2016



Maxwell teachers and staff celebrated Halloween by dressing up as their favorite principal, Dr. Hall!

The Navigator Maxwell

The Maxwell Navigator newsletter is a publication designed to celebrate the accomplishments of students attending Maxwell High School of Technology and the teachers and staff who instruct them.

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ECE Students Making the Grade



The Maxwell Early Childhood Education (ECE) department has been bursting with learning during first semester. All ECE students have taken and passed Fire/Emergency training as well as CPR and basic first-aid training. Students have completed units on curriculum, pre-natal and infants, toddlers, and multi-cultural diversity. They have learned to plan and research lesson plan ideas that are appropriate for young children while becoming quite skilled at matching their lessons to the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards. The ECE students are responsible for gathering the materials and implementing their plans with the preschool and Pre-K classes. Currently, one class has begun taking home the infant simulators to experience first hand the responsibility of parenthood. The second class is excited to observe their responses and have their turn second semester.

Fire Services Students Catch a Hydrant

Students in the Fire Services program visited Fire Station 20 while learning how to “catch a hydrant” in order to supply water to a fire pumper truck. This procedure is one of the first things new fire recruits learn at the fire academies. It is a very important aspect of firefighting because a fire hydrant provides a virtually endless supply of water, which is used for the duration of any type of fire. Mr. Gary LaPrad, Fire Services instruc-

tor, taught students how to open the hydrant to clear out any debris in the water and then connect the 5-inch supply hose that supplies the pumper. Students also learned how to attach the 5-inch supply hose to the larger opening on the hydrant and to the pumper, allowing the pumper to have an adequate supply of water.



Firefighting Training Tower

On December 15, the Gwinnett Board of Education approved an intergovernmental agreement with Gwinnett County to build a \$600,000 firefighter training tower. The fire tower will offer another key training piece to the Fire Services program at Maxwell. It will provide the opportunity for students to take part in activities such as ladder training, zero vision training, and rescue and recovery training. In addition, the tower will allow cross-curriculum activities between Maxwell’s Fire Services, Law and Justice, Emergency Medical Responder, and Healthcare Science programs. From essential fire fighting training to police/SWAT tactical training, the opportunities the tower affords Maxwell’s students and teachers are endless!



SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

SkillsUSA Georgia replaced its annual Fall Leadership Conference this year with the all new 2RE Conference (Reach -Recruit- Engage). With a new location in Atlanta, students were engaged in hands-on sessions where they cultivated chapter experiences, explored the SkillsUSA Framework, and formulated a successful chapter plan.

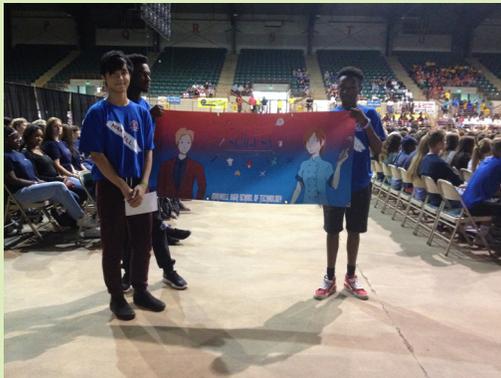
This year's conference was held October 24-25 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. Maxwell had 17 of its SkillsUSA Class Representatives attend the first annual 2RE conference along with chapter advisors, John Sorah and Jessica Stallings.

SkillsUSA is a national, nonprofit student organization for students enrolled in technical education programs. Maxwell currently has 228 members. Students have until the end of January to join SkillsUSA by going to www.maxwellhigh.com and completing the SkillsUSA online registration form. The \$25 membership dues are payable through MyPaymentsPlus.



Standing (left to right): Cristobalina Juarez, Faith Elder, Margaret Sauer, David Tolar, Eddy Alvarez, Brandon Kim, Melvin Contreras, Tony Monti, Abram Shlimak, Tyler Parker Kneeling (left to right): Jasmin Blue, Genesis Erazo, Helen Tieu, Kate Tran, Kenzie Yarbrough, Aladrian Graham, Safya Samuels

2016 Champions Rally



Shown above: Jason Le won 8th place for the Chapter Banner contest!

On October 7th, Maxwell's SkillsUSA chapter kicked off the school year by taking 90 members to the SkillsUSA Georgia Champions Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Students had a grand time meeting other new members from across the state while enjoying all the fun rides and good food at the fair.



Shown above: Students enjoying the Georgia Fair!

Quinn House Service Project

Shown below: Mr. Bates' PM class displaying their collected items.



Shown above: Chef Grant's PM class displaying their Quinn House gifts.

This holiday season, Maxwell sponsored 65 children for the Quinn House service project. Maxwell has been helping Quinn House children for the past 20 years, providing gifts to over 2,000 children. The Quinn House is a non-profit corporation established to offer an alternative to the homeless and those in need, operating solely on donations from the public. It is a full-service group home in Gwinnett County and offers a variety of programs that assist adults as they transition back into society as productive citizens.

Registration

Maxwell is gearing up for the 2017-2018 school year! Our on-line application will be available at maxwellhigh.com beginning Monday, January 9, 2017. Visit our website for detailed program descriptions.

2017 Home School Recruitment Dates

School	Date
DISCOVERY	1/9/17 Mon
MOUNTAIN VIEW	1/10/17 Tues
NORCROSS	1/11/17 Wed
LANIER	1/12/17 Thurs
CENTRAL	1/13/17 Fri
MILL CREEK	1/17/17 Tues
SHILOH	1/17/17 Tues
SOUTH	1/18/17 Wed
BERKMAR	1/19/17 Thurs
GRAYSON	1/20/17 Fri
ARCHER	1/24/17 Tues
MEADOWCREEK	1/24/17 Tues
COLLINS HILL	1/25/17 Wed
DULUTH	1/26/17 Thurs
DACULA	1/27/17 Fri
BROOKWOOD	1/30/17 Mon
PEACHTREE RIDGE	1/31/17 Tues
PARKVIEW	2/1/17 Wed
NORTH	2/2/17 Thurs

Visits will be held in the high school cafeterias during all lunch periods. Maxwell teachers will be present to help students apply.



HOSA News



It has been a great year for HOSA-Future Health Professionals at Maxwell High School with 144 total members. Ninety-seven members, along with six advisors, attended the HOSA Leadership Rally at the Georgia State Fairgrounds. This brought Maxwell the 2nd place award in attendance. Maxwell also entered the T-shirt contest, which came in 9th place. All ninety-seven Maxwell Rally attendees scored 80% or higher on the Statesman Award Test and received awards.



Shown above: 2016-17 AM HOSA officers are Elizabeth Flores, Harina Lee, Kim Graham, and Adetayo Adeyem



Shown above: 2016-17 PM HOSA officers are Chelsea Lumbreras, Jennifer Olguin, Quincie Joyner, Anaya Hodge, and Josephine Nwankwo

Counseling Corner

On November 10, the Maxwell counselors met with students in the computer lab to help them apply for college. Maxwell seniors filled out 134 college applications, and 14 other students attempted to complete applications! Ms. Laura Terrell, Admissions Representative from Middle Georgia State University, was also present to assist students with the applications. Maxwell counselors are continuing to meet with students individually to discuss questions about college applications as well as emotional and academic concerns. Students and parents can get updates by joining Maxwell's Counseling Remind 101: text maxwellco to 81010 or text maxwellco to 678-719-0811. Follow on twitter at: [@MaxwellHSCounseling](https://twitter.com/MaxwellHSCounseling). Other helpful resources can be found on the Maxwell Counselor website: www.maxwellcounseling.weebly.com

Captain Phelps Wins Aerospace Honor

Maxwell's Flight Operations instructor, Captain Kenneth Phelps, was named the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year in Dayton, Ohio. He was presented with the award at the National Aviation Hall of Fame enshrinement dinner in October and received a \$5,000 cash stipend. The annual award is named after A. Scott Crossfield, who was the first man to successfully fly at speeds above Mach 2 and Mach 3 as well as being the first man to fly the North American X-15. Congratulations to Captain Phelps for receiving this prestigious award!



Shown above: Captain Phelps (right) on the roof of the Wright Brothers' home, Hawthorne Hill in Ohio, with Steve Wright, grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Former Maxwell Student Soars



Shown above: Former Maxwell student, Esteban Tellez, piloting the T-6 Texan II.

Former Maxwell aviation student, Esteban Tellez, is an MGSU graduate now flying in the Air National Guard. He is currently flying the Beechcraft T-6 Texan II at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. Upon completion of primary training, he will progress to the Northrop T-38 Talon, a two-seat, twin-engined supersonic jet trainer. After the Northrop T-38 Talon, Tellez will progress to the

Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II, a single-seat, twin turbofan engine, straight wing jet aircraft developed by Fairchild-Republic for the United States Air Force (USAF). Tellez still keeps in touch with his former Maxwell Flight Operations instructor, Captain Phelps. A recent text and picture from Tellez read, "Formation Solo, Bossman!"

Maxwell Hosts Korean Students

Maxwell hosted 15 ITTI Global Korean Exchange students from October 3-20. The students were greeted by Maxwell Student Ambassadors and observed the following Maxwell programs: Architecture, Electronics, Graphic Design, Maintenance and Light Repair, and Programming. Before the Korean students left the United States, they had to present what they observed during their stay at Maxwell to the Georgia Department of Education. It was a great opportunity for Maxwell staff and students to host these students.



Collins chosen Maxwell TOTY

Maxwell High School Healthcare Science instructor, Monica Collins, has been chosen the 2016-2017 Maxwell Teacher of the Year. For the past six years, Ms. Collins has taught the Emergency Medical Responder class at Maxwell. She also has 29 years of RN experience in the area of pediatrics specializing in emergency, ICU care, and Public Health. Before coming to Maxwell, Ms. Collins was a School Nurse Liaison and Consultant at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She provided school staff training for children with medical conditions ranging from acute to chronic conditions.

In her classroom, Ms. Collins encourages independent thinking and critical thinking and reasoning to augment her students' problem solving skills: "I teach students the importance of critical thinking as evidenced by emphasizing their ability to analyze a scenario or situation while understanding the rationale behind their decisions. Healthcare involves not only independent and critical thinking but a significant amount of teamwork. The need for a 'team player with good interpersonal skills' is essential to the best outcome for your patients."

The positive learning environment that Ms. Collins maintains in her classroom empowers her students to be successful. She states, "It's imperative to individualize every student's learning experiences. In ad-



Congratulations to Maxwell High School of Technology Healthcare Science instructor Monica Collins who has been chosen the Maxwell High School 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year.

dition, I believe a good teacher needs to personalize the needs and problems of the students. This is observed in the case of less confident, shy, or ESOL students who need additional help but hesitate to ask for it. I think it is important to identify these students early. I have all students write letters to me telling me about themselves and why they decided to take the Healthcare Science pathway. I take the time to learn their names and something about them early on so I can create connections. I always try to have a good sense of humor and show the students that I, too, am human, and I do make mistakes. I emphatically stress the importance

of being respectful not only to their elders but to their peers. I believe that the best in a person comes out in a non-stressful situation. I believe students tend to learn more effectively from an approachable teacher who sets up a comfortable atmosphere conducive to learning. I always stress that my door is always open."

Ms. Collins is married and has three children: Maggie is a senior attending Emory University. PJ is a sophomore attending Georgia Tech, and Leyla is a freshman attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

