

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Regional Career Development Project (RD4WK) Update**

Students from the counties of Charlotte, Mecklenburg and Halifax have been involved in an array of career development activities providing a jumpstart on their careers. Over 1,000 students have had face to face career development interaction since November.

Recent field trips introduced students to the Career Tech Academy (CTA) at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC). This academy offers a dual enrollment program for rising juniors and seniors focusing on providing skills and certifications for high demand jobs in Southern Virginia.

To date, 95 students have visited the SVHEC to specifically gauge interest in the CTA programs available to them while still in high school. The student's excitement for the hands on nature of both the Informational Technology (IT) and Mechatronics program can be seen in picture provided. Stacy Dewberry, a mother of a prospective student, said "Please let me know what I need to do to get her registered and ensure a spot for the CTA".

"CTA offers wonderful opportunities for students that learn best from hands-on experience. These students get certifications that can take them directly into high demand jobs with great self-sustaining starting wages leading to lucrative careers. These programs are not only beneficial to the students, they are also beneficial to the employers in our local area." stated Christin Jackson, a parent of a current CTA student.

CTA offers programs to high school juniors and seniors in the school divisions of Halifax, Mecklenburg, and Charlotte. Located on the campus of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC), the CTA offers academic and technical training related to careers in mechatronics and information technology. The classes offered at the CTA provide students the opportunity to earn college credit and globally recognized certificates.

The Regional Career Development Page (RD4WK) can be found at <https://rd4wk.weebly.com>

**On Tuesday, March 5th, at 6:15-7:30 pm, there will be a CTA Information Meeting for parents at the SVHEC in South Boston.**

To inquire about enrollment for the fall school year, contact your child's school counselor for more information.

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More Information about the CTA at SVHEC can be found at <https://www.svhec.org/cta>

