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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HONORS EXCELLENCE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

TOP SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED

BALTIMORE, MD (April 25, 2017) – The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) this week honored outstanding performance in secondary and postsecondary Career and Technology Education (CTE) with the *2017 Awards of Excellence*.

Maryland's CTE *Awards of Excellence* program--sponsored by MSDE--recognizes business partners, teachers and others creating opportunities for students to learn about and prepare for careers. The honorees are sponsoring internships, mentoring students as they complete real-world projects, and creating Maryland's high-skilled future workforce. As a result of their leadership and contribution to CTE programs, Maryland students are better prepared for careers in computer science, hospitality management, cyber security and health and biomedical sciences.

This year's award winners represent outstanding contributions to CTE programs from across the state and include:

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS – SECONDARY

National Cancer Institute's Werner H. Kirsten Student Intern Program

Partnership with Frederick County Public Schools

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS – POSTSECONDARY

Maryland State Police

Partnership with Frederick Community College

OUTSTANDING CTE PROGRAM - SECONDARY

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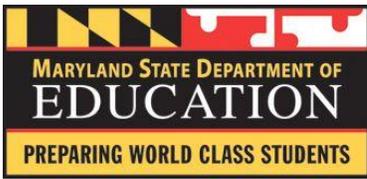
Charles County Public Schools

OUTSTANDING CTE PROGRAM - POSTSECONDARY

Architecture and Interior Design

Anne Arundel Community College

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OUTSTANDING CHANGE AGENT - SECONDARY

Joe Showacre, Collision Repair Instructor

Parkside High School

OUTSTANDING CHANGE AGENT - POSTSECONDARY

Karl Binns Jr., Coordinator of Recruitment, Retention and Experiential Learning

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

OUTSTANDING CTSO PROGRAM

SkillsUSA Chapter

Worcester Technical High School

OUTSTANDING CTE MARKETING CAMPAIGN - SECONDARY

Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center

St. Mary's County Public Schools

OUTSTANDING CTE MARKETING CAMPAIGN - POSTSECONDARY

Frederick Community College

For more information about CTE programs throughout Maryland, please visit www.mdcteprograms.org.

Each of the CTE Awards listed above are judged based on program quality and student outcomes. The business partnerships award is presented to a business that has established a strong working partnership with a secondary or postsecondary institution in order to support, promote, and improve CTE programs. The results of this partnership benefit the school, community, and business. The Outstanding CTE Program award recognizes secondary and community college programs that deliver exemplary student and program outcomes and integration of systemic reform. The change agent award recognizes leadership for innovative change in CTE programs and focuses on goals of change, the change process, and overall results. The Outstanding CTSO Program award recognizes exemplary Career Technology Student Organization chapter quality, management and student achievements. The Outstanding CTE Marketing Campaign award recognizes an outstanding multi-platform, comprehensive approach in promoting the benefits of CTE programs.

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