

FEBRUARY 2021 | CTE MONTH

The School, Students, Contractors, & Community

Last month was CTE Month, a month dedicated to increasing awareness and celebrating the value of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and initiatives across the country.

To support the initiative, MCAMW member contractor companies volunteered to instruct various Virtual Career-Prep sessions for CTE seniors in the Prince George's County Public School's (PGCPS) CTE Construction Trades Program. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, these sessions were hosted in person, encompassing the key benefits of hands-on instruction and networking opportunities. Adjusting the platform to abide by safety standards, PGCPS reached out to industry and employer partners for additional support to host a virtual alternative of the career preparation program.



CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!

The virtual program strived to ensure that students had the resources and ample opportunities to gain critical career development experience prior to graduation in late spring. Focusing on job interviewing skills, the session topics included:

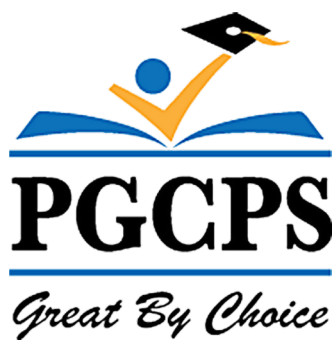
- Resume Reviews
- Interview Appearance & Language
- Creating an "Elevator Pitch"
- Learning Types of Questions to Expect from Employers & How to Best Answer
- Practice Questions in Mock Interviews with Industry Representatives

The results from the experience were deemed as invaluable by students, faculty members, and employers alike.



"By giving them these opportunities, to see students come away from these interactions and seeing them enjoying themselves shows that they've accomplished something, shows their potential, gained confidence, and understanding that they can go on and do the next thing. That's what teaching is all about, it's what we live for."

- Ms. Amy Rock, CTE Instructional Specialist
Prince George's County Public Schools



"The sessions really helped me with my overall confidence. Getting advice on what to expect, the types of questions to expect, and getting feedback on my responses helped a lot."

-PGCPS CTE Senior
Bladensburg High School



"This experience allowed many of our contractor to extend opportunities to these students. Being a part of their growth and success in their future career path's is so rewarding."

- Katina Blodgett, Service Director/Sales
JPG Plumbing & Mechanical Services, Inc.

The MCAMW member contractor support for CTE month, along with the continued assistance to provide virtual instruction of real on-the-job situations in accordance with the curriculum, has been essential in the association's greater workforce development initiative and partnership development with local CTE programs. As our industry prepares for the next generation of the workforce, this effort will only continue to strengthen the pathway for future success.

GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in supporting local CTE students on their career development journey?
Let us know!

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