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Senior Awards Day at Howard



Howard graduating student Jaylin Sexton is presented a monetary award from the Howard High Bicentennial Class of 1976 during the 2022 Senior Awards Day. 1976 Class members making the presentation, from left, Glenda Faye Stoudemire and Valerie Poindexter; Jaylin Sexton, recipient; and Howard Principal, Dr. LeAndrea Ware. (Photo: Herman Prater Jr. of VisualsByHerman)



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Shred-It & Drug Take Back Day





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Also, bring your unused/expired medications for proper disposal.

Date: June 11, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (or until truck is full)

Location: Dialysis Center

(2300 East Third Street; Chattanooga, TN 37404)

Directly across from Second Baptist Church and KFC



Limit of 3 small bags/boxes per individual for shredding.



Chattanooga State Announces PAC and MAV Graduates

By Jennifer Tedder, Chattanooga State

May 5, 2022 (Chattanooga, TN) --- Chattanooga State Community College and Hamilton County Schools celebrated graduating seniors from the Polytech Academy Chattanooga (PAC) and Mechatronics Academy at Volkswagen (MAV) on April 21. Twenty-three seniors from high schools across Hamilton County earned an average college GPA of 3.6 and up to 40 college credit hours. Mechatronics Academy student, Jackson Cowden and Polytech Academy student, Sadie Sheppard, addressed the group. Jackson shared, "I got to learn welding and coding that I never would have gotten to do anywhere else." Sadie shared, "I met so many great people here who I will always remember."

Mechatronics Academy at Volkswagen (MAV) is a multifaceted learning environment located at the Volkswagen plant. Students take a combination of college and high school courses, earn industry certifications, and earn approximately 36 credits towards toward a Mechatronics Technology degree. Students also have the opportunity to apply for the Volkswagen apprenticeship upon completion of their high school programming. MAV is proud to announce that seven of their students have been accepted into the apprenticeship program and will continue their education and career with Volkswagen.

Polytech Academy at Chattanooga students take a combination of high school and college courses at Chattanooga State during their junior and senior year of high school. Students can choose from three educational pathways: Chemical Engineering Tech-

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Mechatronics Academy at Volkswagen (MAV) graduates are shown with Dr. Sonja Rich, principal, Hamilton County Collegiate High at Chattanooga State; Dr. Lyn Potter, department head, and Dr. Tremaine Powell, dean, Chattanooga State Engineering & Information Technologies Division.



Polytech Academy at Chattanooga (PAC) graduates are shown with Kristi Slack, lead teacher, Polytech Academy.

BlueSky Institute Welcomed 32 Students to Inaugural Class at Signing Day



The inaugural class of the BlueSky Institute includes graduates of schools across the Chattanooga area. (Contributed Photo)

In a ceremony last Saturday morning with family and friends at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee headquarters, 32 students formally committed to join the very first class of the BlueSky Institute.

The workforce development venture between BlueCross and East Tennessee State University (ETSU) offers students with a passion for technology the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in computing and a job offer in just over two years.

BlueSky Institute students will follow an accelerated version of ETSU's accredited computing curriculum and gain real-world experience with technology and professional mentorships. Qualified graduates can start their career with BlueCross upon successful completion of the program.

"We need to secure our talent pipeline, and there is no better place to do that than here with our local high school graduates," said JD Hickey, BlueCross president and CEO. "Our hope is that these students will be the future leaders of our company."

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