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## **Update from the new System Director**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. As many of you know, I took over as System Director on July 1. I am excited to begin working with all of you as we strive to improve upon the already excellent CTE programs that exist in this region.

Career and Technical Education continues to be an outstanding way to integrate core academics with real-world application

and relevance. As the educational and economic landscapes continue to change, CTE will be more important than ever in preparing our students for the world they will enter upon graduation from high school.

I encourage you to like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter, as we will share links to relevant CTE information on both. EFE #330's website has been updated and

contains a wealth of valuable information. We will continue to look for better ways to help keep our member schools informed about new and innovative practices for educating students.

I look forward to meeting everyone on my school visits and during our Roundtable, Principal, Student Services, or Board Meetings.

Thank you for all that you do to support CTE!

## **Common Career Technical Core**

On June 19, 2012 the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) released the Common Career Technical Core (CCTC) standards. The CCTC includes a set of standards for each of the 16 Career Clusters and their corresponding career pathway that define what students should know and be able to do after completing instruction in a specific program of study.

The CCTC also includes an overarching set of

Career Ready Practices that apply to all programs of study. These 12 statements address the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that are important to becoming career ready.

The CCTC was developed to align with the Common Core State Standards in English and Math, while also including industry expectations for the 16 Career Clusters.

42 states, including Illinois have chosen to adopt some or all of the

standards, which will allow for consistency and a standard benchmark for all students in CTE programs, regardless of where they live or which delivery system they use.

The CCTC will apply only to students in CTE courses, but the practices are relevant for all students and complement the CCSS by illustrating what it means to be career ready.

For more information, visit [www.careertech.org/career-technical-education/cctc/](http://www.careertech.org/career-technical-education/cctc/)

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## Summer Construction Program

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EFE #330's summer construction program was a huge success this year. Alex Ramirez (Central HS) and Phil Durland (Villa Grove HS) served as instructors for the five-week program.

15 students were selected from a pool of 40 applicants to participate in the program. The students were able to earn one credit toward graduation and were paid a \$500 stipend upon completion

of the program.

The students were involved in the construction of a new home by partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Each student earned their OSHA safety training card and heard presentations from local Plumbers, Bricklayers, and Electricians unions about opportunities in those career areas.

Students also had the opportunity to hear presentations from Parkland College about dual credit opportunities and took a tour of the new Applied Technology Center at Parkland College.

EFE #330 would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved and congratulate all of the students who completed the program!

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## Dual Credit Opportunities at Parkland College

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CTE dual credit at Parkland College is a great opportunity for high school students to get a head start on college and/or their career. Students save time by taking classes while they are in high school that can be applied toward their college credit. As students participate, they gain experience as a college student, so they learn early what to expect from post-secondary courses.

Dual Credit allows eligible high school juniors and

seniors, ages 16+, to take Parkland College courses to earn credit simultaneously toward both a high school diploma and a college degree. Students fulfill their high school graduation requirements, and at the same time, earn college credits toward their specialized certification, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree. Courses are offered at Parkland, online, and at some high schools in the region.

Our region schools offer a number of dual credit and enrollment classes, but we are always looking to increase the opportunities for our students.

For more information about CTE dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities, check Parkland's web site at <http://www.parkland.edu/academics/dualcredit> or call Parkland's dual credit office at 353-2663. You may also call EFE #330 for more information.

### Links to EFE Social Media



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## Important Upcoming Dates!! Mark Your Calendars!!

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### September 2012

**September 3** – Labor Day – EFE #330 Office Closed

**September 13** – Family and Consumer Science Roundtable

**September 19** – EFE #330 Executive Committee Meeting

**September 27** – Principal Meeting

**September 28** – Industrial Tech Roundtable

### October 2012

**October 8** – Columbus Day – EFE #330 Office Closed

**October 16** – Business Roundtable

**October 17** – EFE #330 Full Board Meeting

**October 31** – Student Services Committee Meeting