

TRAVISS TIMES

EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

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Message From The Director

Commitment—the act of committing; the state of being committed; the act of committing, pledging, or engaging ones' self. This word comes to mind when I think about the students that attend our school. As I review the statistical data on program completions, I am pleased to note the continued value inherent in our program certifications. I also appreciate the energetic efforts of our faculty and staff. We prepare our students with the skills needed for today's workforce and remain committed to assisting students in obtaining their goals. Be assured that the Administration at Traviss Career Center is here to assist you in your endeavors.

Wayne Fisher Ed.D

Traviss Hosts Regional SkillsUSA Competitions March 1st & 2nd

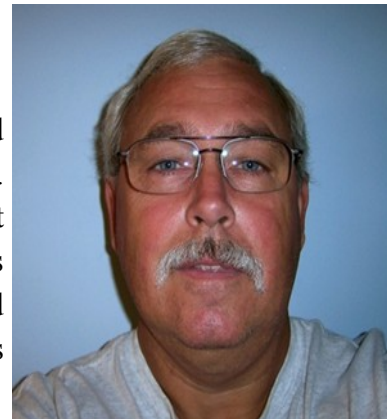
OPEN HOUSE - April 19 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Career Fair - April 19 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Student Spotlight

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Arthur Roosa, a student of Mr. Eddie Harrell and a graduate of the Applied Welding Technologies program, was recently hired by Aerotek as a welder. After being tested on blueprint reading and F.C.A.W. welding processes, he put together a weldment from six different parts using the blueprint and tools provided by the prospective employer. He was called two hours later and offered the position. Arthur previously worked in the automotive industry and said he is very pleased to “go back to work and make some real money for a change!”



WINTER GRADUATION

Congratulations to the following 58 adult students who recently graduated from their respective career training programs:

**Indicates Honor Roll*



Accounting Operations

Roger Fowler*

Administrative Assistant

Camilo Bautista*

Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology

Ayman Abdelfattah

Rico Correa

Claude Hancock II

John Judah*

Muhammad Mir*

Dustin Waldroop

Automotive Service Technology

Antronette Arnold

Shadrick Jones

Darius Torres

Commercial Foods & Culinary Arts

Mary Baker

Amanda Shimkus

Cosmetology

Jalisa Brathwaite*

Kelly Byler*

Caitlin Colle

Cosmetology- Continued

Carlos Davis

Gavin Drayton

Rebecca Engle*

Robin Engram*

Hayden Everett

Nathanial Fennell

Ashley Fernandez

Khi-Anda Grant*

Derke Grimsley*

Yasmeen Jenkins-Phillips*

Oneida Juarez*

Tate Krupa*

Desire Leon

Cierra Ortiz

Jana Rounds

Edgar Saenz*

Melinda Santiago*

Athena Sarantopoulos*

William Shaffer

Regina Stevens

Nancy Taylor*

Carma Wienhardt

Tiffany Wyatt

Cosmetology – Evening

Amy Aguilar*

Jenna Averett*

Sofia Benitez*

Stencia Dennard*

Cali Dominicak*

Yari Sanabria*

Amelya Smith*

April Stone*

Michele Whittle*

Electricity

Marcus Morgan

Medical Administrative Specialist

Christy Austin*

Maria Downs-Graves*

Angle Hicks-Collier*

Delisha Jackson*

Brett Percy*

Optometric Assisting

Kevin Flatt

Erin Gandy

Mimi Jackson

Amanda McGrath

Deborah Sullivan

New Faces



Launette Ducking is our new daytime custodian. Before coming to Traviss, Ms. Ducking was at Sandhill Elementary. She has been working for the PCSB for over 20 years. She began her work with the county as a Paraprofessional. Ms. Ducking is the mother of four children. Three of her children are currently attending school and one has completed her Master's Degree in Psychology. Ms. Ducking enjoys playing cards in her free time.



Brenton Wildes is the new Math instructor. A Lakeland native, he graduated salutatorian from Bartow Senior High School and continued his education at the University of Florida. Mr. Wildes was a National Merit Scholar and the Bright Futures Top Scholar of 2006. Throughout college, he studied Math, Science, English, and Business and graduated Cum Laude in Liberal Arts. Mr. Wildes is an avid writer, musician, and computer programmer.

Students Win National Competition

Students from the Applied Welding Technologies and Mechanical Drafting programs have won the national “Built With Class” competition sponsored by Thermadye Industries. Daniel Alley and Jacob Snelbaker from the Welding program and Luis Salgado from the Drafting program won \$500.00 each. In addition to the cash awards for the students, Traviss’ Welding program won a Thermal Arc 3-in-1 System with an approximate retail value of \$1,750.

The students participated in the Intermediate to Advanced Team Category and submitted a Team Welding Project Plan under the supervision of their welding instructor, Mr. Harrell, and the drafting program instructor, Mrs. Puffer. There were three winning teams chosen – Traviss’ Welding Team and two others from Texas and Ohio. The Traviss team created a windmill which they made from scrap material salvaged from around the school campus. The windmill shown in the picture is designed for placement in a garden with additional shelves built-in for plants. The blades of the windmill are actually salvaged fan blade from an old air conditioning unit.



Pictured left to right: Luis Salgado, Jacob Snelbaker, Daniel Alley, and Mr. Harrell.

Dental Assisting Program Hosts Give Kids A Smile



FREE DENTAL CARE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-18 The TRAVISS CAREER CENTER DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM and the POLK COUNTY DENTAL ASSOCIATION

hosted the 6th Annual Give Kids a Smile event on Friday, February 3 from 8-3.
Over 90 children were signed-up for this special event.



Dr. Young performs triage on Jovanny.



Dr. Polo & Dr. McMillian await patients.



Dr. McMillian with chair side assistant, Jodie, perform oral surgery.



Dr. Scott and student Nicole Frierson, perform x-rays on Olga.



Dr. Chen provides a check-up to Aneé.



Dr. Llano and dental assisting student insert a filling.



Wendy Cordero, RDH performs a checkup on Marcela.

School Related Employee of the Year

Sheila Banville has been chosen as the School Related Employee of the Year. This award is given to the most deserving of the school staff each year. Mrs. Banville has been employed as a secretary in the curriculum office for the past seven years. She was previously employed at Disney Photographic Services and also worked at George Jenkins High School for eight years as the C.A.P. Lab Manager. While employed at George Jenkins High School, Mrs. Banville was chosen as the School Related Employee of the Year in 2003. Mrs. Banville was also chosen as School Related Employee of the Year at Traviss in 2007. Sheila grew up in Fort Meade and is a 5th generation Floridian. She and her husband Leo, who also works for the PCSB, live in Winter Haven and have three sons, Paul, Rusty, and Trevor. Sheila recently welcomed her first grandchild, Logan. She has four Chihuahuas and enjoys gardening, collecting old jewelry, and playing Fantasy 5. Every other Saturday, Sheila and her mom spend the day together. They enjoy going to yard sales, the beach, tubing at Ichetucknee Springs, looking in antique stores, and eating strawberry short cake in Plant City.



Teacher of the Year



Doris Scott has been chosen as the Teacher of the Year. Ms. Scott has been the Legal Administrative Specialist program instructor for 12 years and has taught the Customer Assistant program for three years. Ms. Scott was previously chosen as Teacher of the Year in 2006 and has been a business education instructor for 30 years. Ms. Scott is the Chair of the Business Technology Education Department, a member of the Florida Business Technology Educator's Association (FBTEA), a State Representative for post-secondary and technical centers for FBTEA, President of the National Association of Legal Professionals, Chair of the Traviss COE Steering Committee for re-accreditation in 2006 and 2010, former chair of the School Advisory Board, Business Professionals of America club advisor, and Chair of the Open House and Career Fair Committee.

Ms. Scott also serves as a member of the Curriculum Committee, the Policies & Procedures Committee, and as a mentor and peer coach for beginning teachers. Ms. Scott is originally from Lumberton, North Carolina and is a member of the Native American Lumbee Indian Tribe. Ms. Scott received her BS Degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Business Professionals Club News

The Traviss Chapter of the Business Professionals of America will be sending eight adult students to the state competition to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Orlando on February 11 & 12. Students will be competing in Legal & Medical Office Procedures, Fundamental Accounting, and Fundamental Word Processing.

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