



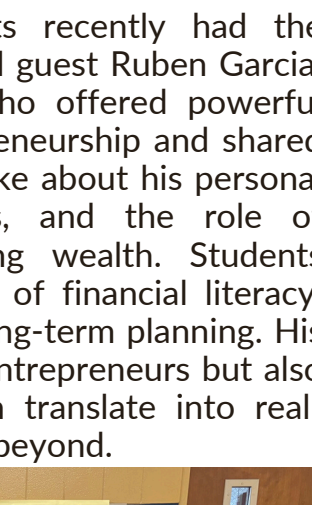
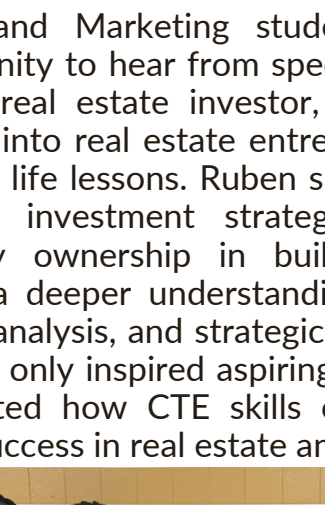
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PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The recent Pathway to Success Career Fair for Cumberland County students was a resounding success, providing an invaluable platform for career exploration and future planning. With participation from a diverse range of local businesses, educational institutions, and industry professionals, students were able to engage directly with potential employers and mentors, gaining first-hand insight into a variety of career paths. Interactive booths, hands-on demonstrations, and informative sessions sparked curiosity and encouraged students to envision possibilities beyond the classroom. The event fostered meaningful connections and inspired many attendees to take proactive steps toward their career goals, underscoring the fair's vital role in supporting student growth and readiness for the workforce.



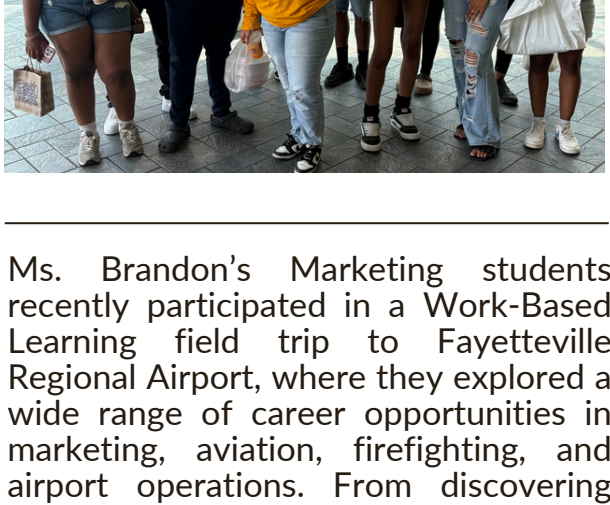
This year, 40 students at Pine Forest became the inaugural cohort to participate in Sports Marketing III, with 25 of them earning their Meta Certified Digital Marketing Associate Credential. Pine Forest is the first school in the state to offer this prestigious META Certification program.



Pine Forest High School FBIA earned the prestigious Gold Champion Chapter Award from National FBIA in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments throughout the school year!



E.E. Smith DECA students generously volunteered their time to assist with Field Day at Westarea Elementary School. They took the lead in organizing activities, managing event stations, and encouraging participants, which demonstrated strong leadership, collaboration, and organizational skills. Their involvement was a powerful example of how DECA members bring classroom knowledge to life while making a meaningful impact in their community.



Ms. Brandon's Marketing students recently participated in a Work-Based Learning field trip to Fayetteville Regional Airport, where they explored a wide range of career opportunities in marketing, aviation, firefighting, and airport operations. From discovering how airports use strategic marketing to attract travelers, to witnessing aircraft rescue firefighters in action, students were exposed to real-world examples of in-demand professions. The visit provided meaningful insight into the diverse career pathways within the aviation industry and demonstrated how classroom knowledge translates into real-world success.



This year's Cape Fear FFA banquet, held at Lebanon Baptist Church, was a memorable evening filled with great food, a warm atmosphere, and wonderful company. Guests enjoyed celebrating the accomplishments of the year as we welcomed our newly elected FFA officer team and bid a heartfelt farewell to our outstanding graduating seniors. The night was made even more special by a surprise visit from Mr. Joshua Bledsoe, making the event truly unforgettable.



On April 24th, Cape Fear High School seniors proudly graduated from the Agriculture Academy. The ceremony took place at FTCC's Horticulture Education Center, providing a fitting and inspiring setting to honor their achievements in agricultural studies.



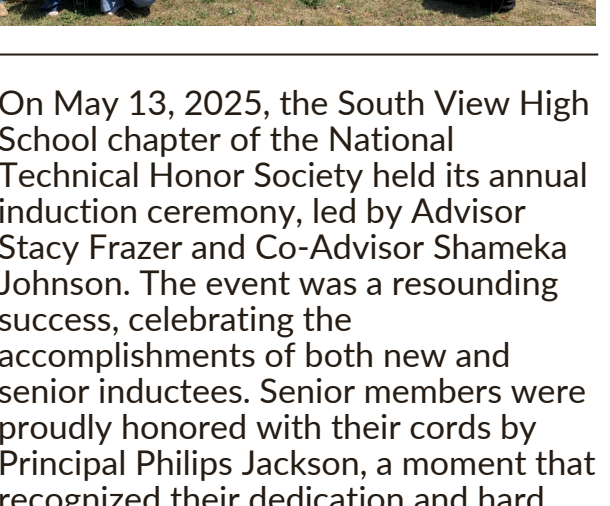
Gray's Creek juniors in the AOIT program recently visited FTCC to explore the various pathway options available to them. During the visit, they had the opportunity to engage with professors who may be their future instructors and tour the campus, gaining valuable insight into their next steps in education and career preparation.



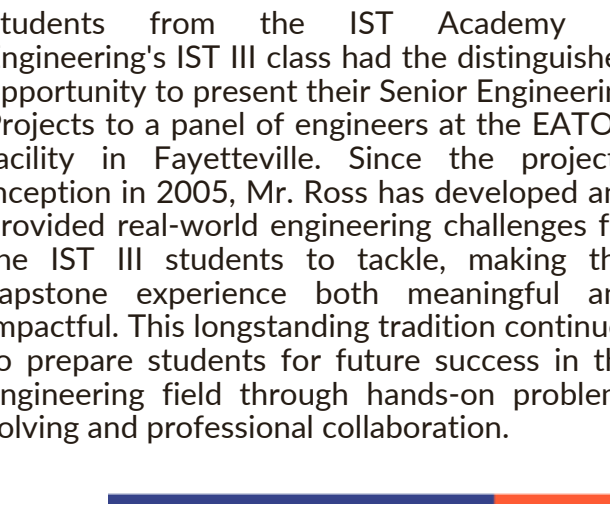
Students from Cape Fear High School's Academy of Agriculture and Natural Sciences recently visited Cape Fear Botanical Garden for a hands-on learning experience. They participated in a class on Native Ecosystems, created model ecosystems using felt boards, and interacted with Maize the corn snake and Carlos the box turtle. The visit concluded with a guided tour of the gardens, where students learned about the roles of volunteers and staff in maintaining the grounds.



On Thursday, May 15th, six dedicated DECA members from Cape Fear High School volunteered as servers during Dr. Connelly's Retirement Celebration. Their professionalism and courteous demeanor left a lasting impression, as highlighted in a message from the CTE District Office: "Thank you so much to CFHS DECA students for volunteering for the program last night. They represented Colt Country very well. They were polite and professional."



32 Cape Fear DECA members visited Bethesda Healthcare Facility in Eastover, where they delivered Easter baskets to all 80 residents—along with a few extra surprises! Students split into teams to lead a variety of fun and meaningful activities, including an art station, fingernail painting, a ball toss, and classic bingo. The joy on residents' faces, the shared laughter, and the heartfelt conversations with both residents and staff made this visit truly unforgettable.



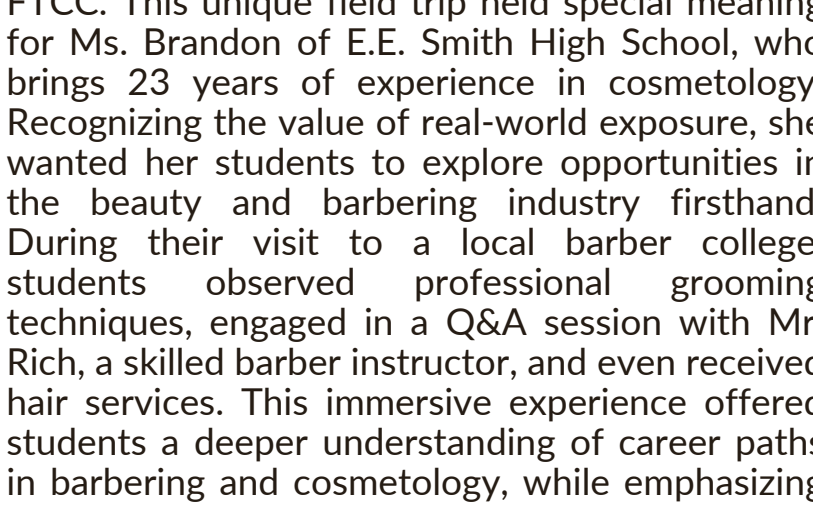
On May 13, 2025, the South View High School chapter of the National Technical Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony, led by Advisor Stacy Frazer and Co-Advisor Shameka Johnson. The event was a resounding success, celebrating the accomplishments of both new and senior inductees. Senior members were proudly honored with their cords by Principal Philip Jackson, a moment that recognized their dedication and hard work.



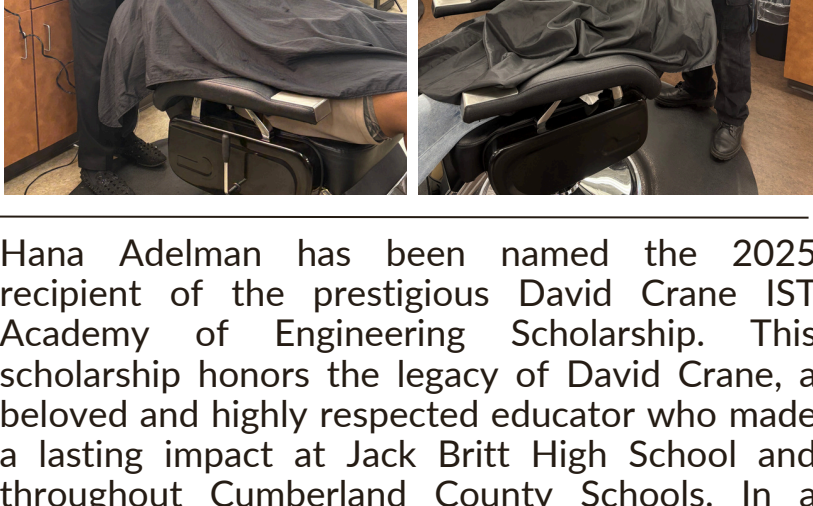
Students from the IST Academy of Engineering's IST III class had the distinguished opportunity to present their Senior Engineering Projects to a panel of engineers at the EATON facility in Fayetteville. Since the project's inception in 2005, Mr. Ross has developed and provided real-world engineering challenges for the IST III students to tackle, making this capstone experience both meaningful and impactful. This longstanding tradition continues to prepare students for future success in the engineering field through hands-on problem-solving and professional collaboration.



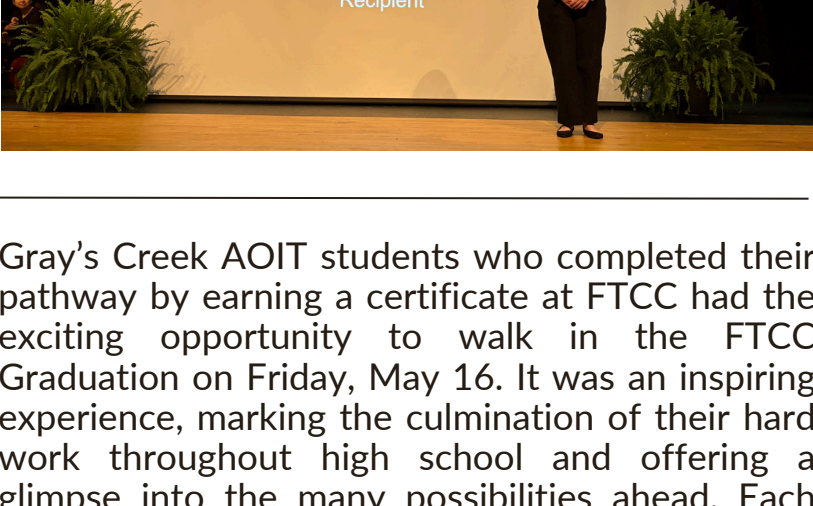
DECA and Marketing students recently had the opportunity to hear from special guest Ruben Garcia, a local real estate investor, who offered powerful insights into real estate entrepreneurship and shared valuable life lessons. Ruben spoke about his personal journey, investment strategies, and the role of property ownership in building wealth. Students gained a deeper understanding of financial literacy, market analysis, and strategic long-term planning. His visit not only inspired aspiring entrepreneurs but also highlighted how CTE skills can translate into real-world success in real estate and beyond.



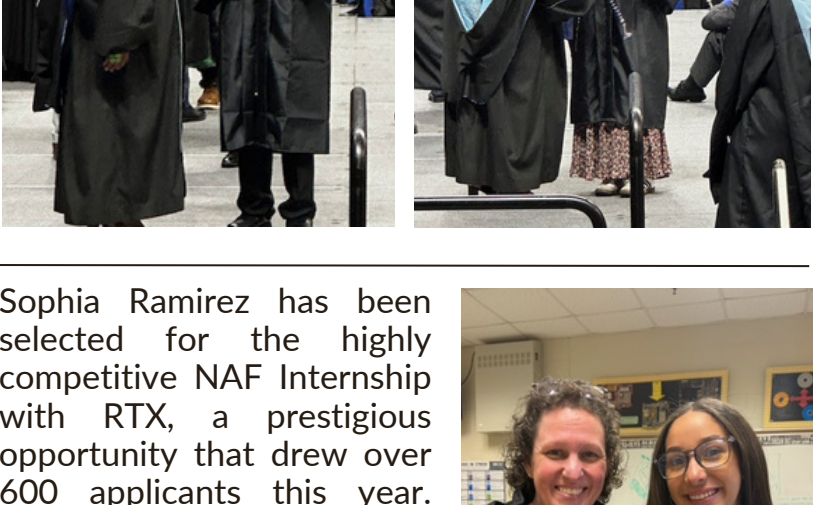
E.E. Smith students toured the Barber College at FTCC. This unique field trip held special meaning for Ms. Brandon of E.E. Smith High School, who brings 23 years of experience in cosmetology. Recognizing the value of real-world exposure, she wanted her students to explore opportunities in the beauty and barbering industry firsthand. During their visit to a local barber college, students observed professional grooming techniques, engaged in a Q&A session with Mr. Rich, a skilled barber instructor, and even received hair services. This immersive experience offered students a deeper understanding of career paths in barbering and cosmetology, while emphasizing the importance of customer service, technical expertise, and professionalism. They also learned about the time and training required to earn a barber's license.



Hana Adelman has been named the 2025 recipient of the prestigious David Crane IST Academy of Engineering Scholarship. This scholarship honors the legacy of David Crane, a beloved and highly respected educator who made a lasting impact at Jack Britt High School and throughout Cumberland County Schools. In a touching moment, all of Mr. Crane's children were present to celebrate with Hana as she received this well-deserved recognition.



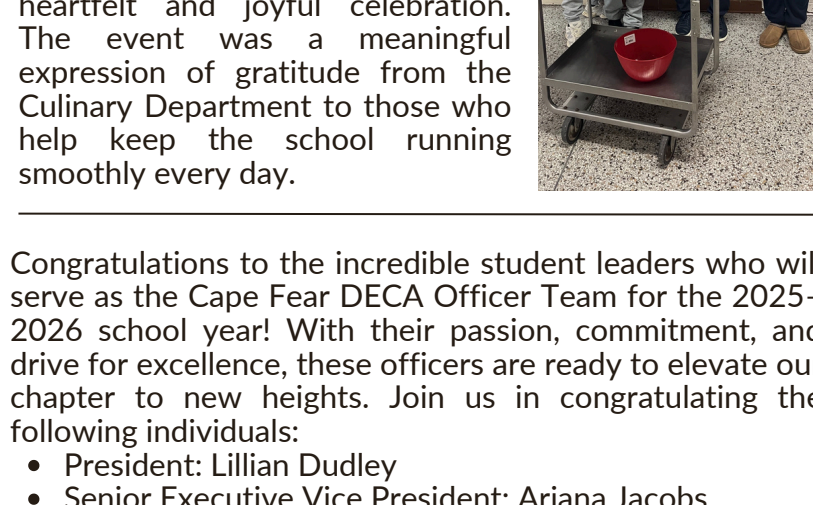
Gray's Creek AOIT students who completed their pathway by earning a certificate at FTCC had the exciting opportunity to walk in the FTCC Graduation on Friday, May 16. It was an inspiring experience, marking the culmination of their hard work throughout high school and offering a glimpse into the many possibilities ahead. Each student has a clear plan for their future and is committed to continuing their journey toward success. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments and dedication.



Sophia Ramirez has been selected for the highly competitive NAF Internship with RTX, a prestigious opportunity that drew over 600 applicants this year. Among the few chosen, Sophia is thrilled to begin her internship this summer, where she will gain valuable hands-on experience and deepen her understanding of the business world. We are excited to see all that she will accomplish during this remarkable opportunity.



We are thrilled to share that one of Jack Britt High School's exceptional SkillsUSA members has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)—a distinguished national recognition presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. This award highlights individuals who embody the American spirit through their dedication to volunteerism and civic responsibility.



In honor of Principal Week, Assistant Principal Week, and Custodian Week, the South View Culinary Arts Department prepared an array of delicious dishes to celebrate and show appreciation for the dedicated leaders and custodians of our school. Teachers and students collaborated to create and serve the meals, making it a heartfelt and joyful celebration. The event was a meaningful expression of gratitude from the Culinary Department to those who help keep the school running smoothly every day.



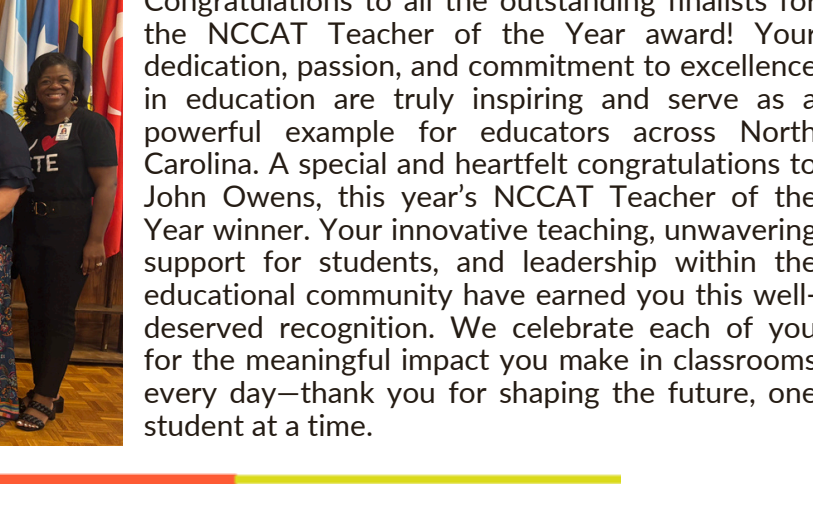
Congratulations to the incredible student leaders who will serve as the Cape Fear DECA Officer Team for the 2025–2026 school year! With their passion, commitment, and drive for excellence, these officers are ready to elevate our chapter to new heights. Join us in congratulating the following individuals:

- President: Lillian Dudley
- Senior Executive Vice President: Ariana Jacobs
- Junior Executive Vice President: Lilly Jordan
- Vice Presidents of Finance/Secretary: Vincent Rasberry & A'Lawna Sims
- Vice Presidents of Fundraising: Taylor Davis & Madeline Lloyd
- Vice Presidents of Membership Involvement: Sophia Bullard & James Scriven
- Vice Presidents of Community Service: Ashlynn Knuckles & Justine Rentz
- Vice Presidents of Competition & Recognition: Ally Shannon & Serenity Gunn-Jenkins
- Vice Presidents of New Member Coordination: Soleil Knaff & Gracie Dellacca
- Vice Presidents of Communications: Tiffany Crisantos-Sanchez & Scarlett Tetlow

We are incredibly proud of these rising leaders and can't wait to witness all they will achieve. Here's to a remarkable and impactful 2025–2026 DECA year!



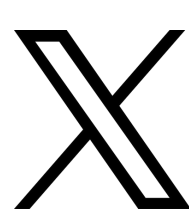
Gray's Creek Middle School proudly participated in the 46th Annual North Carolina Technology Student Association (NCTSA) State Conference, held April 3–5, 2025, at the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro. Hosted by the State TSA Officers and the State Technology, Engineering, and Design Education staff, this event brings together affiliated chapters from across the state to compete, collaborate, and inspire one another. All chapters are encouraged to participate and help make each conference the best yet!



On April 29th, 19 students were officially inducted into the Anne Chesnut Middle School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). In addition, five student officers were formally installed to lead the chapter forward. This year has been an exciting and active one for the chapter, with members participating in Regional and State competitions, engaging in community service initiatives, and taking part in Read Across America Week.



Congratulations to all the outstanding finalists for the NCCAT Teacher of the Year award! Your dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence in education are truly inspiring and serve as a powerful example for educators across North Carolina. A special and heartfelt congratulations to John Owens, this year's NCCAT Teacher of the Year winner. Your innovative teaching, unwavering support for students, and leadership within the educational community have earned you this well-deserved recognition. We celebrate each of you for the meaningful impact you make in classrooms every day—thank you for shaping the future, one student at a time.



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