



CTE NEWSLETTER

NEW

SUMMER 2025

GRAY'S CREEK MIDDLE FFA SHINES AT STATE EVENTS!

On June 24, 2025 ten members of Gray's Creek Middle FFA Chapter proudly represented the school at various state-level events, where they demonstrated premier leadership, personal growth, and career success – the very pillars of the FFA mission. Students participated in multiple Career Development Events (CDEs), leadership workshops, and other agricultural experiences, and they brought home some incredible achievements! In addition to competitions, our members attended leadership workshops, toured the agricultural expo, and several students proudly wore their blue corduroy jackets for the very first time, a powerful symbol of their commitment to agricultural excellence.



1st Place Middle School SAE - Claire King

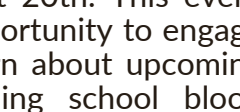
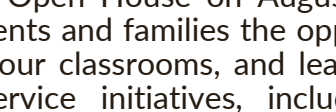
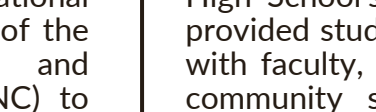
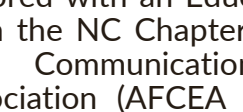
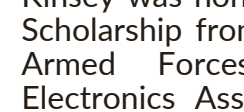
2nd Place Agriscience Fair: Plant Systems - Emerald Vann

1st Place Agriscience Fair: Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems - Savant Hall & Johannis Miranda (These two outstanding students will represent Gray's Creek Middle this fall at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana!)

3rd Highest Middle School Team Agricultural Tools & Materials Identification - Rowan Ehrlich, James Foster, Joshua Foster, & Kamryn Lucas

State-Level CDE Highlights (Previously Held Competitions)

3rd Highest Middle School Team Junior Horse Evaluation - Isabella Jordan, Alicen Johnson, Lilly Rumppe, & Savannah Maness



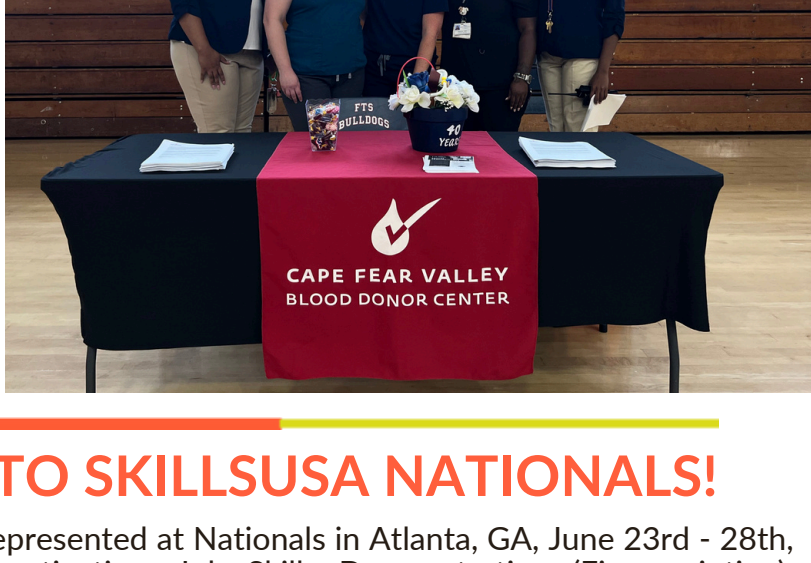
AFCEA NC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO JENNA KINSEY

Terry Sanford 2025 graduate Jenna Kinsey was honored with an Educational Scholarship from the NC Chapter of the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA NC) to support her studies in engineering at UNC Charlotte this fall. As a scholarship recipient, Jenna was also gifted a one-year AFCEA International membership, connecting her with top professionals in STEM fields.



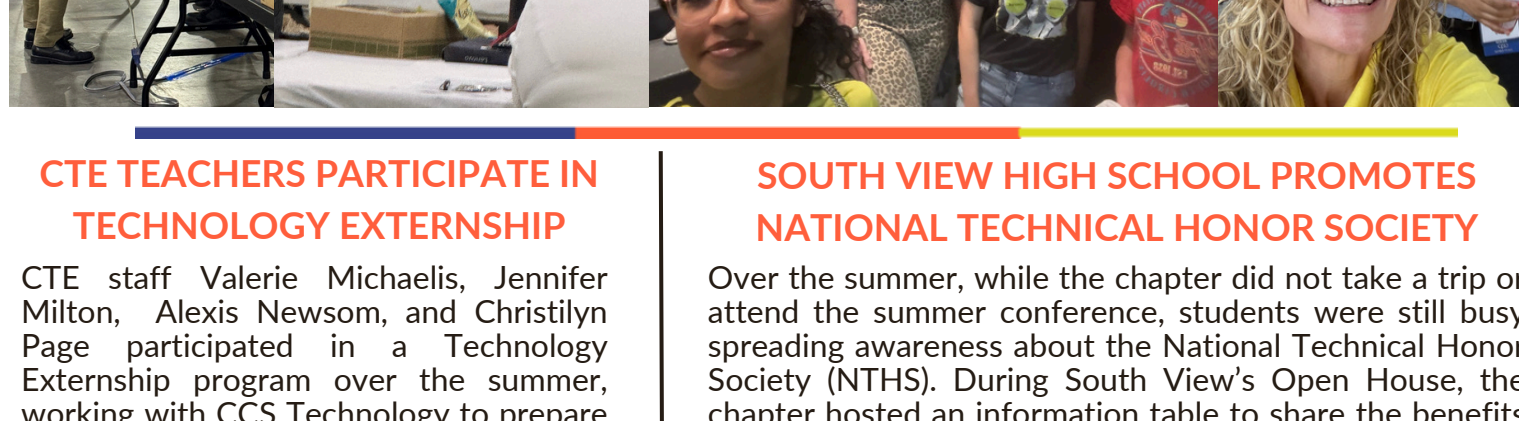
TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FEATURES BLOOD DRIVE

FTS kicked off the new academic year at Terry Sanford High School's Open House on August 20th. This event provided students and families the opportunity to engage with faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about upcoming community service initiatives, including school blood drives. Cape Fear Valley Blood Donor Center staff distributed information and addressed questions from prospective donors.



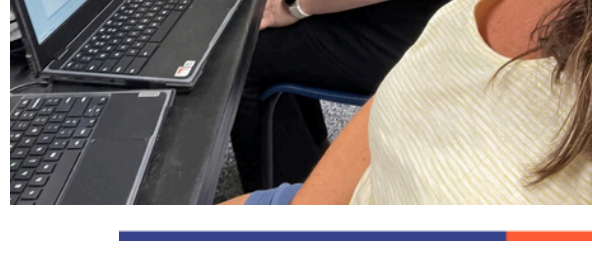
JACK BRITT HIGH GOES TO SKILLSUSA NATIONALS!

Jack Britt High School SkillsUSA Chapter proudly represented at Nationals in Atlanta, GA, June 23rd - 28th, competing in events including Crime Scene Investigation, Job Skills Demonstration (Fingerprinting), Photography, and Mechatronics. All of our students placed in the top 20 nationwide! Beyond the competition, they had a blast pin trading, exploring the city, visiting the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium, while enjoying the best ice cream ever. Great job, Buccaneers!



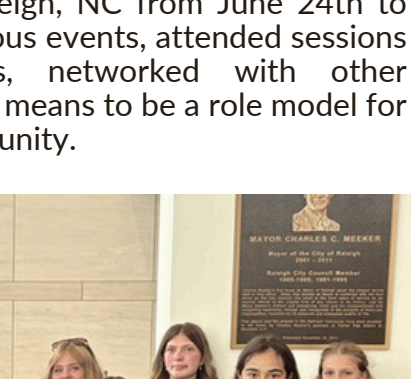
CTE TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN TECHNOLOGY EXTERNSHIP

CTE staff Valerie Michaelis, Jennifer Milton, Alexis Newsom, and Christilyn Page participated in a Technology Externship program over the summer, working with CCS Technology to prepare Chromebooks for distribution, dismantle computers for parts, and prepare Adobe labs for the upcoming school year. They also used this time to teach an Excel class for data managers.



SOUTH VIEW HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTES NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Over the summer, while the chapter did not take a trip or attend the summer conference, students were still busy spreading awareness about the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). During South View's Open House, the chapter hosted an information table to share the benefits of NTHS with students and families. This provided an excellent opportunity to answer questions, encourage membership, and highlight how NTHS supports academic excellence, leadership, and career success. Many students showed interest and were eager to learn how NTHS can help open doors for their future. The chapter looks forward to an exciting and impactful school year ahead.



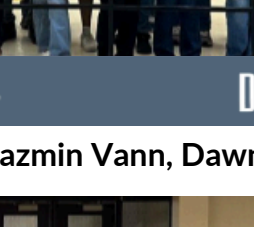
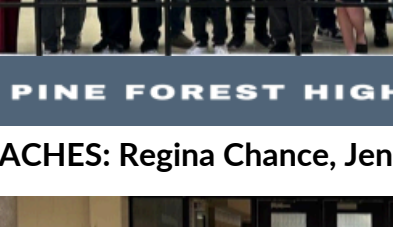
MAC WILLIAMS MIDDLE STUDENTS ATTEND FFA STATE CONVENTION

FFA students from Mac Williams Middle School attended the State Convention in Raleigh, NC from June 24th to 26th. They competed in various events, attended sessions and leadership workshops, networked with other students, and learned what it means to be a role model for their campus and their community.



CCS STUDENTS COMPLETE PAID INTERNSHIPS THROUGH DISTRICT C TEAMSHIP THANKS TO MID-CAROLINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

This summer, CTE partnered with District C to host the Cumberland Summer Teamship, a reimagined internship experience where 124 high school students worked in teams to solve real business challenges. Held at Pine Forest, Jack Britt and Terry Sanford high schools, each cohort presented a live pitch event featuring solutions for local partners like Cape Fear Valley Health, City of Fayetteville-Stormwater Division, Eaton, Fayetteville Public Works Commission, G2 Business Solutions, Gill Security, JMH Group & CR Flight, Jane Cayes, L'Wood Media Group, Proven by Ruben, The Rick Herrema Foundation, and Wawa Foundation. Thanks to the Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board, students also received stipends and potential internship placements. These experiences wouldn't be possible without our dedicated coaching staff. A true win for student growth, collaboration and career readiness!



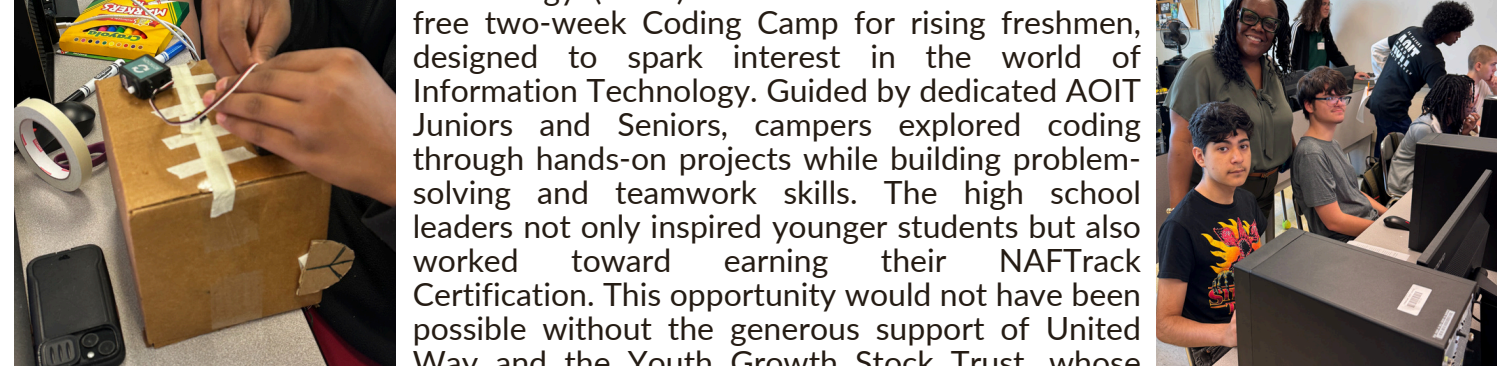
We Celebrate YOU!!!



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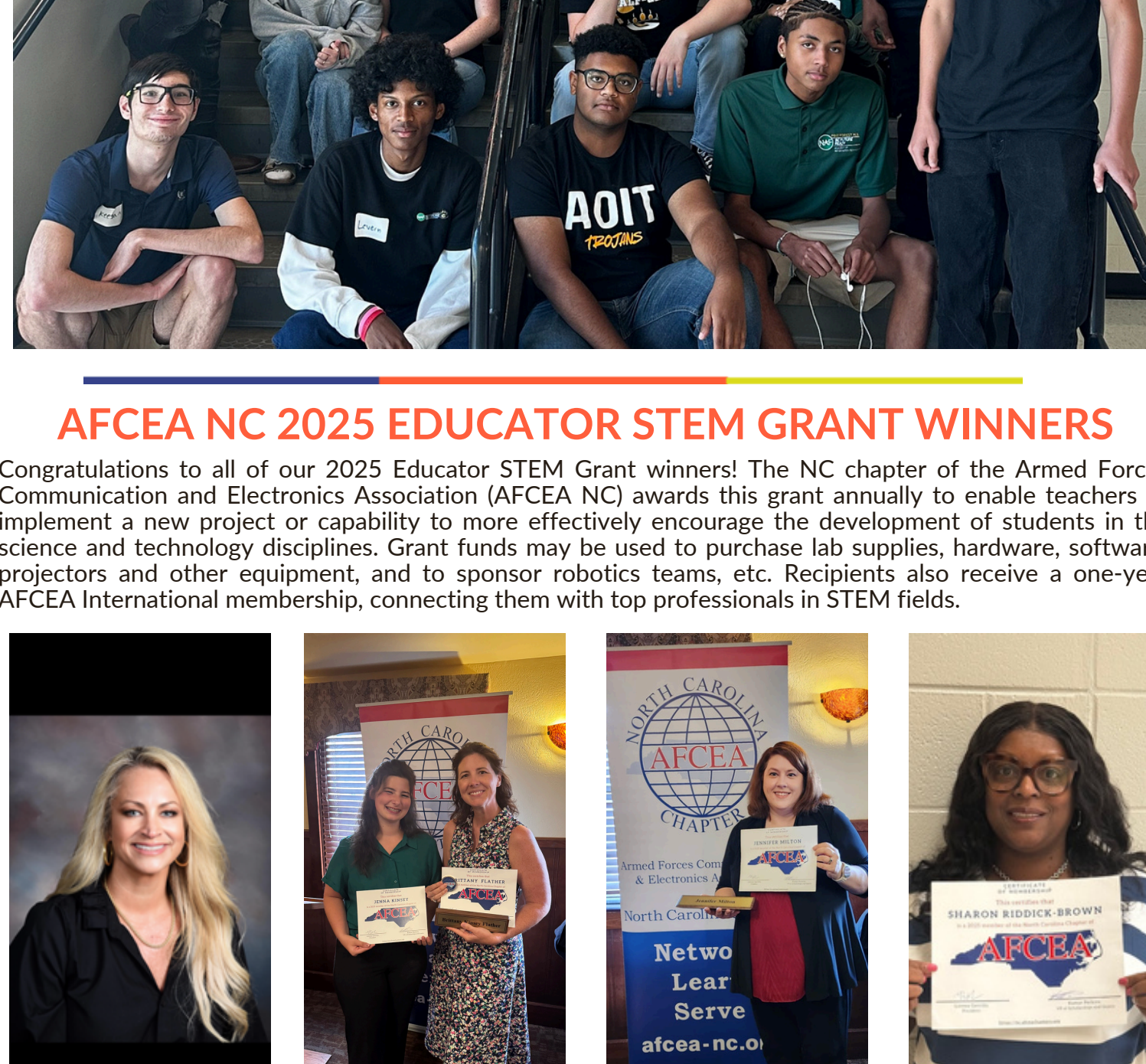
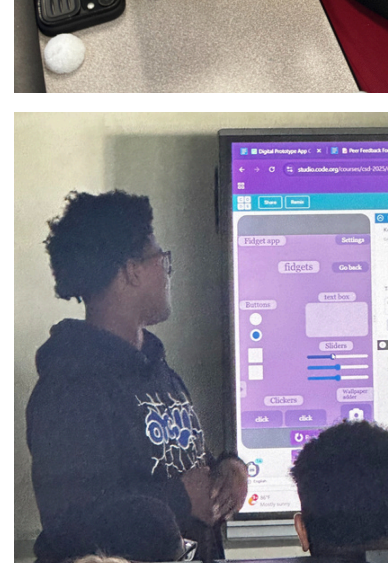
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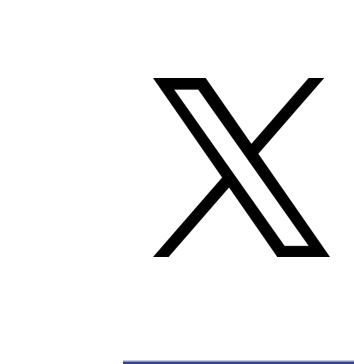
AOIT ACADEMIES HOST CODING CAMP

This summer, the Academies of Information Technology (AOIT) at GCHS and PFHS hosted a free two-week Coding Camp for rising freshmen, designed to spark interest in the world of Information Technology. Guided by dedicated AOIT Juniors and Seniors, campers explored coding through hands-on projects while building problem-solving and teamwork skills. The high school leaders not only inspired younger students but also worked toward earning their NAFTTrack Certification. This opportunity would not have been possible without the generous support of United Way and the Youth Growth Stock Trust, whose investment helps empower students to explore IT and prepare for future success.



AFCEA NC 2025 EDUCATOR STEM GRANT WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our 2025 Educator STEM Grant winners! The NC chapter of the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA NC) awards this grant annually to enable teachers to implement a new project or capability to more effectively encourage the development of students in the science and technology disciplines. Grant funds may be used to purchase lab supplies, hardware, software, projectors and other equipment, and to sponsor robotics teams, etc. Recipients also receive a one-year AFCEA International membership, connecting them with top professionals in STEM fields.



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