

TCTC



TCTC's Director William Hayden (pictured) says this year's projected sixteen CATE completor students is the highest in modern CCHS history. The campus, originally built in the '50s, is largely unchanged despite its scores of alumni.

CCHS's sister campus, Thunderbolt Career and Technical (TCTC) underwent another major shift in staff in 2018. Despite this, TCTC Director William Hayden says, TCTC remains committed to its goal of training fluent tradespeople. With 500 students making up 18 career and technical education courses, TCTC is an important part of many students' academic life. Besides the training in industrial and commercial environments, TCTC has fostered a strong community. Many students identify first as TCTC students before CCHS enrollees. Agricultural Science instructor Robbin Lutton said of TCTC: "I'm always impressed with the kids who come in completely green and end up being the 'student expert' of their interest."



Alex Campos (10, left) says Mr. Fanchette's Mechanical Design class helps with his job in construction. Teddi Cook (12, right) says her favorite part is her classmates' antics.



Arthur Russell's Welding class is incredibly popular among CCHS's industrial students. Unfortunately, 2018 marks his final year at TCTC. He announced this fall that he will begin teaching welding as part of his own non-profit in state prisons to try and share his decades-long career with disadvantaged inmates. His students, he says, are always welcome in his shop.



Durham Bozard fills the Automotive teaching position, saying he is excited for the "settling-in" to be over so Auto. can get back to work.

Anton Gaines's Masonry course (right) faces a unique challenge: taking students with experience with two different instructors and helping rebuild their skill set. "TCTC has been very welcoming," Gaines reported. Next year, he says, he'd like to extend Masonry into the community, possibly working with county Parks and Recreation Department.

