

# Individual Hope and Success in College, Career and Life

## CTE Programs Prepare Students for Entry Level Positions, Lifelong Careers and Post-Secondary Education

#### **Hospitality and Culinary**

#### Culinary Program fulfills students' dreams and provides a link to career.



Maria Carrillo Culinary student, Aja, always had a passion for baking which helped her to excel through the high school culinary program, earning a "Gold" medal at the state competition and landing a position working under John Ash's Pastry Chef. Aja plans to advance her education through the SRJC Culinary Arts program and continue on to a nationally acclaimed culinary training program.

Maria Carrillo Senior, Austin, was so committed to his future in culinary that he signed up for the program his freshman year, only available during "zero" period requiring him to start at 7:00 a.m. Instructor, Mary Schiller claims "Austin is passionate, committed and a true culinary professional". Austin's natural chef skills have landed him a job at Tex Wasabi's in Santa Rosa and provided him the opportunity to cook at the White House under the direction of Guy Fieri, himself. Austin plans to attend SRJC and transfer abroad to further his culinary education.

## **Construction Technology**

## Construction Technology program is an important resource for local building and construction trades.

In this program, students are provided with real hands-on learning and understanding of the electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and sheet metal trades. Students take what they learn and pursue their careers right out of high school or further their training at the junior college and/or university.



Gail Cochran owner of RCX, Inc. a local general engineering contractor says "These programs really benefit me as an employer. It's important that these students are exposed to the industry and can understand how things work, how to use their hands, and how to connect that to their brain".

"Thanks to the CTE programs in our local schools, students learn that construction offers not only great jobs, but great careers as well."

Keith Woods, North Coast Builders Exchange

### **Manufacturing Technology**



## CTE Program receives national recognition by Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Students who graduate with two or more years in the Manufacturing Tech program are qualified to go directly to work as Journey Machinists and/or will take what they've learned in applied Math, Physics and Science and continue on to the junior college and/or the university. In some cases, local manufacturers hire CTE students upon graduation and then pay for their continued education through their employer benefits program.



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## Partnerships with Local Employers and Colleges Strengthen Learning in Agriculture and Health Care

### **Agriculture**

Agriculture Science programs prepare students for entry-level positions and those who pursue a degree in agricultural sciences through Santa Rosa Junior College's Shone Farm, and/or a four-year university.

Sonoma County is one of the most desirable agriculture areas in the state, known for it's abundance of organic farms, world-class vineyards and wine, artisan food producers and it's great soil and mild climate. Thirteen different agriculture courses are offered to Sonoma County high school students giving them the opportunity to explore careers in such fields as veterinary science, sustainable agriculture, viticulture, plant and soil science and landscape design and management.



A sixty-acre school farm provides Santa Rosa High students with hands-on training in vineyard management, row crop management, irrigation, sustainable and organic farming, and beekeeping. Through a partnership with Jackson Family of Wines and La Crema Winery, a six-acre vineyard on the farm produces approximately 13.6 tons of Chardonnay grapes a year, a portion of which is bottled and sold by the Santa Rosa Ag Boosters Club under the label, Vintage Panther.



#### **Health Care**





## Regional Health Care partnership prepares students for careers in health care.

Many young people dream of being a doctor or nurse and working in the exciting and rewarding health care profession. Through a partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Empire College, Sonoma County high school students have the opportunity to explore a variety of careers in this field. Students are offered instructional classes through Empire College and hands-on learning opportunities at Kaiser Permanente's facility in Santa Rosa. This provides a unique opportunity to combine the classroom study of the theory, skills, and science with the hands-on training required for a wide variety of health care occupations.

Students travel from high schools all over Sonoma County to take advantage of this unique opportunity and prepare for some of the most promising careers in Sonoma County.

