

## FBHS CTE Leadership Luncheon 2016

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The Career Technical Education Department at Flowery Branch High School hosted a Leadership Luncheon on Friday to celebrate February as CTE Month. This year's theme for the month is *CTE: Opportunities for Career Success which highlights the critical need for career and technical education programs that provide students of today with the knowledge and skills necessary to be competitive in a global economy.* CTE classes make learning interesting for students and allow them to learn in applied settings. CTE courses also feature lessons designed around Georgia Best employability or "soft skills" certification developed by the Georgia Department of Labor.

CTE at FBHS has many partnerships with businesses in the Hall County community who enrich the classroom learning experiences. Work-based Learning provides job shadowing opportunities and internships for CTE programs to allow students to experience real world career environments and gain soft skills training through mentorship(s). Guest speakers are invited to participate in class discussions. Career fairs, career days and displays of CTE programs are featured within the school.

CTE provides many opportunities for students which enable them to make wise academic and career choices enabling them to achieve their goals for the future. Guided by the mission of Career and Technical Education, *to empower all students to be successful citizens, workers and leaders in a global economy*, Hall County Schools is doing its part to prepare students with the knowledge, talent, and skills valued and needed in today's workplace.

At the 2016 CTE Leadership Luncheon, each instructor nominated a student "guest of honor" that has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities in the classroom, program, or club/organization. There are currently 9 CTE programs and 13 Career Tech classrooms at FBHS. The following students were recognized in the FBHS CTE Programs; Erika Freeman and Carlin Watkins for Business & Information Technology; Tommy Black for Construction Technology; Tristen Mendoza for CTI; Jake Smith for Engineering and Technology; Kayli Johnson for Family and Consumer Sciences; Lindsay Vaughn and Kristen McCole for Healthcare Occupations; Bailee Obrien and Trever Davies Marketing and Management; Braden Parks for NJROTC; Quentasia Hancock and Micah Ward for Work-Based Learning/ Youth Apprenticeship.

In attendance were Principal, Dr. Jason Carter; Assistant Principal Mrs. Susan Rogers, and Athletic Director, Mr. Jimmy Lawler. CTAE Director, Mrs. Rhonda Samples; Executive Director of Technology, Dr. Aaron Turpin; Director of Middle School Teaching and Learning, Mr. Kevin Bales; and Digital Convergence Specialist Dr. Ley Hathcock represented Hall County Schools.