



SkillsUSA State Competition

Spring Break wasn't a break for all students and staff. The weekend of April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, Electronics Technology, Law Enforcement, Telecommunications, and Visual Imaging Technology programs represented the Pankow Center at the SkillsUSA State conference. Students put forth a great effort in all competitions and the Law Enforcement programs **P. LaRowe** was able to earn a **SILVER Medal** and a **Certificate of Merit** for his efforts.

Mr. LaRowe scored 2nd highest in CPR so he will now be the CPR representative for the Criminal Justice team at the 2006 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City. Please congratulate all the contestants and their advisors and wish Mr. Grindem and P. LaRowe **GOOD LUCK** at the **SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference this June.**

TV (Video) Production

~ Instructor; R. Previ (Telecommunications)

- M. Heymoss
- M. Lefief
- A. McHugh
- M. Morrison
- E. Sargent
- J. Wolka

Advertising Design (Commercial Art)

~ Instructor; M. Hintze (Visual Imaging Technology)

- C. Killebrew
- J. Noland

Criminal Justice

~ Instructor; Tom Grindem (Law Enforcement)

- P. LaRowe
SILVER Medal and a **Certificate of Merit**
- K. Smith

Electronics Applications

~ Instructor; Duane Nitz (Electronics Technology)

- M. Morley
- A. Steinhebel



Inside the New Pankow Expansion

Photo on the right shows the view looking out through the new student commons area. Natural light will welcome students and visitors into the new Pankow Center. The commons area will also be used for presentations and features a large drop down projection screen.



Photo on the left shows a worker finishing portions of the suspended ceiling in one of the new math classrooms. The new center will have two dedicated math classrooms.

Photo on the right is taken from the student commons area. These windows make the wall of the new CAD/Drafting and Intro to Engineering program.



Photo above shows the new front entry into the Frederick V. Pankow Center. The four middle doors will open to allow large display items to be brought into the students commons area that the center would like to showcase.

Lunch with a Professional

Students interested in Architecture, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering were recently given the opportunity to talk to people working in those fields at *Lunch with a Professional* hosted by the Pankow Center.



On March 30th students were introduced to Dominic Abbate, President and Owner of Wakely Associates, Inc. and two of other Architects from his firm. Pictured above are the three volunteers seated in front of the group of students that participated. The group spent over an hour talking about job requirements, their recommendations about getting started in the field and even reviewing a scale model of the new Pankow Center expansion project that Wakely Associates designed.



Our second *Lunch with a Professional* shown in the photo above hosted Henry Sommerstorfer, a Mechanical Engineer, and David Carbury, an Electrical Engineer. Both shared their insight into the field with students over lunch in the Creuse Connection restaurant. Students participating in these lunches are required to 'apply' by turning in a Resume to Mrs. Arnold prior to the event. Future lunches are in the planning stages and include Civil Engineering and Emerging Technologies.

Construction Technology Building a New Program

Construction Technology students are sad to be left by the retiring teacher Carlo DeAngelis, but excited about the new off-site building project. The district purchased six building sites in a new subdivision behind Atwood Elementary and for the next six years students will be building one new house each year on the sites. Dean Sabelhaus, social studies teacher at L'Anse Creuse High School, will replace Mr. DeAngelis and will pick up where DeAngelis left off. Plans are to build a 1400-1800 square foot house in the \$200,000 range. Students in the Construction Technology program are not from just L'Anse Creuse, students also come from New Haven, Richmond, and Lutheran High North.

Career Cruising Featured Career:

POLICE OFFICER

Police officers are responsible for enforcing the law in our society. A police officer's typical day is usually less exciting and less dangerous than what is portrayed on TV; most spend the majority of their time either patrolling neighborhoods or on traffic duty.

ENTRY-LEVEL EARNINGS: \$37,800 / year (MI)

EDUCATION & TRAINING: In general, candidates must be US citizens, usually at least 21 years old, and have a valid driver's license. Applicants must successfully complete physical and written exams. Candidates' character and background are investigated, and they are interviewed by senior officers. A high school education is required by many police departments, particularly those in large urban centers. However, because of competition for positions, many entry-level applicants have formal post-secondary education, and a significant number are college graduates. A number of police departments now require new officer recruits to have at least some college education.

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Law Enforcement