



Career and Technical Education
Colorado Springs School District 11

CAREER PATHWAYS NEWS

APRIL 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



Dear Odyssey ECCO Students and Parents,

Odyssey Early College and Career Options has been open for five years, and during our time, we have invented ourselves from the ground up. We created our master schedule in a matter of a few weeks prior to opening in the fall of 2013, and we scheduled our first 52 students into the handful of classes that we offered. The obtaining of textbooks, pencil sharpeners, graduation diplomas, policies and procedures was a process throughout our first year.

Today, five years later, we are a Higher Learning Commission approved Pikes Peak Community College satellite campus that offers over 150 concurrent enrollment and articulated college credits. This May, we will have graduated 15 students with associate degrees, plus produced two Daniels Scholarship winners! Together, we have accomplished much, and I am very proud to have worked with you and your students.

The time has come for me to share that I plan to accept a new position in the very near future. Our teachers, counselors, and support personnel are a remarkable, talented, and dedicated staff. Each of them has special talents, and they will continue to offer to your students a robust, rigorous learning experience.

Over the course of the next few weeks, District 11 will be conducting interviews for the new principal, and they will welcome your feedback in the selection process.

Families, it has truly been a pleasure serving you these past five years.

Sincerely,
Aurora Umana-Arko

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CALENDAR

APRIL

4/20/2018—Data Collaboration Day - (No Students)

4/26/2018—Career Panel / Architecture/Engineering/Construction, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Large Auditorium

MAY

5/15/2018—Tuesday is Career Pathways Seniors' Last Day (Seniors' Last Day at MHS, PHS, and CHS)

5/16/2018—NO PLC Wednesday

5/16/2018—ALL CP FINAL GRADES FOR SENIORS WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. (Individual teachers may require students to complete additional CP hours for their college courses on an as needed basis.)

5/17/2018—Career Pathways Achievement Ceremony

5/23/2018—NO PLC Wednesday

5/23/2018—Last Day for Traditional Schools' Career Pathways—Finals for CP on this Day. (Students attending their home school's graduation may schedule to take their final exam early.)

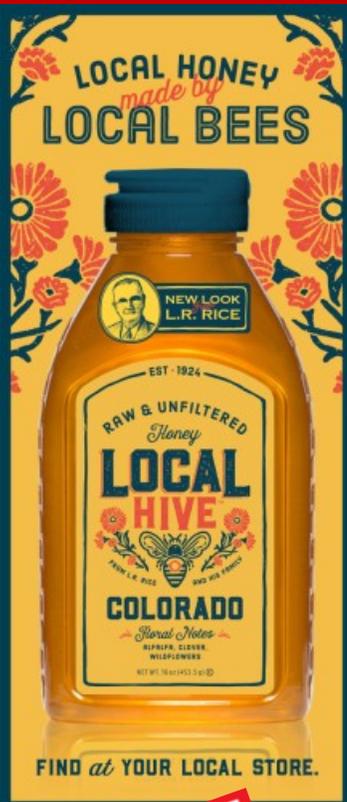
5/24/2018—ALL CP FINAL GRADES for grades 9-11 WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. FOR ALL CP STUDENTS. (CP Programs will offer supplementary course work to internal RJWAC students on 5/24, [NOT 5/25—Graduation], 5/29 and 5/30.

5/25/2018—Odyssey Early College and Career Options Graduation at 9:00 a.m., Large Auditorium

5/28/2018—Memorial Day, District 11 Closed

5/30/2018—NO PLC Wednesday

5/31/2018—Teacher Work Day (NO STUDENTS)



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CAREER PATHWAYS COUNSELING SPRING UPDATE

As students across the district are exploring their **2018-2019** school year options, Career Pathways Instructors are preparing their course and pathway offerings. In 2018-2019, Career Pathways will offer courses in Business & Marketing, Education, Horticulture & Landscaping (NEW!), Hospitality and Tourism, Information Technology (Cyber Security!), Transportation, and Visual & Design Arts. Other student offerings will consist of work based learning opportunities including resume writing, job interview skills, meaningful field trips, job shadows, and internships. Through working with our postsecondary partners, a Career Pathways student may be able to receive college credit at NO COST. The student must earn an 80% or above in their Career Pathways course to receive the college credit. All D11 high school students are offered this opportunity to “go to college” at NO COST. If you are interested in pursuing an industry certification or college credit, the Career Pathways Instructors are a wealth of knowledge and would be happy to discuss specifics with you.

Attendance in Career Pathways courses is essential for students to be successful in their chosen pathway. For that reason, the following **Attendance Policy** is currently in place and being implemented by the Career Pathways Dean, Counselor and Instructors:

The parent or guardian of a student under 17 years old must call to authorize a student’s excused absence. Students who have been emancipated by Colorado law, or are 17 years old and older must call to authorize their excused absence. All excused absences are to be reported to the Career Pathways Attendance Clerk at (719) 328-2030 no later than 2 school days following the absence. After 2 school days, absences will remain as unexcused.

On the 5th unexcused absence of the quarter (9th of the semester), the student’s home school Counselor and the Career Pathways Dean of Students will be notified, and the student may be dropped from the Career Pathways program. Excessive tardiness is included in the unexcused absence count; being tardy 3 times per quarter (6 times per semester) is the equivalent of 1 unexcused absence. An absence occurs when the student arrives to a Career Pathways class 10 minutes after the class has started, without an excused absence note from the home school Counselor or representative or a Career Pathways staff member.

School Attendance policies for D11 students are outlined in the Board of Education policies, Section Students (Section J), found on www.d11.org/Page/469.



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CELEBRATING SUCCESSES AT THE FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE!



Mrs. Annie Friesema and Mrs. Andrea Aragon were each selected to be a “FCCLA Master Adviser” at the recent FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

Additionally, we are proud to announce that two Education Pathway students qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this June 28-July 2, 2018.

The Education Pathway student results are listed below for the FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

- ⇒ Mary Egan, Palmer HS, Gold Medal (1st. place) in Early Childhood Education-National Qualifier
- ⇒ Michaela Harnick, Achieve, Silver Medal (2nd place overall), in Career Investigation, National Qualifier

- ⇒ Sierra Harnick, Achieve, Silver Medal in Career Investigation
- ⇒ Piper Hoder-Goal Academy, Silver Medal in Illustrated Talk

The Hospitality Pathway student results are listed below for the FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

- ⇒ Sarah Banfield, Odyssey ECCO, Gold Medal in Thematic Table Design
- ⇒ Culinary Team - Silver Medal
 - ◆ Jasmyne Frappier, Odyssey
 - ◆ Riley Ballard, Achieve
 - ◆ Azlina Romero-Vasquez, Palmer
- ⇒ Entrepreneurship- Bronze Medal
 - ◆ Haylee Higbee, Odyssey
 - ◆ Megan Cowden, Odyssey

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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT –SPRING 2018 SEMESTER UPDATE

BY JAMES OWINO

The department of Science at Odyssey Early College and Career Options (ECCO) has a new member of staff Ms. Esperanza Lopez who is teaching Biology. The department is therefore offering the following courses during this spring semester of 2018:

Introduction to Environmental Science, Honors Biology (1and 2) and Soil Science. The teaching of these courses involves lectures, laboratory and field activities. Some of the field activities involve working in the greenhouse and the school garden area. The presence of Ms. Lopez has made it possible for us in the department to engage students in more hands on activities.

Because of the grant that we received from the Colorado FFA foundation the FFA members have been engaged in several projects that include renovation and maintenance of the greenhouse, atrium, school garden, raising of seedlings and composting making. They intend to start the sale of the seedling during the month of April and May.

Our FFA chapter had the privilege of being visited by the state officers Patrick Shields and Brianna McBride who are the current State Secretary and State Treasurer respectively. They were able to facilitate some inspiring activities that reflected on a variety of traits that helped member to recognize their leadership skills.



FFA members Diana and Lovie painting the plant propagation benches in the atrium.



FFA members and the FFA state officers Patrick Shield and Brianna McBride.