

West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board



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TCAT Crump has a New Mascot

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NAWDP Youth Symposium; Chicago
10/28-30

Halloween! 10/31

WIA Annual Board Meeting; Central
Office; 11/5

WIA/ SW Community Service Center
Open House; Decatur County

11/7 (1-3pm)

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With the recent name change to Tennessee College of Applied Technology, many have begun shortening the name to “TCAT”. After hearing the phrase “TCAT”, an idea formed to create a t-Cat mascot to represent the school and its 14 programs of study.

Director Summers presented the idea of a mascot to the instructor and students in the Computer Graphics Design (CGD) and Drafting & CAD Technology (DCT) programs for their input.

Interested in the project, Charlie Dicus, a DCT student, doodled t-Cat into a notebook while on a lunch break at school. His instructor, Regina Wyatt, took a liking to the drawing and suggested that he collaborate with another student, Jacob Hicks, to further develop a mascot for the institution.

Dicus created the original designs and sketches including the idea of t-Cat being an anthropomorphic cat surrounded by various technical tools. With input from his classmates, Dicus arranged the tools, which included a welding torch, laptop, and calculator, to represent the career clusters offered by our school.

No matter what surrounded t-Cat, Dicus knew from the beginning that books were a definite. According to Dicus, “The books, and to some extent the laptop, convey the message ‘this is a legitimate school that imparts viable knowledge to intelligent students.’”

Once t-Cat was drawn, Jacob Hicks, a CGD student, scanned the drawing into the Photoshop program. Hicks redrew t-Cat adding in small changes as they were needed. Hicks also pulled in the school’s new logo and positioned it in a manner that was appealing to the eye.



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With the help of Dicus, a color scheme was selected that worked well for the design.

When the drawing and coloring of t-Cat was completed, students from throughout the student body submitted ideas for an accompanying slogan. Two final suggestions were selected. First, a formal slogan of, "Technical training at its Best." And a second slogan to use for SkillsUSA marketing that reads, "This cat has skills."

The creation of t-Cat was truly a team effort that involved several students and employees from across the programs offered. Our mascot, t-Cat, will be used on t-shirts and other items to promote the campus.

Summers noted, "Our faculty and students are able to do tremendous technical work. I am always amazed that if we can think something up, they always manage to make it happen!"

(Story courtesy of www.tccrump.edu) VISIT THEM ONLINE to read more!

SETA Conference a success

The 2013 Fall SETA Conference was held in Lexington, KY on Sept. 22-25.

Several of the LWIA-11 staff members were able to attend the conference. Some of the conference highlights are mentioned below.



DOL UPDATE --Learn the latest happenings in the region.

SURPRISE "WTKR": A NEW ACRONYM - WORKFORCE TOOL KIT

RESOURCES.

Networking lunch featuring Eric Seleznow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, USDOL-ETA, Washington, DC

TOUR of the FAMOUS Lexington Horse Park! Dinner, demonstrations, tours and much more!

Someday is Not a Day of the Week! Be sure to add this special presentation to your list of conference activities and join us for an entertaining event with Rose Rock....YES, the rumors are correct, Chris Rocks mother IN THE HOUSE!

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WIA success story of the month

Christopher Williams was enrolled in the WIA Adult Program in January 2013. He attended Cleveland St. Law Enforcement Training Academy in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Chris graduated from the school in April. He is currently employed with the McNairy County Sheriff's Department as a full time police deputy.

(Story courtesy of Fedtricia Barnes, WIA Career Specialist in McNairy County. Photo and Caption courtesy of The Independent Appeal and Tom Evans.)

Deputy speaks to Head-Start students

McNairy County Deputy Chris Williams recently visited with students at the McNairy County Head-Start Center in Selmer. Deputy Williams spoke to the children on how policemen help keep them safe and some of the duties of policemen. Later he showed his patrol car to the children.

Deputy Williams visited with students at the McNairy County Head Start Center in Selmer.

NAWDP Youth Symposium

Over 550 participants from across the nation are expected and represent the entire scope of the profession including: One-Stop Center Staff, Youth Build Grantees, Job Corps Professionals, Community College Representatives, Career and Guidance Counselors, Juvenile Justice Specialists, Educators and other Youth Practitioners.

The Symposium will be held at The Palmer House in downtown Chicago on October 28-30. A few of the LWIA-11 Staff members will be in attendance at this years conference.





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