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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians.

Welcome to A. W. Beattie Career Center 2017-2018

Welcome back to our returning families and a sincere welcome to our newly enrolled students and their families. The value of career and technology education is on the forefront of education discussions across the country. The ability of a student to earn a recognized industry credential or certification while in high school is immense in shaping that “NEXT STEP” on a student’s career pathway. Along with the opportunities afforded to A. W. Beattie students through articulated and earned college credits while attending, enables a student to be ready for post-secondary studies. Our students are truly career and college ready. This year we welcome over 400 new students to begin their “NEXT STEPS” with us.

I would like to take a moment and highlight a few of last year’s accomplishments achieved by our student body. The 2016-2017 graduating class excelled on their end of year NOCTI competency exams earning a written performance score of 92.0% (for students at the competent or advanced level) and a hands-on task evaluation of 89.6% (for students achieving at the competent or advanced level). In addition, our student body earned in excess of 600 industry related credentials and certificates.

The Career Center is extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students. The following students are only part of the shining examples of achievement and dedication during 2016-2017:

FCCLA National Leadership Conference

Ashley Bozzo (SH) • Chapter Service Project Display • Silver
Jordan Zilian (NA) • Chapter Service Project Display • Silver

Victoria Compennolle (PR) • Life Event Planning • Bronze
Samantha Shideler (PR) • Life Event Planning • Bronze

SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

Zach Smith (NH) • Greg Oliver (PR) • Julie Geeting (NG)
Chapter Display • 6th Place

Christian Kowalski (NA) • Cameron Galloway (AV) • Hanna Gibson (HA)
Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial & Engineering Technology: Architecture &
Construction • 11th Place

John Wagner (PR) • Jordon Wentz (NA) • Digital Cinema • 30th Place

PA Automotive Association Student Service Competition

Jarret Pipes (DL) • Tyler Hotovec (DL) • 4th Place

Student attendance is the key to student success. A student absent for one day at Beattie is missing the equivalent of three class periods. Students will be expected to request make-up work for any day that is missed.

Student attendance and grades will be available to parents and guardians during the first nine weeks through the Skyward portal. Each family will receive a separate correspondence detailing the steps to activate their 2017-2018 account. The Skyward portal provides real-time student data.

Each family should have received a 2017-2018 welcome packet. Please complete and return the enclosed forms, they provide the Career Center with needed information that we must maintain as part of a student's file. Students are required to have this documentation submitted for equipment and computer usage to begin.

The Career Center will continue with last year's pilot project of issuing student email accounts for educational purposes. As part of this year's student handbook, page fifty three (53) outlines the proper use of the Student Email System. As a technology leader, we believe the implementation of the student email system facilitates open communication, learning and collaboration.

Our first day of class will be on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. The morning instructional time begins at 7:45 a.m. Students are scheduled to arrive by district bussing between 7:25 and 7:45 a.m. Student drivers arriving after 7:45 a.m. will be considered tardy. The afternoon instructional session begins as each district arrives at A. W. Beattie. Student drivers are tardy if they have not arrived by the time of their districts' bus transportation. I have enclosed a copy of the 2017-2018 school calendar for your information. Bussing questions will need to be addressed with your local school district.

The entire staff is looking forward to a very positive student learning community this year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in many student organizations that instill the work ethic and leadership skills that are sought by today's employers. We look forward to building upon the achievements of last year's student body. As always, we are here to assist if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at 412-847-1900 or info@beattietech.com.

We look forward to the arrival of all students on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. "Back to School" night is Thursday, August 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., please join us for an informative evening.

Respectfully,

Erie C. Heasley
Executive Director