

# TECH TALK

## What's new at Crawford Tech

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close Crawford Tech is still a bustle of activity. Congratulations to our ten Culinary students who competed at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland on April 28th. A total of 48 teams from all over the United States competed in the event. Our Tech Culinary and Management teams took 23rd and 26th place respectively. Job well done Tech students!

On May 22 Crawford Tech will host our annual Senior Signing Day. Signing day honors those seniors who upon graduation, have either accepted full-time employment or an apprenticeship with our local businesses and industries.

Don't miss Crawford Tech's Senior Awards Ceremony on June 4th! This year Crawford Tech will proudly recognize approximately 176 seniors departing our school. The Awards Ceremony also honors those seniors who have excelled during their career at Tech in areas of local awards, monetary gifts, scholarships and industry certifications.

Both the Senior Signing and Senior Awards Ceremonies take place in the auditorium at MASH beginning at 1:00 pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SENIORS!**

## Skills USA and NTHS at Crawford Tech

The annual Skills USA sponsored Clean Up Day at Crawford Tech is Friday May 17th. Skills USA started this student and staff collaboration three years ago. Each Clean Up Day students and staff work together to beautify our campus. Here's hoping for great weather!

Crawford Tech's annual Field Day is Friday May 24th. Field Day is packed full of food and fun activities. Last year our cornhole tournament was a hit and will be returning this year. Each year a new activity is added. This year there will be a tug of war competition! No worries, it's all friendly fun among our staff and students. There may be just a bit of banter when a few faculty dare to step into the dunking booth! Stay tuned for more announcements.

On April 17th Crawford Tech inducted 26 students into the National Tech Honor Society. NTHS honors those students who excel in the NTHS four core objectives of career development, leadership development, service and recognition. Congratulations to the new NTHS members and future leaders in business and industry!

Auto Collision Technology: Kaydee Lester and Tyler Shaw

Computer and Information Sciences: Parker Bailey and Nethaniel Gordon

Automotive Technology: Landon Stone

Cosmetology: Jaidyn Jordan, Alexis Napolitano/Officer, and Kylie Shrock/Officer.

Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management: Christian Durham-Lencioni, Charris Hall, Caidence Meacham, Michaela McIntyre, Lexi Skelton and Madilyn Ly/Officer.

Drafting and Design: Brock Anderson

Electrical Occupations: Richard E. Atkins Jr., Dorian Doubet, Jacob LeSuer and Parker Schmidt/Officer.

Electronics Technology: Jacob Graham

Health Occupations: Abigail McIntyre, Chloe Wensel/Officer

Precision Machining: Garrett Dewey

Welding: Maxwell Dillaman, Tanner Shearer and James Sherman

## Veterinary Sciences

On March 8th, 2024 students from Vet Sciences competed in the annual Vet Sciences competition at Lawrence County CTC. With over 70 students competing, almost all of our students placed in the top 20 and three students placed in the top five! Congratulations to all of our Vet Sciences students! Special congratulations to: Colt Wetherell-1st Place, Kendall Craft-2nd Place and Kennedy Motzing-5th Place. Students will move on to the next competition. For a first year program, our Vet Sciences students have made us very proud!



Amanda Shearer, Autumn Motzing and Colt Wetherell.



Brooke Davis, Brielle Simmons, Kendall Craft, Madison Eimer and Kennedy Motzing.

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## Staff Spotlight Dan Engel

Dan Engel has worked in our maintenance department for 30 years. He has personally witnessed many program, staff and building changes throughout his time at Crawford Tech. After 30 years at Crawford Tech, Dan knows a lot about the history of our school.

**How did you know it was time to retire?** When fellow coworkers Eric Sherman and Jim Pelligrino passed away just as they were thinking to retire. I figured after 30 years it is time for me to retire.

**What plans do you have for your retirement?** I plan to help my sister fix up her house and maybe get a part time job. I won't be staring at the TV and eating for 10 hours a day!

**What did you enjoy most about working at Crawford Tech?** I liked learning about all the shops here. Throughout the years I also learned a lot of skills from those shops.

**What is one of your fondest memories?** The Christmas and year end parties for staff and students and the annual open house.

**Hidden Talent?** Knowledge and retention of what I have learned about the building and where things are kept.

**Who have been your favorite people to work with?** Coworkers Gary McLaughlin, Rick Hogue and Larry Roberts. Also, I have always really liked the instructors in our hard shops downstairs. I got to know them best because I worked mainly on the lower level of the building.

**What would students and coworkers be surprised to know about you?** That I was a student in the Masonry Shop here in the late 70's. And that Engel means "angel" in German.

**What do you think you will miss the most?** The students and teachers and all the knowledge I gained over the years.

**What is one of the biggest changes you have seen after 30 years at Crawford Tech?** The updates to the building in 09/10 and keeping the doors locked.

**HAPPY RETIREMENT DAN!!**

## Crawford Tech May Birthdays

**Auto Collision:** Corey Curtis 5-14, Joshua Gorton 5-8, Maddox Lentz 5-24.

**Auto Tech:** Webb Jacobs 5-24, Caron Thomas 5-8, William Hezler 5-23.

**Carpentry:** Bella DeVillars 5-9, Noah Leone 5-27, Nicholas Roseberry 5-11.

**Computer:** Kasey Blair 5-8, Samuel Kraeling 5-14, Jayden Luckock 5-15, Khristofer Walker 5-6.

**Cooperative Education:** Ameara McGrath 5-10, AshleeRey Terrant 5-19.

**Cosmetology:** Olivia Burton 5-22, Alexandria Potts 5-17.

**Culinary Arts:** Kalista Belfiore 5-15, Bradley Counselman 5-15, Simon Farrelly-Jackson 5-8 Lexus Skelton 5-2.

**Diesel Tech:** Riley Powell 5-24, Dane Shearer 5-26.

**Electrical Occupations:** Mackenzie Beck 5-8, Kasey Prince 5-10, Landyn Reynolds 5-6, Parker Schmidt 5-31.

**Electronics Technology:** Andrew Hackworth 5-12.

**Health Occupations:** Ashlynn Brunot 5-4.

**HVAC:** Lane Arnett 5-6.

**Precision Machining:** Mitchell Blood 5-22, Gabriel Carver 5-2, Logan Conley 5-2, Lucas Conley 5-2, Joseph Erickson 5-8, Tristin Trace 5-14.

**Vet Sciences:** Aileta Foxall 5-10, Sonia Hayden 5-20, Sophia Lilly 5-8, Courtney Perrye 5-6, Sara Roberts 5-18.

**Welding:** Tanner King 5-31, Tanner Shearer 5-26, Caleb Szympruch 5-1, Jonathan Young 5-16.

**Welding CVMS:** Anthony Huff 5-29, Kacie Mook 5-31, Cody Prince 5-10, Gracie Stewart 5-3, Ross Triola 5-15.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TECH STUDENTS!**



**Congratulations to our 2024 NTHS Inductees!**

## Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

**Senior Pictures: 5-8-2024**

**Clean Up Day: 5-17-2024**

**Field Day: 5-24-2-24**

**Senior Signing Ceremony: 5-22-2024**

**Memorial Day: 5-27-2024 No School**

**Senior Awards Ceremony: 6-4-2024**

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## Deep Thoughts With Student Services

Love it, hate it, avoid it or just go with the flow of it--change is inevitable. Change can be positive or negative and has different meanings depending on the circumstances.

Change: 1. To make or become different; to alter or modify: 2. to give a different position, course or direction to: 3. to replace, switch or exchange.

The 2023/2024 school year has certainly been full of many changes. Some changes expected, others not so much. Here is a look at the 23/24 Crawford Tech year in review:

2023/2024 brought the creation of Sports Medicine, three new instructors and three new instructional aides, a new bookkeeper and custodian as well as the retirement of six long-time Crawford Tech employees. Meanwhile, we are planning to relocate two shops within the next year. And, we also suffered the unexpected loss of two dear fellow colleagues.

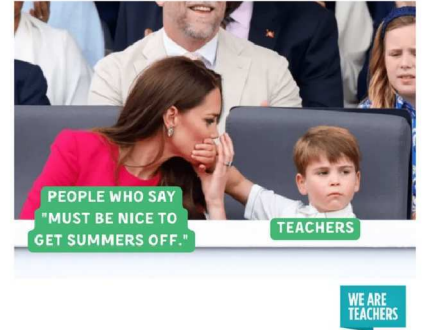
There's a saying "change is required, but growth is optional." Like it or not, Crawford Tech is always changing. And quite frankly our staff and students handled each and every change this year with dignity and grace. Hats off to our Crawford Tech family!

### 2023/2024 Retirements:

- Jim Hillwig/Instructor, Precision Machining--25 years
  - Chris Jordan/Secretary, Student Services--30+ years
  - Don Quindardo/Instructional Aide--17 years
  - John Fuller/Instructor, Auto Collision--30+ years
  - Bev Barickman/Custodian--20 years
  - Dan Engel/Custodian, Maintenance--30 years
  - Rebecca Parker/Adult LPN Program--14 years
- Thank you all for your years of service! You will be missed!

**HAVE AN AWESOME SUMMER CRAWFORD TECH!**

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