

Report to the Community

Over the past ten years that I have been the Director of Golden Strip Career/Technology Center, the faculty and staff have worked diligently to provide the challenges and the opportunities that our students need to be competitive in a diminishing job market in an ever-changing global society. We have raised the bar with rigorous coursework and high expectations and the students are meeting the challenge.

The expectations of the teachers have been raised by challenging them to offer more authentic experiences for our students. Our second year cosmetology students cut and style hair for people in the community two days a week, our automotive students work on cars for the community, our welding students make metal items for sale, culinary arts students cater lunches, our carpentry students make chairs and small tables for sale, and our early childhood education class won the Jefferson Service Award for their work with pre-school children at two local elementary schools.

Additionally, we encourage our students to participate in co-curricular activities such as SkillsUSA, DECA, HOSA competitions, FFA competitions, job shadowing, and cooperative education. Also, we encourage all of our students to take the Workkeys test to help prepare for employment. Several companies require the Workkeys test as a prerequisite for an interview. Of the students that took the Workkeys test this year, 25% scored gold, 59% scored silver, and 17% scored bronze.

We partner with our community to do all that we can do for our students. In collaboration with our School Improvement Council, we are able to read the pulse of the community to determine their needs and their expectations for Golden Strip Career/Technology Center.

We are positive about teaching and learning at Golden Strip Career/Technology Center. Everyone on staff, from the director to the custodians, knows that all we do is for student achievement.

Leroy Elrod, Director

Mark Christopher, SIC Chairman