

PROSSER



*Construction Careers
That Are **HOT!***

Instructors Ron Zimmer, Steve Terry, Jeff Wimbec and students are constructing the fifth house in Prosser's Builders' Ridge Subdivision. See next page for more.

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Now Part of Prosser: Work-Based Learning Programs

To better prepare students for life after high school, Prosser Career Education Center has developed several work-based learning programs.

Job Shadowing

Beginning this year, all first year students will be required to complete a four-hour Job Shadowing program. This valuable field experience requires students to shadow a person employed in an organization that is directly related to their Prosser training program. The Job Shadowing experience gives students opportunity to interview individuals within the career field, learn of workplace expectations, and reaffirm their career choice. To ensure a positive experience, pre and post activities are required of all students. Teachers guide students through activities and discussions including the following:

- What is professional dress?
- What are good interview questions?
- What is workplace etiquette?
- What is occupational safety?

Extended Lab Program

Senior students can continue their up-close look at the workplace and career by participating in the Extended Lab program. This program is available for students in the fourth semester of training. Students will work three days a week in a job that is directly related to the Prosser training program and some students in these positions are actually paid. Each Monday and Friday students must report back to Prosser to continue their academic and technical training.

Mock Interviews

At the conclusion of each school year, all senior Prosser students will have the opportunity to participate in a Mock Interview work-based learning program. Advisory members, business owners, and other professionals volunteer to spend one day conducting mock interviews for senior students. Students are expected to prepare for the interview and are evaluated on their dress, question responses, resumes and other career-related documents. The Mock Interviews not only allow students to hone their interviewing skills, they also cultivate valuable networking contacts.



Mock interviews are an integral part of the Work-Based Learning Programs at Prosser.

New to the Neighborhood: Prosser Welcomes New Teachers

Seven New Faces Become Part of the Prosser Family.



Mr. Dave Cook, a graduate of Indiana State University, is a commercially licensed pilot and a Prosser Aviation Operations instructor through Prosser's partnership with Vincennes University. He has been a VU Associate Professor of Aviation Flight Technology for the past 27 years and holds multiple instructors' licenses. Mr. Cook enjoys sharing his aviation knowledge and experiences with Prosser's students as they consider the various careers within the aviation industry. He advises students that "your hard work will be rewarded."



Mrs. Tara Draper began at Prosser as an Administrative Assistant this school year after working for the past 11 years at UPS in various administrative assistant roles. Mrs. Draper analyzes and monitors specific student and program data while



Ms. Mindy Johnson, a graduate from the University of Louisville, joined Prosser this year as the paraprofessional in the Health Careers Program. She was previously employed for 16 years as a dental hygienist and is excited to assist students complete their clinical rotations. Ms. Johnson is "eager to help students as they begin their journey in healthcare."



Ms. Beverly Livers has degrees from Indiana State and Murray State. She joined Prosser after extensive experiences as a teacher and administrator in both high school and post-secondary settings. Ms. Livers stresses the importance of career and technical education and enjoys watching students "engage in the learning process" as they practice skills

Construction Technology:

Careers that are **HOT**



Did you know the Indiana Department of Workforce Development has identified that 10 of the 50 hottest and fastest growing careers in Indiana are related to the Construction Industry? These careers not only are designated as **HIGH DEMAND**, they are also designated as **HIGH WAGE**! Fortunately, Prosser offers four different Construction programs that assist in preparing students for these types of careers.

Students enrolled in the Prosser *Construction Technology, Electricity, HVAC, and Heavy Equipment* programs are exposed to a rich curriculum that includes lots of hands-on learning. Each year, students actually have the opportunity to plan and construct a residential home. A few years ago, Prosser purchased property with the specific intent to develop a Prosser owned subdivision. Today, students are now actively building in that subdivision. This fall students broke ground on the fifth home in Prosser's 19-lot Builders' Ridge Subdivision. There is no other secondary school in the state where students can say they are developing their own residential subdivision. Construction Technology student, Dylan Nichols,

feels Prosser has benefited him greatly. "Prosser has allowed me to learn the skills and knowledge that will be required in my future career. Prosser is the best part of my school day."

In addition to the hands-on, experiential learning, students completing the full curriculum and activities will also earn Ivy Tech college credits. Students successfully completing the Construction Technology program will earn 9 college credits; HVAC students will earn 9 college credits; Electricity students will earn 9 college credits. Students in the Prosser Construction programs are clearly being prepared to enter college, apprenticeship programs, or the immediate workforce.



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in the lab setting or participate in classroom instruction. She looks forward to assisting Prosser students "transition from Prosser to college and into the workplace."



Mr. Randy Lynch, Entrepreneurship/Business Management teacher, holds an associate's, bachelor's, and master's degree in IT Management. Born and raised in New Albany, Mr. Lynch has lived in many locations around the world. Mr. Lynch has own his own IT consulting firm and was previously employed by IBM as a senior management consultant. In addition, Mr. Lynch also served 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. "I want the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Helping students gain an understanding of why things happen the way they do is a reward that goes beyond anything else."



Mr. Kent Monohan works full time as the instructor of Prosser's Fire and Rescue program and the EMT program. Mr. Monohan has worked as a firefighter for the past 25 years and is proud to be one of several firefighters in his family. He holds numerous firefighter certifications including: Firefighter Instructor II and III, EMT Primary Instructor, and Fire Officer I and II. Mr. Monohan enjoys teaching students and enjoys "watching their confidence grow," as he shares his knowledge and experience "with tomorrow's professionals."



Mr. Don York earned a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and has 36 years of experience in the criminal justice field. Mr. York retired this past summer as the Supervisor of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Louisville Intelligence Group and joined Prosser as a second Criminal Justice instructor. Working at Prosser and teaching high school students "gives me the opportunity to continue in criminal justice by teaching the future of law enforcement."

Director's Message Focused on Success — Alan Taylor, Director



Now is an opportune time to be a student at Prosser Career Education Center. Current and future Prosser students should be confident that every program, initiative, and experience at Prosser is created and implemented for one reason only—to ensure Prosser students are *successful!*

Principal Cathy Wheeler and all teachers have pledged to increase the achievement of each and every Prosser student. In this newsletter you will meet some of our new staff, hear about new work-based learning programs, and learn about some of the "hottest careers" in Indiana. I think you will see why many say, "Prosser is the best Career Center in Indiana!"

I realize it is early, but please mark your calendars for our annual Open House. This year it will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013. This event is a great time to explore our programs, meet our highly skilled staff, and tour our first-class facility. We hope to see you then.