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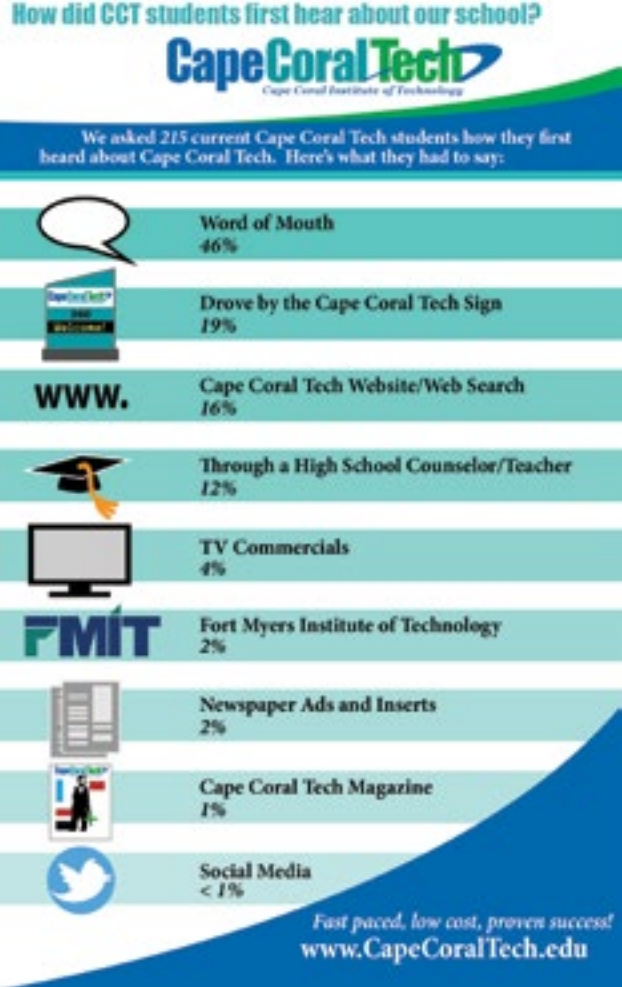
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Medical Administrative Specialist

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The Learning/Testing Center

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Web Application Development & Programming

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Web Development Services

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INTRODUCING GERA

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SUCCESS STORIES

Stories told to and edited by: Josh Gorman

It all started back when I was a young boy. My Mom was an amazing artist who was always very creative. She taught my friends and I something new every day. I never was good at it, but she inspired me to want to create. My design career started when I worked as a chef. I would design menus, logos, and other small things. That all ended when I got married and started a family. It seemed the chef side of me started to fade away as time passed, but the creative side just didn't want to leave.

I eventually found Cape Coral Tech and decided to move forward in Design. I came in wanting to get a "basic" design job at a "basic" advertising company. I threw out that idea when I got my first client. After that I started to get more projects from new clients and, honestly, I was a little overwhelmed. With hard work and dedication I eventually started my own company and became my own boss...Even though I technically have twenty bosses telling me what to do.

Being the "CEO" is fun but also very stressful, you could call it a fun-stress. The one thing I learned from being the head of my company is to always manage your client's expectations. It's also good to have people that really know what they're doing and be good at the one thing. For Example, I am

"CEO of Hood Designs"
Graduated CCIT 2012

Adam Hood

the worst when it comes to drawing something on paper, but I hire three different guys that are amazing at it. So they draw it by hand and then I use different software to create a version that is suitable for both client and production.

A few words of advice I would give to newcomers; "You will get out what you put into it, so don't quit when it gets hard. Just keep pressing on and you'll achieve outstanding results." As for the upcoming graduates, make sure that you have a strong portfolio with various pieces. You want to show your potential client what you can do for them.



Cover Story



Diane Klump

"Stylist at CRE8"
Graduated CCIT 2013

I grew up always wanting to be a cosmetologist. My Mom never liked that idea, she always tried to push me away from it by saying things like "They don't make any money" or "That isn't a good job." I was a stay at home Mom, single, not knowing what to do with myself. I wanted meaning; I wanted to have a purpose in life. I received a scholarship for Edison College and decided to learn to be a CPA. Needless to say it was very boring and I dropped out back to my "stay-at-home" status.

It was New Year's Eve, I was at a party with some friends and I overheard my best friend's sister and her boyfriend talking about cosmetology. Just hearing those words immediately sparked my interest. I joined in on the conversation and it turned out that the boy was none other than Mrs. Harding's (the cosmetology instructor at CCIT) nephew! I talked to him about the class and just couldn't believe what I was hearing. It was almost a dream come true when he told me the low cost of the class.

The very day school was back in session I immediately went and sat down with Mr. Kovacs, the guidance counselor. Before I knew it I was a full time student at CCIT. My experience there was amazing, it is the best choice I have ever made.

My personal advice would be to not feel ridiculed by others, stand out from the rest and show them that you're confident!

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Hair Add-ons	
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Flat Iron, Curling Iron or Roller Set	(add) 5
Cut With Perm or Color	(add) 5
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Dual Color	(add) 5
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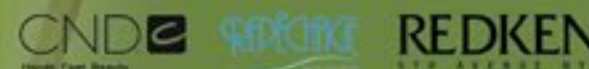


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MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

by Melody Allen

The Medical Administrative Specialist Program is a program that teaches students the skills necessary to run the front of a medical office or work in doctor offices. Course content includes but is not limited to the use of technology to develop communication skills, higher level thinking skills, decision making skills, and medical terminology. Other studies include the performance of office procedures specific to the medical environment, transcription of medical documents from machine dictation, the production of quality work in an efficient manner using advanced features of business software applications, research of job opportunities, and the production of high quality employment portfolios and job-seeking documents.

Students participate in a 10-week Work-Based Volunteer Assignment with Lee Memorial Health Systems. The students are placed at Cape Coral Hospital, Lee Memorial, and Lee Physicians Group in various departments Monday through Friday. This experience provides students with the opportunity to stimulate their career interest in medical secretarial technology. Students will also enhance and apply the instructional competencies learned in the classroom with the work-based volunteer experience. This work-based experience has been very successful for Cape Coral Tech and 90% of the Medical Administrative Specialist completers have received jobs with Lee Memorial Health System.

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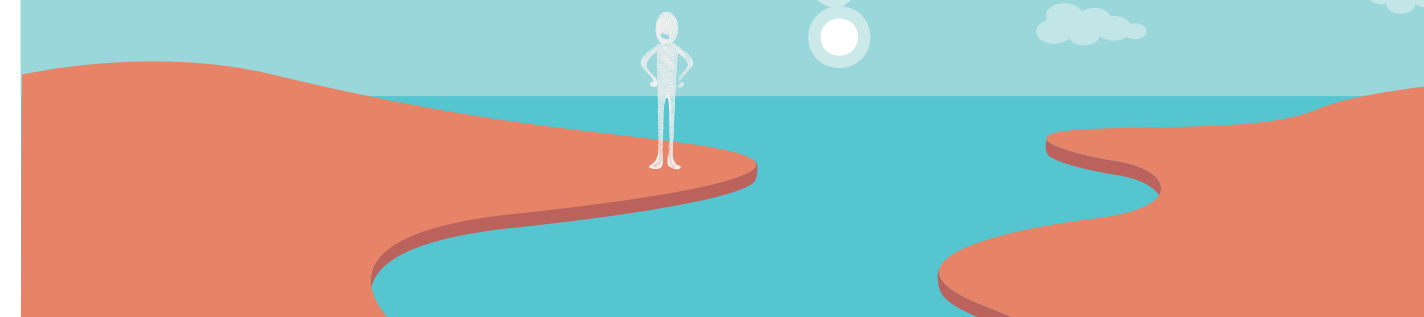
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Overcoming Obstacles to Obtain Your Goals. by L. Asa Rapuano



Let's say you're a student, or potential student, with the goal of bettering yourself at Cape Coral Tech.

Where are you going? What will you be doing tomorrow, next week or next year? Are you ready to challenge yourself?

Remember, everyone during their lifetime comes face-to-face with life's little obstacles. Obstacles that can halt you in your tracks, if you let them.

Perhaps your obstacle is that you dropped out of high school for one reason or another. Or... maybe you're in school and need to leave because of a pending birth or have some health issue. Could it be that English is your second language, and your culture is that of another country or even another hemisphere? Perhaps you're older, or even retired, and looking to obtain a marketable skill or just improve your knowledge.

Besides your obvious support of family, friends, instructors, staff and an atmosphere conducive to learning, just try looking at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself, "Yes I Can!" or as the school director Mr. Schiffer would say, "Do it Now!" Only through your determination coupled with self motivation and desire can you obtain your possible dream. Here are some life stories about overcoming obstacles and going forward to obtain an achievable goal.

Ashley is a recent graduate of one of the CCIT programs who had to leave school to give birth

and take care of her newborn son. She told her instructor she would return to finish the course. Having heard the same statements from other pregnant students before, her instructor was pleasantly surprised when she came back and not only finished the program but had a job secured at graduation. Talk about motivation! This was the instructor's first student in 18 plus years of teaching who came back and finished the course after maternity leave.

What about Mitra? Or even Casi? Both students who were born and raised overseas having English as a second language and coming to the United States from a different culture. Mitra just finished her course of study in record time, has graduated and is entering the job market. Casi is coming along very well in her chosen field and is an outstanding student. How's that for determination?

Next is the story of Len. Len is retired with too much free time on his hands. Having little knowledge of computers; or as he puts it, "I'm in the break-down lane, on the on-ramp to the information highway." Wanting to arrive on that information highway, and determined not to let age stop him, he enrolled in Digital Design to continue his education to obtain additional skills and knowledge. He proves that age should never be a barrier to a person improving themselves.

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"Do it Now"
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AWARDS



ADDYS by *Cassandra Fuentes*

Within the Digital Design Program of Cape Coral Tech there is an illustrious award that students compete for with schools and professionals from all over. This award is called an Addy. This competition was founded in 1960, which was adopted by the American Advertising Federation, as a non-profit industry association as a national competition in 1968. The competition has three levels of judging; local, regional, and national. Gold and Silver Addy's are awarded to winning professional and student entry pieces.

The Digital Design program at Cape Coral Tech won 5 American Advertising Awards (Addy's) on February 26, 2015 at the Addy Awards in an "Maddy Men" themed ceremony at the Devyn in Sarasota. 4 different students won a total of 1 Gold and 4 Silvers. The proud instructor of these Digital Design Program students is Kevin Hawk.

The Digital Design Program students that won the prestigious Addy's are Bayardo Martinez, Bethany Burhoe, Ashley Pardo, and Becca Merritt. All award winners will move on to compete in the 4th District competition, then possibly to the national competition.

Bayardo Martinez led the group with a Gold Addy for his package design. Bethany Burhoe won 2 silvers for copywriting and book design. Ashley Pardo won a Silver for her direct mail piece. Becca Merritt won silver for her South Florida Museum advertising campaign.

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Alexandria Welling - Bronze Medal - Cosmetology
Haley Capobianco - Silver Medal - H.S. Cosmetology
Samuel Rieger - Bronze Medal - Culinary Arts

For more information about Skills USA check out their website at:
<http://skillsusa.org/>

HOSA by *Fiona Ayers*

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), hosts a competition every year for students in the medical field.

Medical students compete in various competitions and events and are awarded for demonstrations in caring for patients, reaction speeds and their professionalism in emergency situations. HOSA

& CERTIFICATIONS



covers most job areas in the medical field.

Students attending Cape Coral Tech learn the abilities needed for competing in this national competition, whether it be in a group or on their own. In our medical programs, students have the possibility of competing in this competition.

This year five of our students showed off the skills that they learned at Cape Coral Tech. Rodger Buckle won a gold medal in the field of Epidemiology, Christing Burns earned a silver medal in Medical Math, Erin Swanson secured a gold in Medical Terminology, Roodline Oreste received a gold medal in Clinical Nursing and last, but not least, Nathaly Acebedo acquired a gold in the field of Nursing Assistant.

Cape Coral Tech takes pride in its ability as a technical school to compete against and with students who attend large universities or colleges nationally.

For more information on HOSA, go to:
<http://www.hosa.org>

The following is a list of certifications that can be earned in each of our courses. Along with these certifications students earn a certificate of completion for their course.

by Fiona Ayers

Accounting Operations:
 Microsoft Certified Application Specialist in:
 Word
 Excel
 PowerPoint
 Outlook
 Intuit QuickBooks Certified User

Business Management & Analysis:
 Microsoft Certified Application Specialist in:
 Word
 Excel
 PowerPoint
 Outlook

Medical Coder/Biller:
 American Academy of Professional Coders
 Applied Technology Diploma
 Eligible for the Certified Professional Coders, (CPC), examination.

Pharmacy Technician:
 COE accredited
 Eligible to register for licensure with the Florida State Board of Pharmacy. Students are prepared to sit for a national examination.

Practical Nursing - PN:
 Our PN Program has been approved by the Florida Board of Nursing. Eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN), it is required for licensure in the state of Florida.

Surgical Technology:
 Graduates eligible for the Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) Exam.

Computer Systems & Information Technology:
 Eligible for the CompTIA A+ certification exams
 Microsoft Office Specialist

Cosmetology:
 Eligible for the Florida Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam.

Electronic Technology:
 Electronics CET (Certified Electronics Technician)
 MECP (Mobile Electronics Certified Professional)
 Eligible to take the Prometric Florida Certified Nursing Assistant State Exam. This certification is required for jobs working as a CNA, (Certified Nursing Assistants).

Certificates in:
 Health Science CORE
 Articulated Nursing Assistant
 Advanced Home Health Aide
 Patient Care Assistant

Commercial Foods and Culinary & Arts:
 SERVE SAFE
 Florida Food Service Manager Training
 ACF Certified Culinarian

Digital Design:
 COE accredited
 Certification in Digital Design
 Software certifications available in

InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and Dreamweaver

Network Support Services (CISCO):
 CCENT 1 (Cisco Certified Entry Network Technician)
 CCENT 2
 CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate)
 - A combination of CCENT 1 and CCENT 2 exams equals the Cisco CCNA Certification

Web Development Services:
 Adobe Dreamweaver Certified Expert - (recommended)
 Adobe Flash and Photoshop Expert
 Certifications are also available.
 Adobe Certified Associate: Dreamweaver, Photoshop and Flash - (required)
 CIW Certification - (one of the following is required)
 CIW Web Design Specialist
 CIW E-Commerce Specialist
 CIW JavaScript Specialist
 CIW Foundations Certification available
 Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications available

Web Application Development & Programming:
 CIW JavaScript Specialist Certification
 Zend PHP Certification
 Oracle Certified Associate MySQL
 Microsoft Office Specialist and Adobe Certifications available

Medical Administrative Specialist:
 Certifications are optional - Microsoft Office and Certified Medical Administrative Specialist

Notes & News

by L. Asa Rapuano

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Advisory committees are a big part of the programs at CCT

IMPROVE & EXPAND

by DeShawn McCrackin

Advisory Committees

Cape Coral Tech students aren't the only ones getting special treatment from their school. Teachers select their own Advisory Committees that keeps the teachers up-to-date with current technology. This allows for all teachers on campus to provide the best education opportunities to the students. This also enhances every students chance at job placement and success. The teachers and the advisory committee meet twice per year to discuss their programs.

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

-From Medical Administrative Specialist instructor, Melody Allen

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Cape Coral Tech is not only a great school for students, staff and newcomers, but also high school students that sign up for Lee County's Dual Enrollment program. Those students take career courses while also earning high school credit toward graduation. Students can make an appointment at Cape Coral Tech to visit any of the 22 courses to get an up close and personal view. They can see technology being used and the skills being taught. The visiting students are encouraged to ask questions as they peek into their possible futures. Teachers give a comprehensive overview of the course content and opportunity that awaits.

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A STRONG FINISH AND A NEW START

Mr. Schiffer Retires
by DeShawn McCrackin

Every good school has a great foundation, but when that foundation is made up of a great staff, then your chance of success greatly increases. I have walked the halls of the school and immediately took notice of the brick by brick relationships that bonds teachers and students to their learning curriculum. Shortly after meeting with Michael Schiffer, the Director of Cape Coral Tech for the last 17 years, we began our interview. Coming from California to Florida with a background as a former Technical School student, Mr. Schiffer never imagined he would end up as the Director of such an honorable school. He knew he would end up somewhere in education because he too appreciated the low cost and high value that is available at a technical school. Five years after the opening of Cape Coral Tech, Mr. Schiffer, who loves traveling with his lovely wife and racing cars in his spare time, found himself in the head position of a Cape Coral technical center founded by Dr. James Adams.

One of Mr. Schiffer's first jobs was to make and keep Cape Coral Tech as relevant as the locally surrounding big name colleges. With the same passion that drove his ambition to succeed, he began knocking down barriers and carving through obstacles that students and teachers face. He fought long and hard for the rights, funding and state support that the students deserved. When I

asked Mr. Schiffer how he was able to continue doing so much being only one man he immediately pointed out his strength and support system, his staff. For every bit of credit that was given to him, he was graciously handing it over to his team just as fast as it was given.

With big name schools getting most of the public attention, Mr. Schiffer did not steer away from a challenge, but carefully guided Cape Coral Tech toward giving the students better technology and a more advanced education and career opportunities for tomorrow.

A quick glance around his office and I noticed pictures of his beautiful family and understood the relationship that he shares not only with the staff, but with the students as if they were all one big family. We discussed all he and his staff of teachers and colleagues have collectively done for Cape Coral Tech and all of the students. I then realized what Mr. Schiffer has done and committed to Cape Coral Tech for 17 years. The fact that he retired two years after his wife demonstrates what he has given Cape Coral Tech and all the staff and students since day one, all he had. His favorite quote was one of which his father would always say, which was "Do It Now" and you can see he is proof that his father was right. Thank you Mr. Schiffer and we all wish you peace and continued success.