

February is National Career and Technical Education month. We are excited to share with students, parents and businesses our role as a skills center in the Yakima Valley. YV-TECH was created to meet the needs of the community combining resources of fifteen school districts to help students reach their career goals. We play a significant role in our student's education by preparing young people with leadership, academic, and industry-defined skills to successfully enter the job market or advanced education and training. The programs provide an opportunity for non-graduated or GED students between the ages of 16 and 20 or in grades 11 or 12 to receive job training as part of the public educational system at no cost to the student. During the school year, students can earn up to three elective high school credits, earn TECH PREP college credits, and participate in internships which provide students with work-site learning and practical experience in their field of interest.

## New State-funded Building - New Location

### YV-TECH is expanding!

Our new state-of-art technical facility will be located just off South 18th Street near the Washington State Fairgrounds. This ten acre, 92,000 square foot building will offer career and technical education classes in health care, computer technology, carpentry, aviation technology, culinary arts and more.

The new expansion is large enough to serve 500 students in the morning and afternoon. YV-TECH serves students from East Valley, Grandview, Granger, Highland, Mt. Adams, Mabton, Naches, Prosser, Selah, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Wapato, West Valley, Yakima (host district), and Zillah School Districts. Groundbreaking on our new facility will take place this summer.



Shown is the architects rendering of the new 92,000 square foot YV-TECH facility. Groundbreaking will take place this summer.

## Here's what our students, former students and local businesses have to say:

"I feel like I have a head start and a stronger advantage over the students, having done a lot of the same projects from the Fashion Marketing class." *Isaiah Garza FIDM student*

"At YV-TECH the student is offered exposure to the work force through internships and has the opportunity to have 'real life' experiences. This provides insight to career choices for the student. Secondly, employers benefit by having applicants who are informed as well as truly interested in job positions." *Cathie L. Pangrazi, Client Services Children's Village*

"When I got the opportunity to intern, I was nervous that I would not be up to par but I soon found out that Mrs. Lindberg and YV-TECH gave me skills and knowledge that employers found very valuable." *Tasha M. Poeggel, LARSON BERG & PERKINS PLLC Legal Secretary to James A. Perkins*

"I never imagined my home school had a program that allowed me to get my hands on live aircraft every day. Most of the students in the class are seniors, and like me, I am sure they would have been in here a lot sooner had they known about it." *Stephen Conroy, Student - Aviation Technology*

"...The class opened many doors for me, I got my first job in TV at KNDO while I was still a senior in high school. Now I am a news photographer at KCRA-TV the NBC station in Sacramento California. I have covered many stories from the Scott Peterson trial to Southern California wildfires, to hurricane Rita. I am glad that there was a class like this to give me a head start in this career." *Jason Knight -Former TV/Video Productions Student*

"I attended the Graphic Communications program from 1987 - 1989. With the skills I learned, I have been employed in the Printing Industry for almost 20 years. If it was not for the Skills Center, I am not sure what I would be doing today." *Ed Cox, Press Operator - The Print Guys, Inc.*

"Michelle has developed a wonderful program that allows each student to experience a hands-on approach to retail." *Kristi Eshleman- Buyer Fiddlesticks*

"The quality and variety of the Career Tech Education programs combined with the excellent teaching staff and students who attend YV-TECH create invaluable opportunities for local businesses." *Kit Park, Legal Assistant, Thorner, Kennedy & Gano YV-TECH Advisory Board Member*

"The YV-TECH Graphics Program played a vital role in shaping my artistic talent into a profitable and marketable skill." *Daniel Thompson, Graphic Designer The Print Guys Inc.*

"The Automotive Technology program has given me the tools to be successful in non-traditional work." *Katie Hagemann, Service Consultant - Bob Hall's Sunfair Chevrolet*

"YV-TECH'S Fashion Marketing inspired me to pursue a college degree in the fashion world. I am now living my dream as a manager for a well-known company." *Holly Trepanier - FIDM graduate*

"...The professionalism that YV-TECH stressed, offered & expected from their students, to me, was key. Professionalism is the most beneficial characteristic a new employee can possess." *Laura Edmonston Paralegal/Casemanager, Tamaki Law Offices*

"YV-TECH was one of the best choices I could ever have made as a student in the Yakima Valley. It gave me amazing access to the equipment I needed to know to fulfill my career goals, and to a staff that was both knowledgeable and wonderfully supportive. The school gives every student a definite edge out in the working world." *Andrew Estes, Lead AV Editor, Product Development, Nintendo of America*

*Local levies are key to student success.*

## Local Industry and YV-TECH

YV-TECH partners with several contracted agencies to provide educational opportunities and training for its students. The City of Yakima provides a Firefighter Cadet Training Program, Carpenters/ Employees Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund of Western Washington provides a Carpentry Training program, Perry Technical Institute provides an instructor for our Electronics/Computer Technology program, Cosmetology program providers are Professional Beauty School in Yakima and Sunnyside, Sakie International in Yakima, and Sunnyside Beauty Academy. YVCC houses our Automotive Technology program as well as providing TECH PREP credits in ten of our programs. Our educators work closely with local industries who serve on our various program advisories to help design and deliver programs that are tailored to meet their specific needs as well as provide and help find internship opportunities for the students.

*"I believe every student has the ability and potential within them to pursue their personal and professional goals beyond high school; they need encouragement, desire and attitude to reach those goals. If they can provide the desire and attitude, we can provide them the knowledge and skills."*

*Mike Sutton, Aviation Instructor.*