



Central Nine Welcomes A New Program



Central Nine's newest program is Early Childhood Education! In this course, students address the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors associated with supporting and promoting optimal growth and development of infants and children. They learn the principles of childhood development, how to create a safe and healthful environment and how to guide children and their learning experiences. "We are beyond excited to have Early Childhood Education as our latest program addition. Mrs. Lunsford is doing an amazing job providing opportunities for students to learn and practice in the field," says Mike Quaranta, Assistant Director.

Madison Foster from Franklin Central says, "I want to work with young children or children with special needs. A child with special needs, at age ten, could have the mind of a one who is five. Learning Early Child Education helps me find new ways to help and educate them."

Students also look forward to their second semester where they have the opportunity to spend two days per week in grade school classrooms and daycares assisting teachers and interacting with children. Arian Collins from Franklin Central expressed how she hopes to one day open a daycare. "By the end of this program I'll be CPR Certified, and have knowledge on how to run my daycare!"



Instructors Become Semifinalists for Teaching Excellence Award

Steve Owen and Andrice Tucker, instructors in the Auto Service Program, were recently selected as one of the 52 semifinalists for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools 2018 Prize for Teaching Excellence making them in the top 9% of teachers/teacher teams to advance to the next round of the application and review.

Tucker, who has worked in his field for fourteen years, is in his second year of teaching at Central Nine. “In our program, the main thing I like to preach is that we don’t just teach them our trade, we teach them employable skills as well. We teach them how to be good people in the workforce and how to work well with others,” says Tucker.

With twenty-eight years of industry experience, Owen is in his fifth year of teaching at Central Nine with additional experience as an Adjunct Instructor with Ivy Tech for 13 years. When asked about what makes their program so unique, Owen added, “We teach (our students) a lot of life skills. One of our goals is to prepare the students for one of two things. Either to go right into the workforce after they leave here, or we’re preparing them for something post-secondary - going into a college for example. We teach them more than just working on cars. We’re going to try to train them the best that we can to be better human beings and to be a good employee or student.”



Automotive’s Canned Food Drive

This year the Automotive Service program spent their October raising donations for Second Helpings! Thanks to this programs initiatives, students and faculty had the opportunity to dress in their Halloween best in exchange for a donation to this drive. By Halloween, the program had collected 700 canned goods, 44 big boxes of cereal, ramen, and cake mix, plus over 200 additional items such as mac and cheese, jelly, and other boxed items. They also collected 105 bottles of water for a total of over 1000 items. In addition, they collected \$150 in monetary donations.

To The Nines

Central Nine students have the unique opportunity to take culinary arts to the next level by running the campus restaurant, To The Nines! In the Culinary Arts Program, students learn not only how to cook and serve delicious dishes, but how to manage and run a successful business in the food industry. Levi Rhyne from Center Grove, was selected as one of the To The Nines managers earlier this year and was able to take what he learned at Central Nine and apply it to his current job. As the restaurant manager, Rhyne said, “It was cool seeing the difference between an actual job and managing someone here (in a learning environment) because I was able to take everything that I was taught and use it where I actually work”.

In addition to learning new recipes, cooking techniques, and overall restaurant management, students also learn how to manage the “Front of the House” where they learn how to host restaurant guests, serve food properly, and handle money, as well as how to create a fine dining experience. “Our culinary students are receiving real world experience and a thorough introduction to running a restaurant,” says Chef Mendenhall.

To The Nines opens its doors to the public on most Friday’s from 12:00pm to 1:45pm, alternating between a buffet menu and a prix fixe menu. Buffet Friday’s are themed events that cost \$7.99 and prix fixe meal days are a \$10.99, which includes a four course plated meal complete with table service. These events not only enable the students to learn how to serve in a fine restaurant, but it also provides them with hands-on opportunities to practice their line cook skills. Every customer that visits To The Nines helps Central Nine students increase their knowledge of the Culinary and Hospitality field!

Call 317-888-4401 ext 305 today to book your reservation.



Construction Trades Builds A House

Every year, students in the construction trades program split their time between classroom and laboratory experiences by building a house in the community that is later sold to the public. This semester, students are currently in their second year of building Central Nine's two-story home and are starting plans for their next one! The current house is 3,000 square feet, has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a spacious garage, a huge backyard, and is approximately 10 minutes from Central Nine's campus!

Frank Wormann, the Construction Trades instructor, says "For a young kid to have the opportunity to actually work on a house and see it from start to finish over two years and get to see the final product, is something that they can be proud of for years to come!" At Central Nine, it's not building walls in a shop, it's actually being out on a job site, becoming OSHA 10 hour construction certified, and being able to learn skills years beyond their age. "It's amazing that these kids have the opportunity to be part of this project. Because of this program they have a lot more opportunities than most students their age and it's a big advantage. Most (students) don't get to go to the job site until their junior year in college," says Wormann. Brandon Fritz from Center Grove High School says that the most valuable lesson he's learned at the job site is working with others. "If you really like working with your hands, then definitely enroll in this program," says Fritz.

Central Nine's HVAC and Landscaping programs also make contributions to the project. Recently the HVAC program spent two months on the job site and just finished installing all of the houses ductwork! In the spring, the Landscaping program will put the finishing touches on the house by building a patio and adding all the garden features.

Special thanks to local contributors: Pyatt Construction, for donating the blueprints for this project. Earl Gray and Sons Plumbing, for materials, labor, and for their hands-on training experiences with students. Kevin Hommel Electric, for wiring the house, and for their hands-on training experiences with students. Southport Home Depot, for working with this program throughout the two year project, and meeting class needs in regard to deliveries and competitive pricing. Chris Aspach with Distinctive Kitchen and Bath, for donating custom cabinetry, quartz countertops, and bathroom vanities.



A Letter From The Director



“Dear Potential Student, Parent, or Community Partner:

I am enthused that you are taking the time to explore Central Nine Career Center and the many paths to success that we provide. Central Nine is one of our region’s best kept secrets, but we don’t want to keep it a secret! We focus on helping students find their passions through Career & Technical Education (CTE) coursework. We offer a vast array of programs that prepare students to be successful in their future careers. Students go down multiple paths to those careers, whether it is through post-secondary degrees or credentials, certifications, trade associations, the military, or by entering directly into the workforce. Many of our students earn dual credits, certifications, and gain industry experience while still in high school. Our programs are top-notch thanks to the experience of our instructors. In order to teach a CTE Program, teachers are required to have experience in their industry. Our teachers bring an average of 24 years of experience in their respective fields, as well as an average of 13 years in education. Our students, because of their simulated work experiences, are also learning core life and soft skills in the form of our IMPACT Character Traits (Integrity, Motivation, Professionalism, Adaptability, Communication, Teamwork). By allowing students to explore their passion, and giving them path to get there, Central Nine is making an IMPACT for a Brighter Future!”

Important Dates

- December 6th, - Open House for Prospective Students.
- January 3rd - Classes resume from Christmas break.
- January 21st - Central Nine Closed, (MLK Day).
- January 29th - Spring Boot Camp’s (BGHS/SPHS).
- January 31st - Open House for Prospective Students.
- February 8th - SkillsUSA Contest.
- February 13th - Mock interviews for WEC students.
- February 15th - INTMA Contest.
- February 18th - Central Nine Closed, (Pres. Day).
- March 5th - Career Day.
- March 14th - Governing Board Banquet.
- March 18th-April 1st - Spring Break.
- May 9th - Awards Day.

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Central Nine at a Glance

Central Nine Career Center is dedicated to providing its local high school students with life changing educational experiences that prepare them for high school Graduation Pathways and lead them to the workforce and college as informed, innovative, and professional citizens with career goals.

As a community leader, Central Nine is renowned for nurturing student potential by providing high school students with an affordable higher level of education and has been repeatedly recognized for its efforts in building up the workforce of trained and distinguished young people. Central Nine is proud of its dedication to high quality career and technical education (CTE) programs and is enhanced by utilizing collegiate partnerships, providing the best college and career value in education. Most of Central Nine’s 28 dynamic professional programs offer college dual credit and/or certifications that advance students education and career possibilities.

Central Nine’s top priority is to empower students to meet their Graduation Pathways while also guiding them toward a career in an unique and innovative classroom environment. After enrolling through one of Central Nine’s partner schools, students attend their selected course during either the am or pm session every weekday.



Franklin Community and Center Grove Visit Campus

This past semester, two of Central Nine’s partner schools, Franklin Community and Center Grove High School, were invited to participate in this year’s Boot Camp program! Faculty members from these partner schools spent time exploring Central Nine’s campus with their students and saw first hand how intensive their programs are.

Upcoming Boot Camp’s:

January 29th - Beech Grove and Southport High Schools



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