

December 2019

SHESC Messenger

Spring Brings Four New Workshops

It may be winter, but now is a great time to consider four brand-new workshops.

Starting in February 2020, make sure to register for “Robotics” and “Coding Made Simple” - led by Pam Kraus, CTE Coordinator and STEM Consultant. Gain skills, lesson inspiration and resources to incorporate Career and Technical Education in the classroom. Student interest in STEM fields is a great way to maintain engagement!

Then join John Girodat, SHESC Consultant, for “Student Success Skills” on February 14 and “Proactive Classroom Management” on April 6.

“Student Success Skills” focuses on helping teachers and administrators develop a school-wide effort to address student success beyond academic measures. “Proactive Classroom Management” helps teachers avoid resorting to disciplining students, which represents a failure of management. Focus energy on teaching rather than discipline!



Spring 2020 New Classes

Coding Made Simple	Robotics
February 11 (Salina)	March 24 (Salina)
February 13 (Hays)	March 26 (Hays)
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Student Success Skills	Proactive Classroom Management
February 14 (Salina)	April 6 (Salina)
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

December 2 (Salina)
LETRS Module 2: The Speech Sounds of English: Phonetics, Phonology and Phoneme Awareness

December 10 (Salina or Hays)
Tech Cadre

December 10 (Salina)
December 13 (Hays)
Cultivating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom at the Middle School/High School Level

December 12 (Salina)
Teacher Leadership - Building Capacity for Change

January 13 (Salina)
Family Engagement

January 16 (Salina)
January 21 (Hays)
Medic First Aid

January 17 (Salina)
New HGSS State Assessment

VISIT: go.smokyhill.org/workshops for more information (detailed descriptions, times and availability of college credit) and register.smokyhill.org/register to register for these events.

Visit go.smokyhill.org/workshops to register for these new workshops, and to download the full workshop brochure, listing all available classes through May 2020.

CTE Conference ‘Early Bird’ Deadline January 17

The Kansas Annual CTE Conference in Manhattan is open for registration!

Hosted by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies (KAESA), the event is the premier conference on Career and Technical Education in Kansas. The pre-conference at the Manhattan Conference Center in the Hilton Garden Inn will be February 3, 2020, with the main conference following on February 4-5.

Be sure to register by January 17, 2020, to take advantage of early bird prices - \$160 for the full conference or \$100 for a single day.

After January 17, prices increase to \$200 and \$150. Breakfast and lunch are included in the February 4 and 5 registration fee.

Visit go.smokyhill.org/CTE2020 to register and to read more details about the conference.



Health Care, Funding Top Concerns at Legislative Luncheon

Area educators brought priorities directly to state lawmakers at Smoky Hill Education Service Center's 30th annual legislative luncheon on November 14.

School funding, healthcare and statewide economic development topped the areas of concern from educational leaders, who had the opportunity to ask questions of state senators and representatives.

Chris Modellmog, SHESC Executive Director, said the event has been held every year since the service center was founded in 1990. Much has changed in education since then, but there is at least one constant – the care and concern for education from everyone in the room.

"We all value education," Modellmog said. "We all value what it can do for our state and citizens."

About 60 people attended the

luncheon. Members of the legislature present were: Katie Sawyer, district director for U.S. Rep. Roger Marshall, R-District 1; Rep. Susan Carlson, R-District 64; Rep. Bill Pannbacker, R-District 106; Sen. Randall Hardy, R-District 24; Rep. Diana Dierks, R-District 71; Rep. Stephen Owens, R-District 74; Rep. Steven Johnson, R-District 108; and Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-District 66.

After brief introductions around the room, legislators gave responses to pre-submitted questions from area educators, followed by an open Q & A. Clear themes emerged, including concerns about increasing health insurance costs, funding for special education, mental health care for students and families and economic development in Kansas.

Rep. Diana Dierks said they, as legislators, need to listen to ideas and input from educators. She went on to



say legislators need help from educators to make sure laws and policies are done at the correct pace and in the right order.

"If you're going to jump in the ocean, first you have to get your bathing suit on," she said.

"Proper teaching is recognized with ease. You can know it without fail because it awakens within you that sensation which tells you this is something you have always known."

- Frank Herbert, science fiction author of "Dune"

Volume Purchasing for Winter

Winter is here, and SHESC's volume purchasing program can have you ready for the ice and snow! Stock up on 50-pound bags of ice melt, put that snow to good use with a science experiment from Frey about metal heat conduction, or decorate for winter with supplies from School Specialty! Visit go.smokyhill.org/VP for more information about volume purchasing at SHESC.



Test Prep Classes For December ACT

An opportunity to take the ACT Test comes on December 14. Are the high school students you know ready? Visit



go.smokyhill.org/MTP for a 20% discount on Method Test Prep online courses!

Schools of Character Deadline December 6

The Kansas State Schools of Character program recognizes teachers and schools that positively influence the social, emotional and character development of their students.

Complete the application at www.character.org.

This extensive and deliberate process requires self-reflection, documentation and feedback. Share how your school is putting the 11 Principles of Effective



Character Education into practice. The best applicant or applicants advance to the national level for review as National Schools of Character. The application deadline is **December 6**. For more information, contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at nmcdonald@smokyhill.org.