“There’s an App for That”
Student Display App Prototypes at Innovation Hub

At the 4th annual Apps For Good Festival held recently in North Little Rock, students from Lake Hamilton and Dardanelle displayed their app prototypes as part of their computer science class projects. One of the Lake Hamilton apps is intended to help internet users avoid low signals, dead spots, and video buffering. Another Lake Hamilton project, the “Get Fit” app, is designed to assist users schedule and track adequate sleep, healthy eating, and physical workouts. Dardanelle's app, "Budgeting Made Easy," would enable users to build a budget, manage money better, and would also include tips on how to be more frugal in spending.

Gentry Opens Industrial Maintenance Training Center
In Partnership with McKee Foods and NWIT

In April, Gentry Public Schools, McKee Foods, and Northwest Technical Institute opened an adult education Industrial Maintenance training center on the Gentry Public Schools campus. The center will focus on Industrial Electrical, Maintenance, PLC, Pneumatic, and Hydraulic training specifically requested by local industry. High school students and faculty at Gentry Public Schools will also have access to the training. Gentry continues to work with local industry and the community to strengthen partnerships in building the workforce of the future while, at the same time, meeting the ever changing needs of industry.

Gentry Schools also offered a Medium-Heavy Duty Truck Program in partnership with McKee Foods. This program trains future technicians for the trucking industry.

The Arkansas Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators is soliciting nominations for the AACTEA Administrator of the Year. Each year, the Association recognizes an outstanding Arkansas Career and Technical Education administrator to receive this award. The nominee must be a practicing administrator with at least three years of experience and a member of AACTEA. The deadline for nominations is May 13, 2019. Click here for the nomination form.

If you have an innovative project in your schools you’d like to share for our newsletter, contact Mike Mertens, AAEA Assistant Director, at 501-372-1691 or at m.mertens@theaaea.org or Dr. Joe Rollins, President, at 479-409-7409 or joe@nwacouncil.org.
**CTE Signing Day**  
**Honoring Work-Bound Seniors**

Fayetteville HS seniors were recognized during the 1st annual CTE Signing Day in April. The 32 students who were honored are either directly entering the workforce in a CTE program, pursuing post-secondary education in a CTE field on scholarship, or entering the military to serve in a CTE area.

Fayetteville students are offered ten programs of study in CTE: Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences, Film, JAG, Medical Professions, Photography, Pre-Engineering, Sports Medicine, and Television.

**Harbor Freight Tool for Schools**  
**Cash Prizes for Teaching Excellence**

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, launched in 2017, recognizes outstanding skilled trades teachers and programs in public high schools in the United States. Like the skilled trades, the prize application and process require hard work, time, focus, and a commitment to excellence. "Tools for Schools" will award more than $1 million in cash prizes to 18 outstanding public high school trades teachers and programs. To register, visit [www.hftforschoolsprize.org](http://www.hftforschoolsprize.org). Applications close June 17.

**UA-FS Holds 2nd Annual Welding Rodeo**  
**Teaching Students about Careers in CTE Fields**

In March, UA-Fort Smith held their 2nd annual Welding Rodeo where students from western AR high schools, who are currently attending the Western Arkansas Technical Center, competed in a variety of welding-related topics. The event exposes many high school students not already in a technical program to additional educational opportunities. In addition to the welding competition, students toured the technical center, saw state-of-the-art technology, and learned about all of the accredited classes and programs available.

**Robotics Summer Camp**  
**Sponsored by UA Little Rock STEM Center**

The UA Little Rock STEM Education Center coordinates activities across the UA Little Rock campus with partners in K-12 schools and others interested in STEM. This summer, the STEM Center will be offering several VEX Robotics camps. Click [here](http://www.theaaea.org) for more information on the various camps and [here](http://www.theaaea.org) for registration information.