Congratulations to Ryan Bronaugh on being named Maxwell High School’s Student of the Year for the 2018-2019 school year! Each year Maxwell High School recognizes extraordinary students through the Student of the Year awards program. Students were first nominated by their Maxwell teacher and had to be in good standing with their course history, attendance, and discipline records. In addition, each nominee had to write an essay that answered the question, “How have Career and Technical Education courses helped you develop a career pathway?” A panel of five Maxwell faculty members completed the student-selection process by interviewing all nominees. Questions focused on each nominee’s academic achievement, leadership skills, character, and service to his or her school and community. Bronaugh definitely stood out from the other nominees during the interview process because he is a second-year student at Maxwell High School (he was also a nominee for Student of the Year the previous year) who will complete two Career Pathways (Maintenance and Light Repair and Welding) by graduation. He has also participated in the Maxwell Middle School Summer Camp, SkillsUSA, and the Maxwell Student Ambassador program. Bronaugh went on to compete at the county level for CTE Student of the Year in March. After graduation, Bronaugh will attend Kennesaw State University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology.
Dining in a Business Setting

Dining Etiquette is a very enjoyable and tasty part of Maxwell’s Work Ready program. All Maxwell students were expected to attend the Dining Etiquette Experience, which is one of the required workshops for Work Ready where students learn how to dine in a business setting. Students in the Maxwell Culinary Arts program, with Chef Grant and Chef Williams, did an excellent job catering and hosting this workshop. For the second year, Chef Grant and Chef Williams invited members of Maxwell’s Advisory Committees; this included members from the Gwinnett County Public Schools central office and various businesses that support Maxwell programs and students. These individuals dined with the students and made the dining workshop a truly authentic experience! Students had a good time dining and focusing on what it means to dine in a business setting.

Career & College Fair 2019

Maxwell counselors, Dr. LaVonna Groce and Mrs. Emily Latone, organized a Career and College Fair with over 30 companies, apprenticeships, and colleges represented. All Maxwell students attended the fair, many of whom were able to apply at local companies and with colleges. Students were able to receive information on job openings, apprenticeships, and college options. In addition, three former Maxwell students came to the fair to represent their current employers and discuss job opportunities with Maxwell students. We are so proud of our former Maxwell students and felt honored to have them back to offer great opportunities to current Maxwell students.
Dear Maxwell supporter,

The end of another school year is upon us. The school year has swiftly passed but has afforded us the time to celebrate, recognize, reflect, and turn the light out on a fantastic school year. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students and staff for a job well done. We had great success with our student organizations, HOSA and SkillsUSA. In addition, our Work Ready advisement program provided students the opportunity to experience real-life activities that prepare them for college, work, and life. We held a Work Ready dining etiquette banquet, which was the culminating event for our Work Ready program. Our counselors also hosted a successful College and Career Fair. We feature Ryan Bronaugh, our Student of the Year, and Dr. LaVonna Groce, the Gwinnett County High School Counselor of the Year. Our Culinary Arts program celebrated many successes, including Chef Amanda Williams being named ProStart Teacher of the Year. Maxwell's Programming class held a successful Pro-panel, and two of our Cosmetology students received competition scholarships. Please take a few moments to read about our Auto Services Hot Rodders of Tomorrow team. Also, one of our Law Enforcement alumna received a special award. We look forward to June as we host middle school summer camp, a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our programs to potential future students. I wish nothing but success for our students and hope everyone has a relaxing and restful summer. As always, please know our doors are open to you and thank you for your support. Go Navigators!

Contestants Receive Sponsorship

From left to right: Brenda Aguirre, Ms. Christine Hinton, Director of Admissions; Dr. Jeff Hall, Maxwell principal; Eniola Bada; and Mrs. Janice Loyd, Cosmetology instructor.

Cosmetology student, Eniola Bada, won 1st Place in the Nail Care competition this past March at the SkillsUSA Georgia Championships. Along with her Nail Care model, Brenda Aguirre, she will now advance to compete this June at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. To help offset costs of the trip, including air fare, hotel, food, and other fees, cosmetology instructor, Mrs. Janice Loyd, contacted her Advisory Committee members asking for help. Keune Academy answered the call by donating $500! Ms. Christine Hinton, Director of Admissions for Keune Academy, made a special presentation during class and presented Eniola and Brenda with a $500 check. Both students were extremely grateful for Keune Academy's generosity and hope to bring home the gold from Nationals!
SkillsUSA State Championships

SkillsUSA Georgia held its annual State Leadership and Skills Conference March 21-23 at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta. Sixty-three students from Maxwell High School of Technology competed at the State Championships. Maxwell contestants brought home ten gold medals, eleven silver medals, and eight bronze medals. The State Championships allow students to showcase the leadership and skills training they have obtained during the school year. First Place State winners advance to the National Championships, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 24-28. Congratulations to Maxwell’s medalists and good luck to the 1st Place winners competing at the National Championships in June!

2019 State Contestants

Action Skills - Ayani Robinson
Architectural Drafting Display - Noe Batista
Architectural Drafting Display - Melanie Nin
Architectural Drafting Display - An Nguyen
Automotive Brakes - Diego Maldonado
Automotive Electronics/Ignition - Henry Ortiz
Automotive Refinishing Technology - Luis Melendez
Automotive Service Technology - Colby Sells
Career Pathways Showcase: Architecture & Construction - Juan Gutierrez
Career Pathways Showcase: Architecture & Construction - Kiyani Ottley
Career Pathways Showcase: Architecture & Construction - Edwin Romero
Career Pathways Showcase: Law, Public Safety, & Security - Paola Duran
Career Pathways Showcase: Law, Public Safety, & Security - Agazeet Haile
Career Pathways Showcase: Law, Public Safety, & Security - Michael Gray
CNC Milling Specialist- Gabriel Salinas
Collision Repair Technology - Victor Salcedo
Computer Programming - T’Yanna McCoy
Construction Blue Print Reading - Daniel Rouse
Construction Math - Larson Field
Cosmetology - Anayansi Romero
Cosmetology Hair Design Display - Fernando Collado
Cosmetology Hair Design Display - Mindy Gomez
Cosmetology Hair Design Display - Esmeralda Rosas
Cosmetology Nail Design Display - Lilliana Davis
Cosmetology Nail Design Display - Tamera Jeffery
Cosmetology Nail Design Display - Kyndall Webb
Criminal Justice - Dylan Ramers
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl - Adriana Alvarez
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl - Bianca Espinal
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl - A’Driana Moreland
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl - Gabriela Reyes Garcia
Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl - Oshmanzi Zinzu

Electrical Construction Wiring - Ashleigh Boulin
Esthetics - Brenda Montero
Esthetics Model - Kelly Chang
Esthetics Display - Katherine Noriega
Esthetics Display - Jasmine Reyes
Esthetics Display - Kamara Rochet
Firefighting - Noah Shaw
Flight Operations - Ezelious Adams
Flight Operations - Joseph Hymes
Flight Operations - Dillon Pinkerton
HVACR - Manuel Torres
Medical Assisting - Jasmine Mayorga
Metal Working Display - Ryan Bronaugh
Metal Working Display - James Eaton
Metal Working Display - Pablo Hernandez
Nail Care - Eniola Bada
Nail Care Model - Brenda Aguirre
Plumbing - Anthony Mulkey
Power Equipment Technology - Chase Harris
Practical Nursing - Audrey Quenneh
Promotional Graphics - Ariel Walters
Related Technical Math - Dony George Varghese
SkillsUSA Georgia Brochure - Daniel Lopez
Web Design - Daniela Alcala Lozada
Web Design - Jarvis Dickerson
Welding - Aidan Davis
Welding Fabrication - Maddie Contreras
Welding Fabrication - Anis Karahmetovic
Welding Fabrication - Scott Tumillo
Welding Fabrication - Athaneus Clark
Welding Sculpture - Courtney Todd
HOSA Competes at State Competition

Fifteen Healthcare students participated in this year’s HOSA State Conference/Competition in Atlanta. They competed in the following events: Extemporaneous Health Poster, Health Career Display, Health Education, Job Seeking Skills, Medical Math, Medical Spelling, Medical Terminology, Persuasive Writing & Speaking, and Prepared Speaking. Nelson Lugo-Carrasco finished 8th in Medical Math, and Diyoranhon Rakhimova finished 10th in Medical Spelling.

Healthcare Visits the Mercedes Benz Stadium

Ms. Compton’s Sports Medicine classes went on a field trip to the Mercedes Benz: Sports Medicine Facilities and the Bodies Exhibit. They also completed a spine boarding class with and without football equipment.

Students Learn about Apprenticeships

In addition, one of Maxwell’s former students, Nina Solvalu, discussed her experiences in an apprenticeship with YearUp. YearUp is an IT apprenticeship that students have to apply to be in while attending college at Atlanta Technical College. Solvalu stated that this apprenticeship helped her find employment with a good company and paid all of her college tuition (for more information, go to YearUp.org or contact Corey Johnson at CJohnson01@yearup.org). Maxwell counselors taped her interview so that all Maxwell students were able to view her interview at the end of the Work Ready session. This very informative session now has many Maxwell students looking into apprenticeships as a career opportunity.
Programming Hosts 2019 Pro-Panel

Maxwell’s Programming classes hosted a Pro-Panel that included professionals from pertinent areas of business to address the students this past March. Featured guests on the panel were Mr. David Bearden, Software Project Manager for NCR; Mr. Jason Grant, Senior Director of Global Leadership Development for The John Maxwell Company; Ms. Sheila Martin, Manager of Process Improvement for Ricoh; Mr. Chuck Studebaker, Dealer Sales Manager for Automotive Finance Corporation; and Mr. Todd Willis, Web Specialist - Public Affairs for State Farm. Each guest discussed their careers and gave words of wisdom and advice about being successful in their particular fields. Career preparation, work attitudes, business relationships, decision making, and technology issues were all discussed by the panel. Questions from the students were taken during the session as well. Hearing from the group of professionals gave the students a new perspective on the tedious amount of work involved with learning how to program. Mr. Mark James, Programming instructor, looks forward to holding a Pro-Panel again with next year’s group of students.

Hot Rodders Teams Qualify for Nationals

The Maxwell Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge teams represented the school recently at two events in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. At the Atlanta event, both of the teams qualified to compete at the national level. This will take the teams to either Las Vegas or the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the next competition. Students have an amazing opportunity to gain valuable scholarships while testing their engine skills against other schools.

Culinary Makes the Grade

Maxwell’s Culinary Arts program received several awards this school year as well as achieving industry certification. Culinary Arts students, Kaitlyn Bishop and Gaelle Dorisme, were runners-up in the Georgia Department of Education’s 3rd annual Shake it Up Farm to School competition. Each student received a $10,000 scholarship to Sullivan University. These ladies developed a nutritious, student friendly recipe that included Georgia-grown produce. Their dish, En-THAI-cing Swoodles of Noodles, is a twist on the traditional Pad Thai. It included sweet potato noodles and an original Maxwell-created sauce. Maxwell’s Culinary Arts program also underwent ACF industry certification April 24th and 25th. The evaluators did not find any areas that were in non-compliance. They noted that the program at Maxwell High School is a model standout program. Certification status is exemplary and will not have to be re-evaluated for five years.

Culinary Arts instructor, Chef Amanda Williams, was named Pro-Start Educator of the Year this spring. She will be heading to Washington D.C. May 8-11th for the National Awards ceremony.
Former Student Named Civilian of the Year

Crime Scene Specialist III Brittany Barrington responded to an incident involving the death of a Gwinnett County resident. While processing the scene, she was able to recover evidence that was very important to the investigation. The evidence ultimately led the medical examiner to reclassify the death from undetermined to a homicide. This evidence and the new classification as a homicide then led to a suspect who confessed to the crime. For her tremendous effort and diligence, CSI III Brittany Barrington was awarded the Gwinnett County Police Department’s Civilian of the Year Award. The award was presented to her at the annual awards banquet on April 12th.

Ms. Barrington graduated from Collins Hill High School in 2003 and was a student in Mr. Wilson’s Law Enforcement Services class here at Maxwell. She is the longest serving advisory committee member for the Law Enforcement Services program and gives her personal time to be a guest speaker each year when the crime scene investigation unit is taught. Ms. Barrington also has served as a judge for the SkillsUSA Georgia Law Enforcement competitions. She has been employed with the Gwinnett County Police Department for 12 years as a member of the Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

GCPS Recognizes Dr. Groce

During National School Counseling Week in February, Dr. LaVonna Groce, Head Counselor at Maxwell High School of Technology, was named High School Counselor of the Year for Gwinnett County Public Schools. She was recognized for her excellent contributions as a counselor to the students not only at Maxwell but to students across the county. Dr. Groce helps equip students with the tools necessary to be successful in every aspect of life. Maxwell principal, Dr. Jeff Hall, sums up perfectly Dr. Groce’s character, “I can use many words to describe Dr. Groce, but one word says it all: Passionate. If you see her in action, you immediately know that she is not only passionate about counseling, but she is passionate about developing students to become solid members of the community. The relationships she builds with students create a collegial and respectful environment. Dr. Groce is a shining example of what a great counselor and educator should be for all students.”

Congratulations, Dr. Groce!

Pre-K Raises Money for Relay for Life

The Maxwell Pre-K faculty and student volunteers hosted the annual Pre-K fundraiser on Friday, April 26th. The Pre-K students had the opportunity to spend the night at Maxwell and raise money to help support the American Cancer Society. Students and faculty raised over $1,400 this year! Everyone had a great time at the sleepover. Way to go, Maxwell Pre-K...YOU ROCK!!