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In the News

Offshore Wind Opportunity

September 20 and 21 SMART Director, Jennifer Palestrant, spent days working with local, state and national leaders discussing the supply chain surrounding off-shore wind. Thursday, a large roundtable of leaders met to discuss the issues of workforce development for the offshore wind industry. The roundtable was sponsored by Opportunity Inc. and the Virginia State Department of Energy. The questions surrounded what skills does Virginia already have, what current skills will transition into offshore wind, and what new skills are needed.

Friday, Jennifer attended the statewide conference on offshore wind energy which was held in Norfolk. There was excellent information on the industry as a whole internationally and domestically including expected industry development pattern, how many megawatts would need to be in the water for us to start seeing job creation and what we need to do to get ready. There was an excellent crowd of industry, government and educational leaders from across the state. Virginia’s Governor Northam, a major advocate of alternative energy, was the closing speaker.

Offshore wind has tremendous potential over ten to twenty years and SMART is pleased to be on the cutting edge of those workforce development conversations. For more information, please visit Virginia Advantage.
2018 NSF ATE Principal Investigators Conference

The American Association of Community Colleges with the support of the National Science Foundation will hold the 25th National ATE Principal Investigators' Conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The conference will bring together approximately 850 people to focus on critical issues related to advanced technological education. Key people working on ATE projects across the country participate in the conference.

The SMART Team will be attending the conference. In addition to the scheduled conference events, SMART will be conducting a Summer Camps to Career Pathways Panel Presentation, a Demonstration Session on Incorporating Industry Awareness into STEM Curriculum and a Breakfast Roundtable on Dual Enrollment Pathways.

For more information click here.

Maritime Education Focus Group

This September SMART Director, Jennifer Palestrant, was pleased to partner with Anne Arundel Community College to host a focus group on maritime education. Over the course of two days, teachers, high school administrators, port executives, and non-profit education coordinators discussed the structure of maritime education and how to develop quality programs. The group traveled to view Baltimore’s rich maritime industry at C. Steinweg Group, MITAGS, MTC Logistics, and Rukert Terminal.

Special thanks to Terryll Bailey for being our facilitator and Anne Arundel Community College for being our host.

Visit to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Jamestown-Scotland Ferry

Recently, SMART Director, Jennifer Palestrant, and Tidewater Community College’s Director of Maritime Diesel, Abe Arispe had a chance to take a drive through the country to visit the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry. The Ferry service which crosses the James River has a staff of 90 employees and transports 936,000 vehicles annually. The ferry service started in 1925 and currently has three ferries in service, the Pocahontas, Surry, and Williamsburg running in rotation. The ferry, Virginia, built in 1936 was recently retired and will be replaced by the brand new ferry, Powhatan, in early 2019.

The employees of the Ferry service require United States Coast Guard credentials and specialized training as part of their employment. SMART and TCC are pleased to partner with the
Ferry and VDOT to ensure that all their employees have the most cutting-edge training available.

For more information on the Ferry, visit VDOT.

Reminders

Don't forget to follow us on social media! You can find the links to our social media pages by clicking on the widgets below as well as on our website.

As always, you can also search for us on each platform!

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. As a reminder our office will be closed on the following dates:

**Thanksgiving:** Wednesday, 11/21/18 (12 Noon), Thursday and Friday, 11/22/18 - 11/23/18

**Christmas & New Year's:** Wednesday, 12/19/18 - Thursday, 1/3/19

Spotlight: 2019 Maritime Education Conference

Save The Date: June 10-11, 2019

All Hands on Deck!

Please join us for the 2019 Maritime Education Conference in Norfolk, VA on June 10-11, 2019 as we build on our experiences from Shared Quarters.
Showcase: Maritime and Logistics Career Exploration Day

How many cans of Coca-Cola do you load on to a non-stop Southwest flight from Baltimore to LA? It may seem like an insignificant question, but when every ounce counts at 30,000 feet, it’s not.

SMART had the pleasure of sponsoring 100 middle school and high school students and their parents from Anne Arundel County, Maryland for a Maritime and Logistics career exploration day.

We loaded up two school buses and headed out to Baltimore-Washington International Airport where the group met the Airport Director and had presentations by a number of different companies who help keep the airport running. Next stop was the Southwest Airlines catering warehouse and their cargo terminal with a great demonstration by the Airport’s K-9 unit. We had a great lunch visit at Anne Arundel Community College and a demonstration of their drone program.

Our final stop of the day was an extensive windshield tour of the Port of Baltimore. Parents and students returned home filled with new career ideas and a new appreciation for all the different types of job opportunities that the area had to offer.

Our thanks to Anne Arundel Community College for putting the day together!

Come Aboard!

To learn how your school, company or organization can partner with the SMART Center in expanding career awareness and pathways for the maritime and transportation industry please contact:

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