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TO: Parents/Guardians -- Alachua County Public Schools

From: William McElroy, Career & Technical Education Director

RE: Return on Investment Letter-Parent Notification

Florida Law now requires school districts to notify the parent of a student earning an industry certification that articulates for postsecondary credits of estimated cost savings in terms of tuition and fees associated with post-secondary credits. Students and parents must also be informed of all industry certifications available to the student.

Students attending Alachua District Schools are afforded the opportunity to earn the following recognized industry certifications:

Certification	School
Autodesk Certified User – AutoCAD	Buchholz
Adobe Dreamweaver	Gainesville, Bishop, Oak View
Adobe Flash	Gainesville, Lofton, Bishop, Oak View
Adobe InDesign	Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Lofton, Newberry, Santa Fe, Bishop, Oak View
Adobe Illustrator	Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Lofton, Newberry, Santa Fe, Bishop, Oak View
Adobe Photoshop	Buchholz, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Lofton, Newberry, Santa Fe, Bishop, Oak View
Certified Nursing Assistant	Gainesville
Agritechnology Certification	Santa Fe, Newberry
Certified Food Protection (ServSafe)	Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville, Newberry
National ProStart Certificate	Eastside
Microsoft Office Specialist	Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville, Lofton, Newberry, Santa Fe, Bishop, Oak View, Lincoln, Westwood
Microsoft HTML5 Application Developer	Lofton
Quickbooks Certified User	Buchholz
Emergency Medical Responder	Lofton
Auto Maintenance and Light Repair (G1)	Lofton
Biotechnician Assistant	Santa Fe
Certified Veterinary Assistant	Santa Fe
Animal Science Certification	Newberry, Santa Fe
Agricultural Communications Certification	Santa Fe
Small UAS Safety Certification	Santa Fe

Students who earn a recognized industry certification become eligible for the Merit Designation on their high school transcript upon graduation. Students who remain in a Career and Technical (CTE) program of study and earn a minimum of three high school credits in that CTE program will have successfully completed one requirement associated with Florida's Bright Future Gold Seal Scholarship. Students who earn a recognized industry certification and wish to continue with postsecondary education are eligible to receive articulated credit for successful completion of high school coursework as prescribed in Florida's State-wide Articulation Agreements found on the Florida Department of Education's web page: <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-technical-edu-agreements/index.shtml>

Students earning an industry certification with a state-wide articulation agreement shall be eligible to receive the cost savings shown in the table below. In order to receive the associated cost savings and the established articulation credit, a student shall be enrolled in the associated AS Program of Articulation that is offered at a Florida postsecondary institution. Additionally, students earning a recognized industry certification may earn locally generated articulation credit within a postsecondary CTE pathway.

Certification	As Program of Articulation	Articulated Credit	Average Tuition & Fees per Credit Hour	State College Savings
Autodesk Certified User-AutoCAD	Architectural Design & Construction Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Autodesk Certified User – AutoCAD	Drafting & Design Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) – Dreamweaver	Internet Services Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) – Flash	Internet Services Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Biotechnician Assistant	Biotechnology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Bitechnician Assistant	Biotechnology Laboratory Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Agrotechnology Certification	Agricultural Production Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Quickbooks Certified User	Accounting Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Bundle	Office Administration	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) – HTML5 Application Developer Fundamentals	Internet Services Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
ASE Auto Maintenance and Light Repair (G1)	Automotive Service Management Technology	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
National ProStart Certificate of Achievement	Culinary Management	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Certified Food Protection Manager (ServSafe)	Culinary Management	3	\$106.77	\$320.31
Certified Food Protection Manager (ServSafe)	Restaurant Management	3	\$106.77	\$320.31

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