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SUBJECT: HHS Students Earn Microsoft Office Certification
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HICKORY... Throughout the 2011 fall semester at Hickory High School, students enrolled in the Microsoft IT Academy course were provided the opportunity to take the Microsoft Office Specialist Certification exams. Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) is the credential required by academic circles and the business world, recognized globally as the premier certification chosen by individuals seeking to validate their knowledge, skills and abilities relating to the Microsoft Office systems.

In the academic setting, MOS promotes success in the classroom for students and instructors, and prepares students for an increasingly competitive workforce. Likewise, in business, MOS offers employees the opportunity to maximize office productivity and efficiency for the organization and potentially increases job satisfaction and heightens career achievement.

As part of the Career and Technical Education department curriculum at HHS, the Microsoft IT Academy course is offered as a business elective. The course is broken into two sections: one section covers Word, PowerPoint, and Publisher; and the other section covers Excel and Access.

To become certified, students must pass a rigorous, timed certification exam, developed by Microsoft. Once certified, students may be recognized as Microsoft Office Specialists in their respective area. The following HHS students recently passed their Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams in Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and/or Access:

Microsoft Access:

Darion Best
Chasity Bevins
Haley Dunlap
Emily Gibson
Kaidyn Hamilton
Kenni Harris
Luke Kessel
T'keyah McSwain
Scott Mendenhall
Carter Music
Alex Nguyen

Gabby Paspas
William Starnes
Erika Troutman

Microsoft Excel:

Ashlynn Brisben
Haley Dunlap
Emily Gibson
Kenni Harris
Terry Icard
Luke Kessel
Austin Kirby

Scott Mendenhall
Carter Music
Alex Nguyen
Gabby Paspas
William Starnes
Erika Troutman
Carter Music (*Excel Expert*)

Microsoft PowerPoint:

Jasean Abernathy
Quavis Abernathy

McKenzie Anderson
Edgar Badillo
Derek Barnes
Melissa Betancourt
Saleha Bhatti
Ethan Binns
Keyarra Bumgarner
Francisca Castro Solis
Candy Chochon
Thomas Clontz
Feliciano Cooper
Richard Cortes
Quintin Covington
Patrick Creech
Nicolien Delint
Abigail Donahue
Erin Eley
Karen Escobedo
Luke Eyanson
Amanda Fuller
Vicky Gasca
Nathan Gibbs
Yazmen Hannah
D.J. Helton
Lesley Hewitt
Rebekah Holderman
Gavin Huffman
Tessa Jackson
Rachel Kessel
Antonio Kight
Lily Killian
Alison Laughon
brayden Lee
Elena Lee
Khadijah Lewis
Rodreka Linebarger
Blake Little

Taylor Molander
Malik Moore Jr.
Caine Morrison
Caitlynn Myer
Anthony Nguyen
Alison Oberle
Eddie Olivares
Adam Paist
Deep Patel
Donte' Patterson
Logan Pennell
Kadijah Poston
Enriqueta Ramirez-
Hernandez
Christopher Roten
Douglas Rowe
Molly Ryan
Joanna Spurlin
Karla Torres
Erick Valadez
Alex West
TraNeia Whitener
Katie Wilson
Dominique Wright
Frank Wyatt III
Kevin Zhang

Microsoft Word:

McKenzie Anderson
Derek Barnes
Saleha Bhatti
Ethan Binns
Keyarra Bumgarner
Francisca Castro Solis
Thomas Clontz
Feliciano Cooper

Richard Cortes
Quintin Covington
Patrick Creech
Nicolien Delint
Daniel Dodd
Abigail Donahue
Aubrey Drake
Erin Eley
Karen Escobedo
Amanda Fuller
Vicky Gasca
Nathan Gibbs
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For more information about the Microsoft IT Academy course, visit <http://itacademy.microsoftlearning.com>, or contact Hickory High Business Teachers Josh Elder (elderjo@hickoryschools.net) or Joe Beaman (beamanjo@hickoryschools.net). For more information about Microsoft Office Certification, visit <http://www.certiport.com>.

CONGRATULATIONS to All Students!



Sitting (L to R): Ahslynn Brisben, Ro'dreka Lineberger, Karla Torres, Kenni Harris, Saleha Bhatti First Row (L to R): Molly Ryan, Lily Killian, Kadijah Lewis, Amanda Fuller, Taylor Molander, Joanna Spurlin, Haley Dunlap, Ethan Binns, Kaidyn Hamilton, Edgar Badillo Back Row (L to R): Aubrey Drake, Gabby Pasma, Keyarra Bumgarner, Scott Mendenhall, Christian Starnes, Carter Music



Front Row (L to R): T'Keyah McSwain, Francisca Castro, Alex Nguyen, Chasity Bevins, Luke Kessel 2nd Row (L to R): Logan Pennell, Karen Escobedo, Darion Best, Austin Kirby, Terry Icard 3rd Row (L to R): Erin Eley, Malik Moore, Nicolien Delint, Kadijah Poston, Yazmen Hannah, Erika Troutman Back Row (L to R): D. J. Helton, Kevin Zhang, Alex West, Jasean Abernathy, Cody Roten



Kneeling: Dominique Wright 1st Row (L to R): Elena Lee, Lesley Hewitt, Doug Rowe, Quintin Covington, Adam Paist, Donte Patterson Back Row (L to R): McKenzie Anderson, Derek Barnes, Tessa Jackson, Frank Wyatt, Erick Valadez, Antonio Kight



Sitting: Katie Wilson First Row (L to R): Enriqueta Ramirez-Hernandez, Alison Laughon, Abbey Donahue, Luke Eyanson, Anthony Nguyen 2nd Row (L to R): Flip Cooper, Caitlynn Myer, Alison Oberle, Rachel Kessel, Patrick Creech, Deep Patel, Richard Cortes 3rd Row (L to R): Rebekah Holderman, Nathan Gibbs, Thomas Clontz, Gavin Huffman, Brayden White