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Hello, Counselors - March 2014 is blowing in a few changes. As of February 1st, I have a new job! I am now the Academic Coordinator here at the OK Dept. of CareerTech. So if you have any questions concerning academics and how they relate to CTE students*, please contact me. I always enjoy hearing from you! See you at the Counselors Only Conference on March 4th. Come by and say "Hi!" *Tommi*



*CTE students includes students both at the technology centers and CTE programs in high schools, including Ag, FACS Ed, Business, Marketing, Health, Technology Engineering and CTE STEM courses.

March 4, 2014 - Counselors Only Conference – University of Central Oklahoma
Registration and agenda here: [Counselors Only Conference 2014 - Registration](#)

GUIDANCEFEST 2014 – SAVE THE DATES FOR NEXT FALL:

September 30, 2014 – Pioneer Technology Center, Ponca City
October 2, 2014 – Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Ft. Cobb
October 14, 2014 – Mid-Del Technology Center, Midwest City
October 21, 2014 – Southern Technology Center, Ardmore
October 23, 2014 – Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee



- ✿ Here's a really good article on **principals working with counselors** – from Edutopia
<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/admin-guide-to-school-counselors-kimberlee-ratliff>
- ✿ You will be hearing a lot about the **WorkKeys** exams in the next few years. Here's a great video to help you understand how helpful they are for students.
<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/education-jan-june14-skills-gap-01-22/>
- ✿ Here is a document you will find useful - developed by Tori Whitecotton, Counselor at Central Tech in Drumright, OK
Steps to Enrollment – For College Bound Students <http://www.centraltech.edu/high-school-counselor.html#stepstoenrollment>
- ✿ **Kids react to interracial Cheerios commercial**
<http://kfor.com/2014/02/05/video-kids-react-to-interracial-cheerios-commercial-very-interesting/>

[An Hour Makes a Difference](#) - from HS Counselor Week - Inside Higher Ed

For years, studies have found that first-generation college students -- those who do not have a parent with a college degree -- lag other students on a range of education achievement factors. Their grades are lower and their dropout rates are higher.

Cheating Your Way Through High School and College: The Numbers – from the CareerTech Testing Center

Academic cheating seems to be growing at an ever alarming rate. Cheating occurs at every level of education and certification and it includes students, educators, and administrators. Technology has also given cheaters new methods for cheating and, unfortunately, you can find most of these methods demonstrated on YouTube (you can find additional resources on cheating [HERE](#)).

Tips on Reducing Test Anxiety for Online Test-Takers – from the CareerTech Testing Center

I just read a **great post** by **John Kleeman** on the Questionmark Blog that I wanted to share with you concerning test anxiety. We have previously discussed test anxiety ([here](#) and [here](#)), but it is interesting to read Kleeman's take on the difference in test anxiety between online and paper and pencil assessments.

College Board and Phi Delta Kappan Publication Examines Benefits of CTE – from Missouri Guidance Digest

Last month the College Board, in conjunction with Phi Delta Kappan (PDK), released an article extolling the virtues of Career Technical Education (CTE) and how best to ensure quality and access to it across the nation. Written by Jean-Claude Brizard, former CEO of Chicago Public Schools and Senior Advisor at the College Board, the [article](#) titled *Toward a Common Model of Career-Technical Education*, highlights the positive impact CTE programs had on three students who each took different pathways to academic and professional success. It later expands on their individual experiences and argues that these success stories are increasingly becoming the norm for students who choose to enroll in CTE programs— an encouraging trend considering 94% of all high school students in the U.S. take at least one CTE course.

3 Things That Will Make Hiring Managers Want You – from US Today College

<http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/career/3-things-that-will-make-hiring-managers-want-you>

Class is offered to help boost Minn. middle-grades girls' self image - from ASCD SmartBrief

Three Minnesota middle schools are offering eighth-grade girls an English credit for a class called "Lovin' the Skin I'm In," which focuses on self image. Students read books about bullying, examine media messages, use journals, pen stories on family history and conduct research for papers about influential women. "Many of our girls are walking wounded. They don't know their identity. They don't know their history," said activist Robin Hickman, who first created the class as a book club for girls.

[Pioneer Press \(St. Paul, Minn.\)](#)

And just for you...

Ric Elias – 3 Things I Learned While My Plane Was Crashing:

<http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2014/02/ric-elias-3-things-i-learned-while-my.html>

This will make you smile...

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

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