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## Dear Parents,

We are excited to introduce a new program for students seeking intensive hands-on vocational opportunities. The Opportunity Career Center is a career pathway program that allows students to spend half of each school day engaged in hands-on study of career fields. For the 2022-23 school year OCC will offer learning opportunities in Hospitality and Construction. Students spend the other half of the school day at their home schools following the traditional course of study. Students in each pathway will gain high school credits that count toward graduation requirements while they work toward industry level certifications. Students that enroll in this program will be provided with transportation to and from their home schools. The program is designed to allow students to participate in clubs, sports, and other extra-curricular activities at their home schools.

Students in the Hospitality Program have three pathway completion options and will participate in hands-on learning that fully integrates the areas of Hospitality, History, and Business. In addition, 10th and 11th-grade students will take History classes to complete NM high school graduation requirements. Students will have the opportunity to help run a school-based café incorporating everything from purchasing to sales.



Students in the Architecture and Construction program have two pathway completion options. In addition to the hands-on instruction building houses with a community partner, students will complete history and targeted mathematics courses. Both the Applied Math and Financial Literacy courses will emphasize industry-specific mathematics. Our History courses meet graduation requirements, and either Math course can be utilized as the fourth math credit for graduation. The students will have the opportunity to build modular homes for their capstone course.



This program is the perfect fit for students looking to explore career fields, for students looking for something different from the traditional school setting, and for those looking to engage in an immersive educational experience. Please follow the links on the flyers included with this letter to get started.

If you have any questions about this program, please call (505) 721-2400.

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