

# Monthly Spotlight

## Academy of Careers & Technology

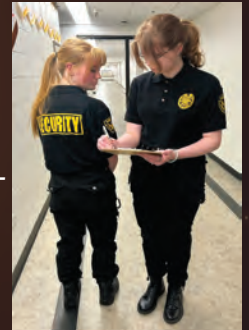
### Back in Action

We've all had a bit of a slow start back after winter break. The snow and cold delayed much of what we all had planned for the month of January. But it's February, and National CTE Month so we are in full swing. Here's a look at some of the things happening around ACT so far in 2025.

Our 8th Grade CTE Exploration Leadership Academy is bringing recycling back to school! Students are learning all about recycling and will be emptying these blue bins that have been placed in our classrooms and offices into a larger bin out back of the school. A big thank you to the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority for partnering with us!



The advisory council for our Diesel Equipment Technology program created this replica of the lighting system found in diesel equipment to help students understand and troubleshoot these systems. Thank you for this awesome new learning tool!



Thank you Law & Public Safety students for patrolling our hallways looking for safety issues that could impact our students and staff.

### Student Spotlight



Name: Gavin Hazuka  
Grade: 12  
Program: Building Maintenance & Operations  
High School: Shady Spring

Gavin completed the Plumbing program last year as a junior. He is a current member of student council and represented both the plumbing and building maintenance programs at an elementary career fair. He has been helping out in this year's plumbing class to assist the class in mastering various skills. Gavin has joined the Air National Guard and after graduation this May, he will attend basic training. He plans to pursue a career in trades or become a teacher, his dream job.

### Meet An Instructor

Name: Jon Lester  
Program: ProStart Restaurant Management  
Years Teaching: 3



Chef Lester joined us with 20 years of industry experience. He is an ACT alum, completing the very program that he is teaching.

Chef Lester, who grew up in Beckley and is a Woodrow Wilson High School graduate, currently resides in Fayette County. He became interested in becoming a chef at first hearing Emeril Lagassi's famous "BAM!" Growing up, Chef Lester spent time in the kitchen with his dad and grandmothers. He looks forward to finding students with a passion for cooking and helping them develop the skills they need to be successful in the restaurant industry. He states that his 'go-to' food is cheeseburgers.

### Joke of the Month

What did one plate say to the other?

"Dinner's on me"

### Happening this month...

14th - Valentine's Day  
18th - 19th - ACT Interviews in the High Schools  
26th - PL Day - NO STUDENTS