

Cougar New Tech Expo

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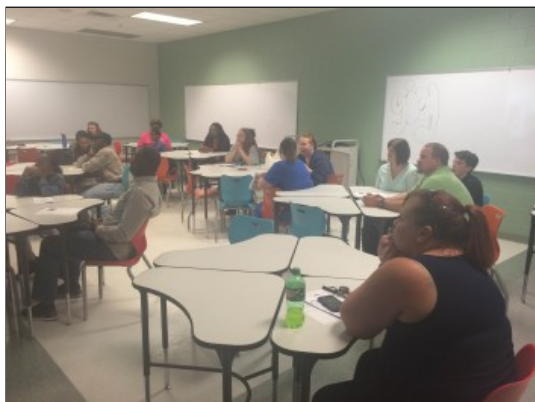
On March 10, 2016, from 6-8 p.m., Cougar New Tech of Colleton County High School had its 3rd annual Expo. The Expo was run by all staff and students of Cougar New Tech (CNT). It included three different areas of the school: The Performing Arts Center, or the PAC; the entire New Tech building, upstairs and downstairs; and the main hallway outside of the New Tech building.


The Expo began around 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center where the Dean of CNT, Joshua Cable, gave a welcoming speech to all the visitors and students. At approximately 6:15, the visitors were released to go to the New Tech building where the students waited to give presentations on what they have worked on this school year. Altogether there were eleven rooms that held presentations, including two "drop-in" rooms where visitors could come in at any time and take a look at various projects that were set up around the room. In the main hallway they had poster boards, which were projects from the marketing class, set up on tables on either side of the hallway so parents and visitors could view them. Downstairs there were three classrooms to add to the eight from the upstairs section of CNT. Each classroom had four different presentation times, each lasting 20 minutes, and which showed various projects.

The presentations seemed to be a huge success with the students. One student from the Google X drop-in class said, "I thought Expo was a great experience, especially for freshmen, to appreciate our own projects." The freshmen have been working their hardest this year, and the expo gave them all time to realize how much their hard work paid off.

As for the older ones of CNT, the juniors, one of them described the expo as follows: "The New Tech Expo will give you time to observe the New Tech environment and see the differences between the project/problem based learning and traditional classes." The juniors are very proud of how CNT has grown, and will be sad to say goodbye to it next year when they graduate. CNT helped them grow and learn in high school more than anything, and they hope that College will do the same.

The 2016 CNT Expo was a great success for all involved and the students cannot wait to do it again next year.



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