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## **CACTC STUDENTS CELEBRATE ‘SIGNING DAY’**

**Uniontown, PA** – Connellsville Area Career and Technical Center has proven that “Signing Day” is not just for student athletes.

On Thursday, the school held its first-ever “Signing Day” event celebrating graduating seniors who have received full-time positions with local employers, which they will begin following commencement.

With students, families and representatives of those employers present, the festivities and excitement mirrored that of traditional signing days, in which student athletes choose which college to attend on scholarships.

CACTC Workforce Development Coordinator Shawna Little said the event was part of Superintendent Joseph Bradley’s desire to participate in a nationwide vocational school trend, recognizing those pursuing employment after graduation.

“The motivation behind such events is to showcase the value of career and technical education in today’s economy, as we are faced with a skills gap in the workforce,” Little said.

Employers including Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and Spa, EbTech, Laurel Aggregates, Lyndan Designs, Connellsville Area School District and Fayette EMS brought company merchandise for their future employees and took photos with the 11 participating students while they signed their contracts.

A comprehensive technical high school within the Connellsville Area School District, CACTC provides 14 quality technical programs and core academic courses on a full-time basis to junior and senior students. Underclassmen attend technical programs on a half-day basis, kickstarting their path to many career and educational goals.

CACTC’s mission is to prepare youth for success in the workplace, postsecondary education and community endeavors. It serves approximately 500 youth annually.

All students have opportunities to earn college credits through their programs while still in high school, through CACTC’s participation in the Statewide Articulation Program. In addition to important career training and employment opportunities, students can also obtain their program’s professional industry certifications.

Connellsville Area Career and Technical Center is located at 720 Locust St. in Connellsville, PA. For more information regarding “Signing Day” or CACTC’s programs, contact Little at [slittle@casdfalcons.org](mailto:slittle@casdfalcons.org) or 724-626-0236, ext. 3104.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.FayetteCountyPA.org](http://www.FayetteCountyPA.org).

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