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PASSING THE TEACHING BATON

For the last six years, ConnCAT's Phlebotomy Technician Program has been led and taught by Mrs. Shukriyyah Hasan. This past April, Mrs. Hasan retired after 40 years in the phlebotomy field. The teaching baton has been passed on to Phlebotomy Cohort 6 graduate, Ms. Elizabeth Cropper. Affectionately called, Ms. Liz, Cropper has been training phlebotomy students in the lab and classroom in tandem with Mrs. Hasan since completing the program in 2014. Since that time she has become increasingly independent taking over class for weeks at a time. Now Ms. Liz is ready to deploy her own styles and methods to preparing the next group of phlebotomists.

"I am doing what I love to do!" said the enthused phlebotomy instructor when asked how she feels about taking the reigns.



SUMMER 2019 COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, June 29, 2019 ConnCAT will graduate its fourteenth cohort of Phlebotomy Technicians and its fourth cohort of Culinarrians. These students have successfully completed both the didactic training and externship components of their course curriculum. The ceremony will be at 11:00 am with a celebration immediately following in the Orchid Cafe.



Meet Amaya Blount! Amaya has been a Youth Programs participant for the last three years at ConnCAT and is a rising 8th grade student at Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School in New Haven. With a passion for art, she excels in the visual arts component of the after-school program. She loves to draw and sketch because it allows her to, "speak without using words." Amaya is also a budding entrepreneur. This young confectionery artist enjoys baking and selling cupcakes. Have a sweet tooth? Check out *Amaya's Cupcakery*. Email amayascupcakery@gmail.com to place orders for birthdays and events.

LEADING THE FREDDY FIXER PARADE



We kicked off the month of June leading the city of New Haven in the 55th annual Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade. More than 50 groups and organizations participated in the parade down Dixwell Avenue. About 30 ConnCAT faces marched in sync behind the drumming sounds of the James Hillhouse High School Marching Band. Faculty and students from all of our programs showed up dressed in matching black shirts ready to spread the word about the ConnCAT movement! Students handed out flyers that read "Join the Movement" encouraging the community to come and learn about the opportunities waiting for Connecticut residents.



AFTER-SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

With summer break almost here, the After-School Program has wrapped up the 2018-2019 school year. Entrepreneurship was a common theme this year in the Agriculture, Art, and STEAM classes. From greeting cards to micro greens to the PhonEasel there was no shortage in creative cash

making ideas produced by the students. After-School instructors guided projects that inspired students to engage in business planning with profitability as the focus. This young business minded group is looking to make an impact on their community. Stay tuned for more info on products from the minds of our ConnCAT youth participants.

THE POWER OF GIVING

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