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Early Career Program Information Session



Welcome & Introductions

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Who is FCTC?



- ▶ FCTC is a St. John's County School District operated workforce training center
- ▶ Mission:
 - ▶ To provide career, technical and adult education to meet the changing needs of students, businesses and the regional workforce.
- ▶ Vision:
 - ▶ To empower students to acquire career-ready skills to become a confident contributor to the regional economy.

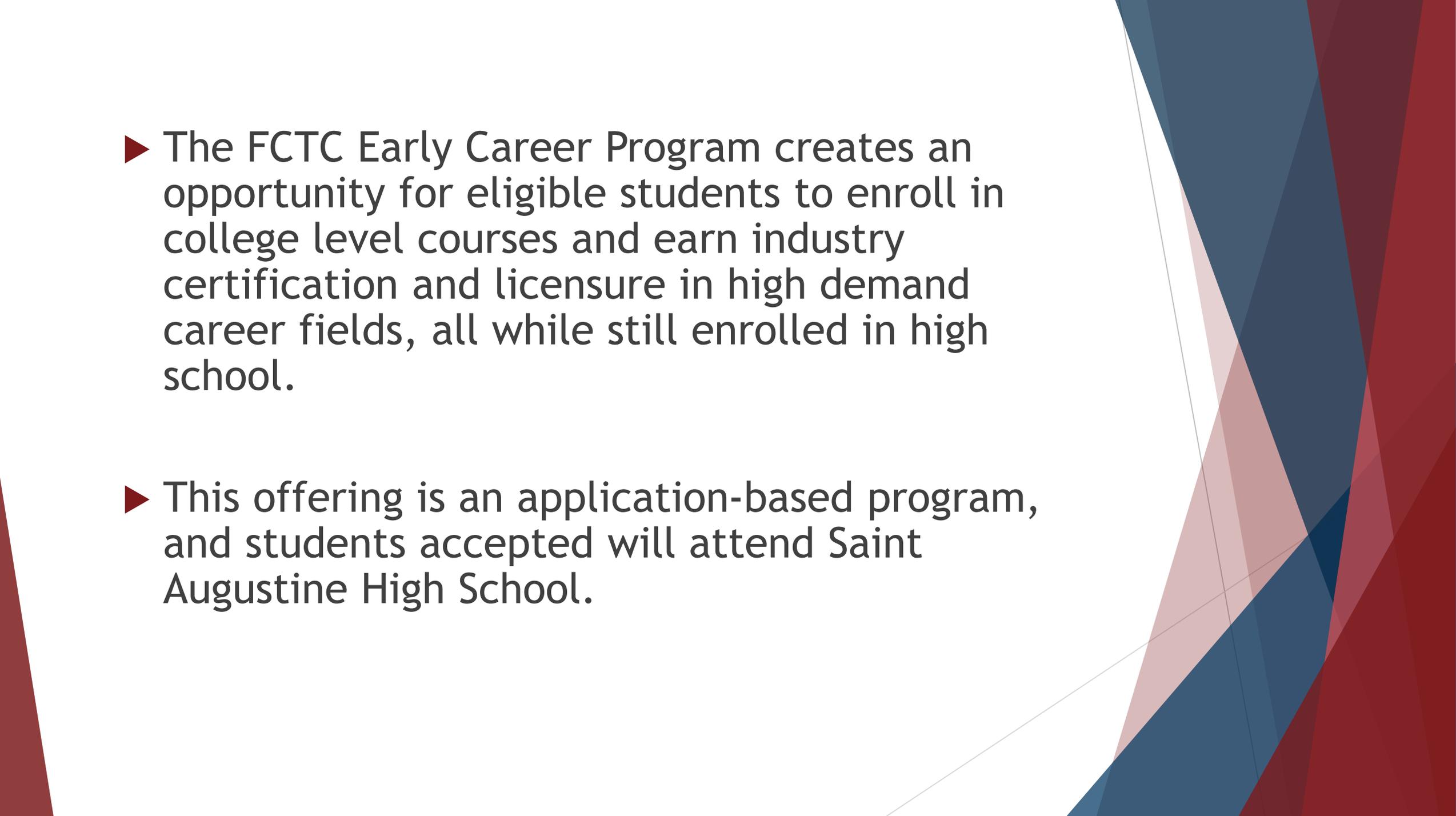
- ▶ An institution accredited by over 20 agencies and program specific bodies
- ▶ Part of the community for over 50 years; assuring career and technical education
- ▶ A participant in community enrichment for the local area
- ▶ FCTC students operate 4 full-service businesses related to offered career fields.
 - ▶ Tech Tots Daycare
 - ▶ Knot Just Hair Salon
 - ▶ Walter's Reef Café
 - ▶ The Hidden Nursery

FCTC Options for High School Students

- ▶ High School Secondary courses can be taken as “elective” credits, or in some cases may fulfill core subject course requirements needed for graduation. These are standard high school level courses, with no additional GPA weight.
- ▶ Dual Enrollment courses are college credit courses taken as “elective” classes. They are college level courses that provide an additional weight to the GPA.
- ▶ The Early Career Program is an opportunity for students to earn a full industry certification or license, while still enrolled in high school.

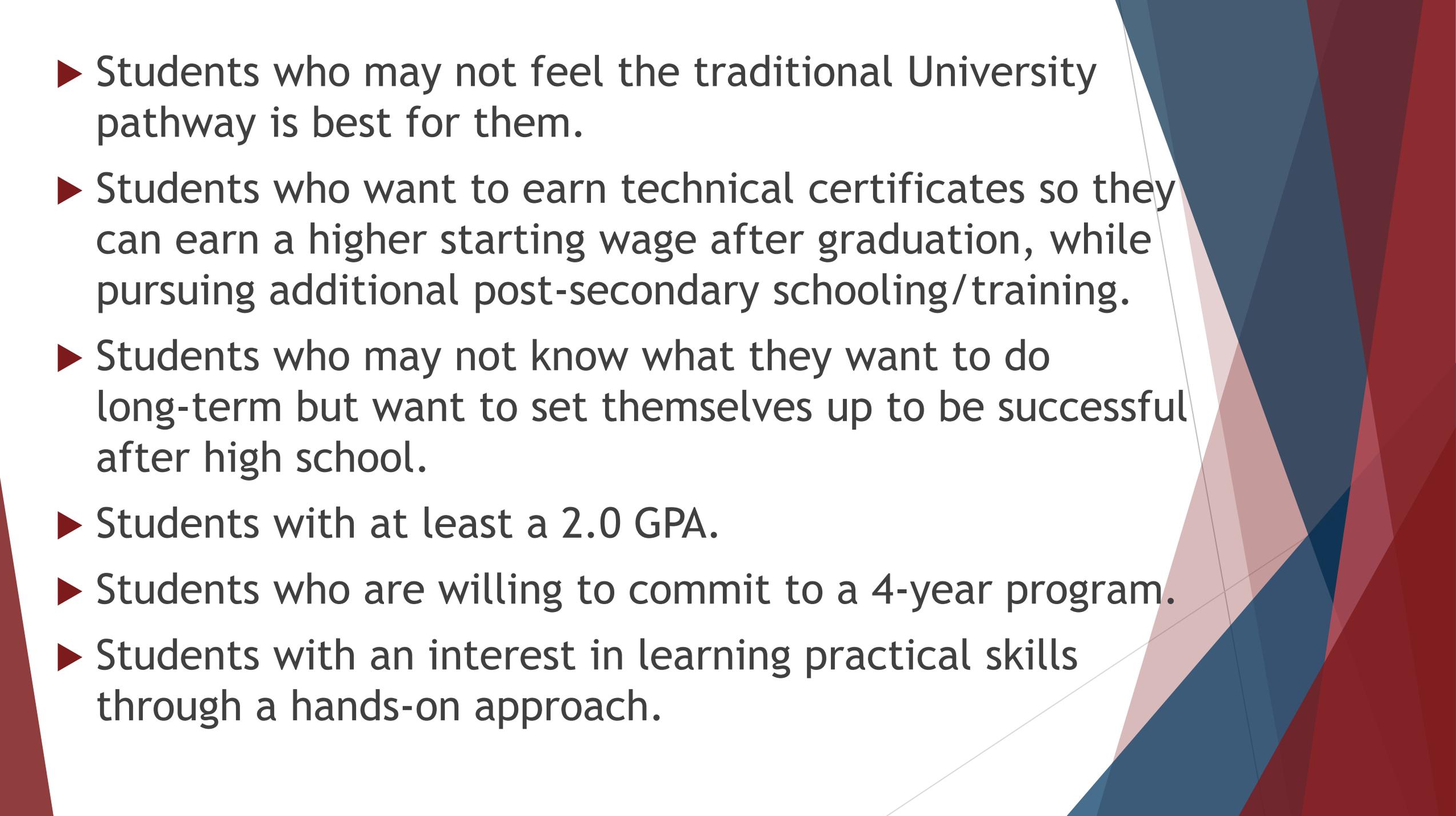


What is the
SJCSD Early Career
Program at FCTC?

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- ▶ The FCTC Early Career Program creates an opportunity for eligible students to enroll in college level courses and earn industry certification and licensure in high demand career fields, all while still enrolled in high school.
 - ▶ This offering is an application-based program, and students accepted will attend Saint Augustine High School.

What does an
Early Career
Student Look
Like?



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- ▶ Students who may not feel the traditional University pathway is best for them.
 - ▶ Students who want to earn technical certificates so they can earn a higher starting wage after graduation, while pursuing additional post-secondary schooling/training.
 - ▶ Students who may not know what they want to do long-term but want to set themselves up to be successful after high school.
 - ▶ Students with at least a 2.0 GPA.
 - ▶ Students who are willing to commit to a 4-year program.
 - ▶ Students with an interest in learning practical skills through a hands-on approach.



What does a Student Pathway Look Like?

Eligible Programs

- ▶ Automotive Service Technology
- ▶ Diesel Systems Technology
- ▶ Welding Technology
- ▶ Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration
- ▶ Landscape and Turf Management
- ▶ Nursery Management
- ▶ Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality
- ▶ Dental Assisting
- ▶ Medical Assisting



Program Details

- ▶ 9th grade:
 - ▶ Accelerated high school course progression for an 18-credit diploma
- ▶ 10th grade and beyond:
 - ▶ Dual enrollment schedule at FCTC, in combination with remaining high school courses at SAHS as needed for completion of diploma requirements

- ▶ All students must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 un-weighted high school GPA.
- ▶ Students will submit an initial application for the Early Career Program through the St. Johns County Programs of Choice process and then apply for FCTC Dual Enrollment after their freshman year.
- ▶ Students must have test scores on file in math and reading through the CASAS to enroll in Dual Enrollment at FCTC. This will be done during freshman year.
- ▶ Students are encouraged to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at the high school (sports, dances, parent nights).

Sample Student Schedule

Early Career Automotive Service Technology								
Course	9th	10th	11th	12th	Post Grad			
0 period 8:00-9:20						
1st period 9:20 - 10:05	Elective	FCTC Auto Service Assistor (300)	FCTC Brakes (150)	FCTC Engine Repair (150) Engine Performance (300) Transmissions (150) Drivetrain & Axles (150) Auto HVAC (150)	Dual Program Completer: Automotive Service Technology 1 & Automotive Service Technology 2			
2nd period 10:10 - 10:55	Algebra 1A / Algebra 1 BLOCK		Suspension and Steering (150)					
3rd period 11:00 - 11:45			1/2 Financial Literacy & 1/2 Elective			Electrical (300)		
4th period 11:50 - 1:20	Computer Science (3rd science)/ Environmental Science BLOCK	Geometry	Math for Data and Financial Literacy Honors OR Math for College Liberal Arts					
5th period 1:25 - 2:10		Biology	Government / Economics					
6th period 2:15- 3:00	World History	American History	English 3			Student Internship or OJT		
7th period 3:05 - 3:55	English 1	English 2	English 4					

Transportation

- ▶ Transportation to and from FCTC is the responsibility of the student/family. FCTC starts at 8 AM and ends at 3 PM during the senior year, so bus transportation will not be available.
- ▶ Some programs may require hours to be completed in the field. Transportation to these sites is the responsibility of the student/family.



What are the
benefits of
the Program?



Student Benefits

- ▶ An intentionally designed path that allows students to earn career certificates as well as a high school diploma
- ▶ Increase in weighted GPA
- ▶ Opportunity to earn college credit that may be transferred and applied to other schools and pathways
- ▶ Students will be employable in their field immediately following graduation, if not sooner.

Financial Benefits

- ▶ Cost of tuition for adult learners (with no financial aid)
 - ▶ Air Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology: \$3,037.50
 - ▶ Automotive Service Technology: \$4,410.00
 - ▶ Diesel Systems Technician: \$4,431.00
 - ▶ Welding: \$5,775.00
 - ▶ Culinary Arts: \$5,040.00
 - ▶ Landscape and Turf Management: \$3,474.00
 - ▶ Nursery Management: \$3,474.00
 - ▶ Dental Assisting: \$5,202.90
 - ▶ Medical Assisting: \$5,083.00

TUITION IS FREE FOR SJCSH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHILE ENROLLED IN THE EARLY CAREER PROGRAM!

Average Earnings:

- ▶ Air Conditioning, Refrigeration & Heating Technology: \$45,000
- ▶ Automotive Service Technology: \$44,000
- ▶ Diesel Systems Technician: \$50,000
- ▶ Welding: \$44,000
- ▶ Culinary Arts: \$42,000
- ▶ Landscape and Turf Management: \$30,000
- ▶ Nursery Management: \$32,000
- ▶ Dental Assisting: \$41,000
- ▶ Medical Assisting: \$35,000

Graduation

- ▶ Once students successfully earn all required high school credits and complete the necessary clock hours for their career program, students will have the opportunity to walk at two graduations:
- ▶ SAHS high school graduation
- ▶ FCTC graduation



Things to remember

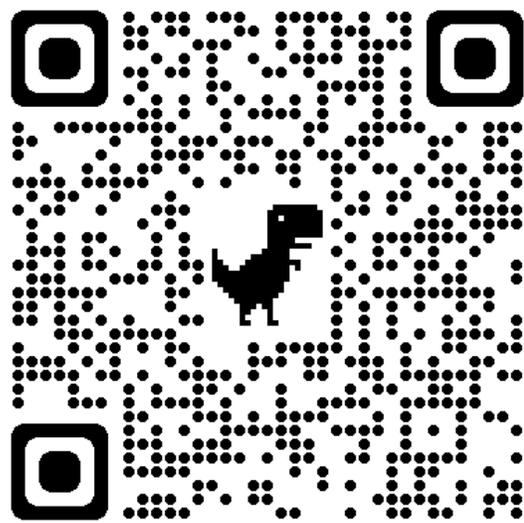
- ▶ Students must have the social and emotional maturity to handle college level coursework and a college classroom.
- ▶ FCTC courses often have a combination of secondary and adult learners in the classroom.
- ▶ Some programs of study include exposure to, and work with chemicals, machinery, and tools that can be dangerous if not handled appropriately and maturely.

- ▶ Once you are enrolled at FCTC and taking all of your classes on FCTC's campus, you will truly be just like any other college student.
- ▶ The college calendar is often not the same as the high school calendar. If the college is open and if you are taking a class on our campus, you will be expected to attend class at FCTC's campus.
(example: PSAT days/exam days)
- ▶ It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor if you are having difficulty in the course or to notify the instructor of an absence.

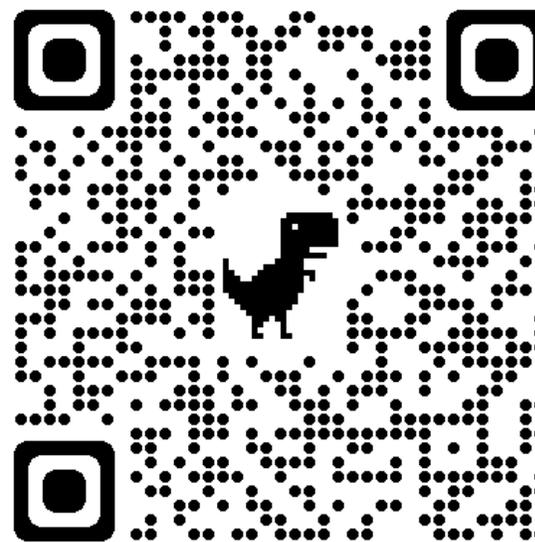
Next Steps

- ▶ Review program options and determine which may be the best fit for your interests and goals.
- ▶ Complete the Program of Choice Application
- ▶ Important dates:
 - ▶ High School Showcase- Dec. 14, 3-7pm
 - ▶ Application opens: Jan. 5, 2023
 - ▶ FCTC High School Info Session- Jan. 23, 6pm
 - ▶ Application closes: Jan. 31, 2023
 - ▶ Late application window: Feb. 1- Feb. 6, 2023
 - ▶ Student notifications: Mid- February

Any Questions?



FCTC High School Programs



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