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Promoting Collaboration and Leadership: Launch of Career & Technical Education Student Advisory Council

Portland Public Schools - February 22nd, 2024.- PPS is revolutionizing Career and Technical education by bringing CTE students' voices to the table. This development creates an unprecedented CTE student-focused educational community that will help PPS CTE leadership to create impactful educational experiences for students and ignite a passion for learning that is accessible to ALL students.

Moreover, the establishment of the PPS Student Advisory Council aligns with PPS CTE's mission to cultivate well-rounded individuals equipped with the skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities necessary to thrive in today's dynamic workforce. "As advocates for student-centered approaches, we recognize the invaluable role that students play in driving positive change within educational institutions. The CTE SAC will provide a structured framework for students to actively participate in decision-making processes, share their experiences, and advocate for enhancements that align with their academic and career aspirations"- said Chris Brida, Director of PPS Career & Technical Education and Pathways.

The PPS CTE Student Advisory Council representatives are working on the following three subcommittees:

- **Enrollment**-includes recruitment, marketing, and retention. - [See their Statement of Work](#)
- **Curriculum**- includes recommendations to improve the learner's experience, tools/equipment in the classroom, etc - [See their Statement of Work](#)
- **Career-Connected Learning Opportunities** - [See their Statement of Work](#)

PPS CTE Student Advisory Council **Vision**: Every student thrives. CTE prepares today's students for success within and beyond the classroom

PPS CTE Student Advisory Council Representatives: Students who share a common interest in Career and Technical Education and are currently enrolled in CTE courses

Student First Name	Student Last Name	School	CTE POS
Astella	Armendariz Sullivan	Roosevelt HS	Computer Science
Arturo	Carrillo	Franklin HS	Documentary Filmmaking
Van (Jenny)	Chang	Grant HS	AP Computer Science
Scott	Cuno	McDaniel HS	Biomedical Innovations
Riley	Hilbers	Roosevelt HS	Computer Science
Amiri	Horn	McDaniel HS	Robotics
Lydia	Levy	Lincoln HS	Culinary Arts and Photography
Bee	Marquiss	Grant HS	Ceramics/Sculpture
Pannonica	Maruna	Cleveland HS	Student Store Management
Helen	Mildenberger	Ida B. Wells HS	Ceramics
Rachel	Perez Vazquez	Roosevelt HS	Architectural Drawing and Carpentry
Sam	Thomas	Franklin HS	Advanced Metals
Jeremiah	Watkins	Benson Polytechnic HS	Autoservice
Kelsey	Wong	Benson Polytechnic HS	3D Art and Digital Media Design

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