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Sumter County Schools

Career and Technical Education Student of the Month for November 2023

[Wildwood, Florida] – The Sumter County School District would like to recognize the Sumter Career and Technical Education Student of the Month. The “CTE” student of the month for November 2023 is Amarion Corbin from Wildwood Middle High School.

Amarion grew up in Sumter County and is currently a senior at Wildwood Middle High School. He has been actively involved in Career and Technical Education for the past several years. In 2021, he joined the new Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating CTE program to learn the trade and gain the skills necessary to enter the work force as a qualified high school graduate. Amarion has earned several industry certifications while attending Wildwood Middle High School, which include the OSHA10 Certification, HBI Career Pre-apprenticeship CORE Certification, HBI Career Pre-apprenticeship Green Building Certification, and a Lockout Tagout Certification. He plans to earn 2 additional certifications this school year. During the summer of 2023, Amarion was employed as a construction pre-apprentice with the Sumter County School Board Facilities Department on the “summer paint crew.” Amarion will be employable in several fields of construction after high school, including: HVAC, electricity, and plumbing. Amarion has a 3.625 weighted GPA and is on track to graduate in the top 1/3 of his senior class. In September, Amarion was selected by his school as the 2023 U.S. Presidential CTE Scholar. He plans to earn a post-secondary degree from a Florida college or university. Educators at Wildwood Middle High School describe Amarion as a kind, considerate, giving, caring, hardworking, and intelligent young man. His school counselor, Ms. Michele Palko, recently stated, *“No matter where the path of life takes him, Amarion will always be valued as a prime example of excellence from Wildwood Middle High School.”*

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is a modern approach to higher education and training, and it can accelerate personal and professional success. With little to no barriers to enrollment and 17 career pathways to choose from, individuals can acquire the skills needed through real-world, hands-on experience. As teachers prepare CTE students for their future careers as skilled professionals, students engage in hands-on learning with real life applications. These approaches to teaching are linked to greater understanding, comprehension, and retention. CTE offers a way for students to gain skills and earn certifications in some of Florida’s most critical and desirable industries. Unlike traditional higher education, CTE programs can set individuals on the right path in less time with less cost. That means they can get into a career today without the worry of debt tomorrow.

*For more information about **Sumter County Schools**, call **352-793-2315**. For more information about Career and Technical Education in Florida, visit GetThereFL.com.*



Amarion Corbin

Wildwood Middle High School class of 2024

Sumter CTE Student of the Month November, 2024