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CVTC to Host West Campus Open House April 25

Public, prospective students can tour Energy, Emergency Service centers

Eau Claire, WI – Community members will have the opportunity to check out the latest in energy, transportation, agriculture, horticulture and construction fields and see how emergency service and public safety professionals train as Chippewa Valley Technical College opens its West Campus facilities to the public from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

The West Campus Open House will feature CVTC's Energy and Emergency Service Education centers just off Highway 312 in Eau Claire. The facilities are home to CVTC programs related to law enforcement, emergency medical, firefighting, agriculture and horticulture, electrical power distribution, gas utility, architectural and construction, and truck driving. Also on display will be programs in automotive and diesel technician, auto body, marine and outdoor power, and supply chain management.

Visitors will find plenty to see and do at the event. At the Emergency Service Education Center, individuals will be able to examine a crime scene, sit behind the wheel of a fire truck, engage in an emergency response demonstration, meet a police K-9 unit, tour the Eau Claire Fire Department Station 9, and much more. A live fire demonstration will take place inside the nearby Fire Safety Center.

At the Energy Education Center, visitors can don the appropriate safety gear and climb a utility pole, hold baby animals, and learn about CVTC's popular Beekeeping class. A tour of the Energy Education Center is an experience itself, as its energy efficiency features make it the first building in the Eau Claire area to be LEED Gold Certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. CVTC's Horticulture Club will kick off its annual plant sale and give away free tree seedlings to mark its Arbor Day observance and to celebrate CVTC having earned Tree Campus USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Attendees will be able to meet with a college specialist to receive assistance with career exploration and applying for admission to any of CVTC's 95-plus programs. Those who apply for admission at the event will have their \$30 application fee waived.

The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not necessary, but those who pre-register at Cvtc.edu/West19 will have a chance to win CVTC gear and an Amazon gift card.

With over 95 programs offered both online and on-campus, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce

needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today's jobs, with 93 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$44,000.

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