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Cosmetology Students Benefit from AT&T Statewide STEM Investment

Students in the Cosmetology programs at Crestview High School and CHOICE High School and Technical Center are benefitting from a statewide investment by AT&T this year, one that seeks to increase understanding of how classroom curriculum translates into STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers. In partnership with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, grants were awarded to the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation for implementation in Career and Technical Education Cosmetology classrooms emphasizing the real-world application of STEM concepts.

"We know that industries engaged in STEM disciplines will create a majority of high-value, high-wage jobs and within ten years, almost nine out of ten new jobs will require education beyond a high school degree," said Joe York, AT&T Florida President. "We are pleased to make this contribution because Florida's K-12 education foundations are well positioned to be the link between schools and local businesses for students, enabling them to build connections with potential employers in their communities, get a sense of what careers they offer and the skill sets they require."

In accepting the grants on behalf of the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Superintendent Mary Beth Jackson expressed appreciation for the continued support of the students and staff of the Okaloosa County School District from AT&T. "Our partnership with AT&T demonstrates the strength of collaborative efforts to make the link between learning and living. Students gain an understanding of our business partner's commitment to education, and teachers' instructional goals are advanced through that support."

Pictured above, from left to right: Jo Anna Welch, Crestview High School Cosmetology Instructor; Dexter Day, Crestview High School Principal; Ray Walker AT&T Regional Director; Superintendent Mary Beth Jackson, Okaloosa County School District

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