



ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you. As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment, we are asking all members of our school community to participate in our upcoming School Climate Survey.



This brief survey, which takes about 20 minutes to complete, will help us better understand perspectives on safety, relationships, learning, communication, and the overall school environment. Your responses are completely anonymous and will be carefully reviewed by the Eli Whitney Leadership Team, staff, and Central Office to guide meaningful improvements.

A positive school climate plays a vital role in student success, behavior, and well-being, so your feedback is essential. Please be sure to complete the survey by May 8, 2026, using the link sent to your email.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!
Share Your Feedback!

ELI WHITNEY TECH

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

- Safety
- Relationships
- Learning
- Communication

TAKES JUST 20 MINUTES!

HELP US IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL!
Complete by **MAY 8, 2026!**
Check your email for the survey link!

Field Day is just a couple of weeks away and marks the exciting culmination of your Top Shop year-long challenge! It's a full day of fun and activities that no student wants to miss.

However, please remember that students with outstanding detentions will not be eligible to fully participate in Field Day.

All detentions must be served before the event. Any remaining detention time will be deducted from your Field Day participation time.

Make sure to take care of your responsibilities now so you can enjoy the day to the fullest!

Hoots and Highlights

This week, we proudly celebrated Administrative Professionals Day, taking a moment to recognize the incredible individuals who keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. We are truly fortunate to have Ms. Jackson, Ms. Abrahams, Ms. Reynolds, and Ms. Smith supporting our community each and every day. Their dedication, organization, and unwavering commitment make a meaningful difference in all that we do. We are grateful for their hard work and the positive impact they have on our school.



We've got some exciting news to share....there's a new creative force joining our team! Please give a warm welcome to our new Graphics instructor, Darryl Arbesman. Darryl comes to Eli Whitney Tech with extensive experience in the graphics field and has already made a positive impact over the past few years while helping out at Abbott Tech. We're thrilled to officially have him on board. When he's not inspiring students in the classroom, Darryl stays busy behind the lens as a freelance digital photographer and he is also a professional ski instructor. We're excited for the energy, creativity, and real-world experience Darryl brings to our Graphics program. Be sure to say hello and give him a warm Eli Whitney Tech welcome when you see him!

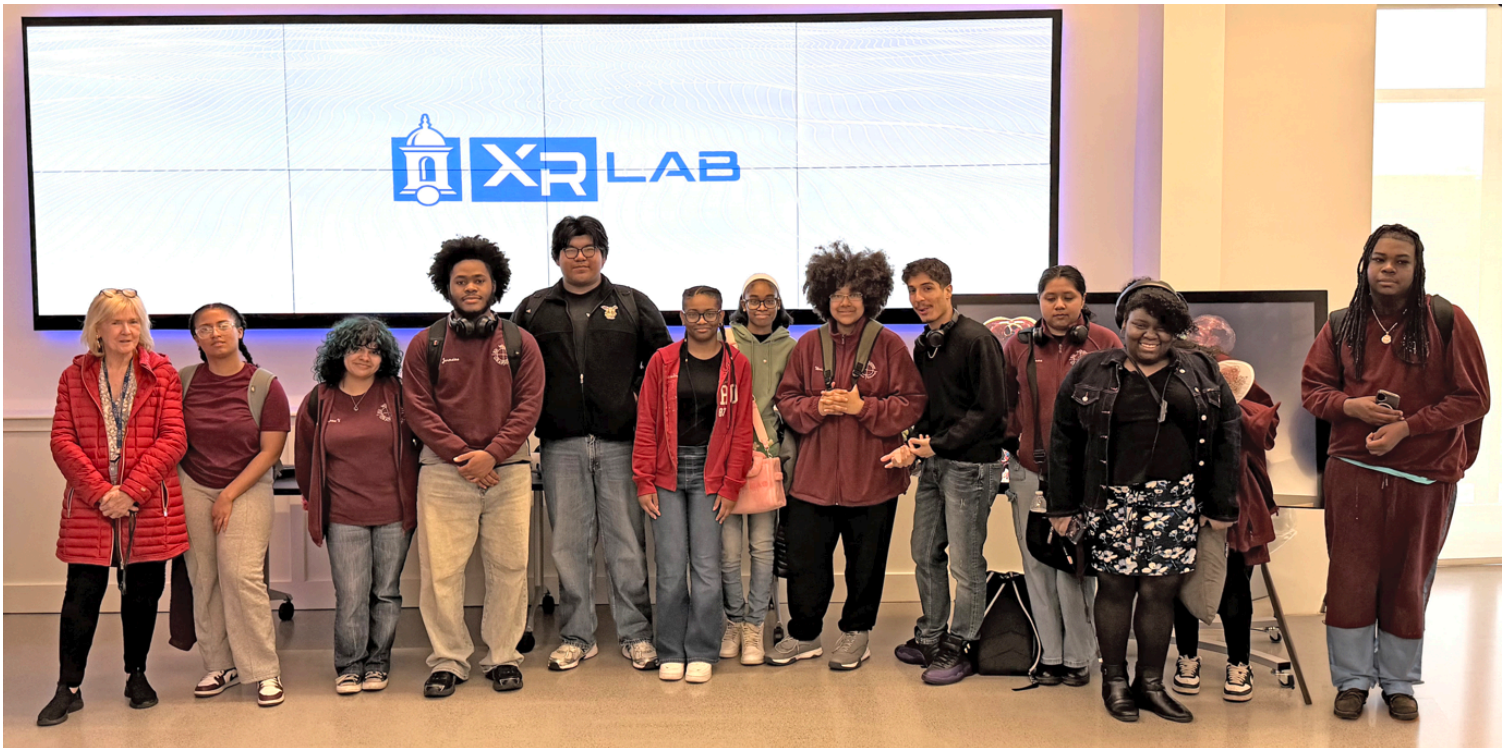


Hoots and Highlights

Our students had an exciting and inspiring field trip to Central Connecticut State University yesterday! During the visit, they had the unique opportunity to explore the university's new Virtual Reality (VR) lab, where they participated in an engaging presentation showcasing how VR technology is transforming learning across different fields.

Students were able to see firsthand how immersive experiences can enhance education, from virtual simulations to interactive environments that bring complex concepts to life. The visit sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, with many students asking thoughtful questions and imagining how this technology could shape their own futures.

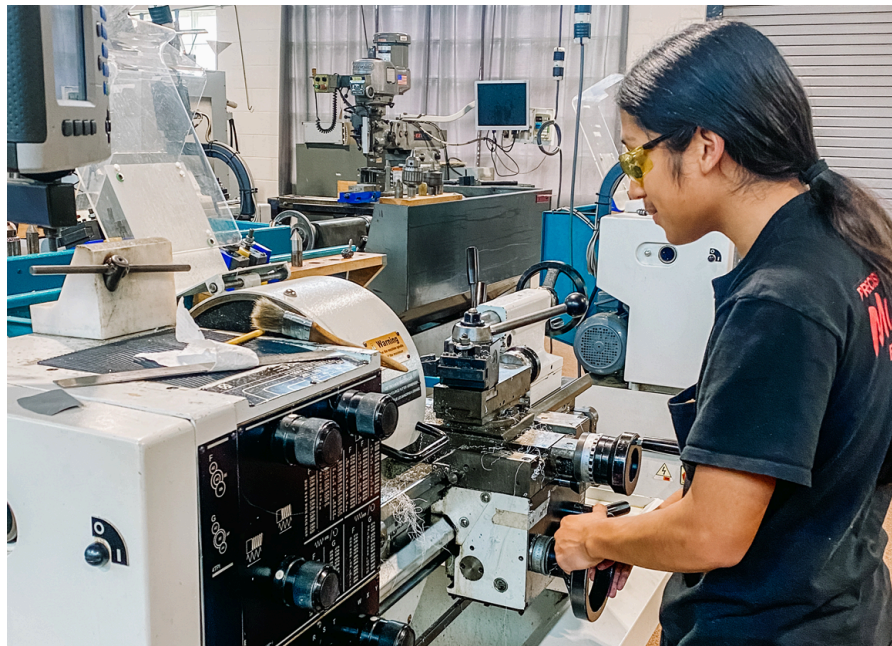
We are grateful to the CCSU staff for hosting us and providing such a memorable, hands-on learning experience. It was a fantastic day of exploration, innovation, and inspiration!



This week in Carpentry



This week in PMT



This week in Softball



This week at lunch



Spring Reading Challenge

Contest Ends
6/5/26.
Win awesome
prizes!

Complete any 4 squares
in a row (across, down,
or diagonal) = 1 prize
entry



A1 Read a graphic novel or manga	A2 Listen to an audiobook	A3 Read a poem or collection of poetry	A4 Read a memoir or biography
B1 Read a mystery or thriller	B2 Read a nonfiction book/article	B3 Read an award-winner	B4 Read a book with a strong theme of identity
C1 Read something set in a different country	C2 Read a book with a major transformation or growth arc	C3 Read historical fiction	C4 Read a short story
D1 Read about a real-world issue or social topic	D2 Read science fiction	D3 Read from a new-to-you author	D4 Read something that challenges your perspective

Read widely. Try something new. Let your reading bloom!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Class of 2029

Attention: Sellers

We are starting up a new fundraiser and are really looking forward to your support!

Our Online Store makes it super easy for you to make a purchase and to ask others to support our fundraiser, too.

I will send a memo to let you know when it's time to pick up the products.

Contact Information: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me -

johanna.rios-roldan@cttech.org

2 Ways To Raise Funds!

1- Use the physical Order-Taker to write orders and collect funds.

2- Shop Online and SHARE our store with LOCAL friends, family and colleagues. (Do NOT indicate Online Sales on the Order-Taker)

Email, Text and Post on Social Media

Visit: www.iraismore.com

Enter Group ID: 59020



Parents – Please Note:

-SHARE LOCALLY ONLY - because you must hand-deliver items to your supporters.

-Parents Note: Buyers will indicate WHO they are supporting in the Checkout. At the end of the fundraiser, you'll get a report with your online sales.

-Do NOT indicate Online Sales on the Order-Taker.



26-27 Student Athlete Participation Requirements

Any student interested in trying out for an Eli Whitney Athletic Team must have the following forms completed **before** they can participate in tryouts.

- Parent/guardian completed electronic forms in the Parent Power school parent portal. Please contact Ms. Phyllis in the main office with support.
- An **updated** Physical on file in the nurse office. We suggest completely physical compliance now.
- Academically eligible by the previous quarter grades officially posted

If these requirements are not met before the tryout date, you cannot try out. Please contact the coach of the sport to get tryout dates and other information.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

Building Success Through Consistent Presence

90%

Attendance rate needed for academic success

18

Days of school missed = chronic absence threshold

10%

Learning time lost with just 2 absences per month

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- ✓ **Technical Skill Mastery:** Hands-on learning in shops and labs requires daily practice and sequential skill building
- ✓ **Academic Achievement:** Students with better attendance earn higher grades and test scores
- ✓ **Life Skills:** Regular attendance builds responsibility, time management, and work ethic
- ✓ **Career Readiness:** Technical careers demand reliability—attendance builds the habits employers value
- ✓ **Safety & Certification:** Consistent presence ensures proper training in shop safety and industry certifications

UNDERSTANDING CHRONIC ABSENCE

Missing just 2 days per month (18 days per school year) equals chronic absence. This can happen with excused or unexcused absences, including illnesses and suspensions. Chronic absence significantly impacts a student's ability to keep pace with grade-level standards.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE REQUIRES CONSISTENCY

At Eli Whitney, hands-on learning and technical skills development happen every day in the shop and classroom. Missing school means missing critical skill-building experiences that can't be replicated at home.

HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

- ✓ Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule medical appointments outside school hours when possible
- ✓ Communicate with school counselor about potential barriers to attendance
- ✓ Emphasize the importance of school attendance at home
- ✓ Monitor your student's attendance and intervene early if issues arise

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Helping Your Child Succeed: Parent Support & Student Responsibility for Better Grades

Working together to help your child to be successful is important in the school/home partnership. This sheet provides interventions that can be used, along with other resources, as strategies your child is shown to talk with you about things that may not be going as well.



TIPS FOR FAMILIES

These are strategies for **parents** so that you can best support your child:

- Check your Parent Portal (PowerSchool) account: Regularly
- Check in with your child on owed missed work
- Ask your child to show you their Google Classrooms for each of their classes.
- Email your child's teachers with concerns or questions
- Ensure that your child is getting to school each day.

ACTIVE/ENGAGED LEARNING

These methods focus on engaging with the material more effectively, which can make studying feel automatic:

- Review Notes Daily: Spend 10 minutes each day reviewing class notes.
- Utilize Practice Problems: For math, don't just read the examples; work on many practice problems.
- Use Flashcards: Create physical or digital flashcards for key vocab, terms, formulas, or things to know for an exam or exam prep.
- Eliminate Distractions: Turn off your phone and block distracting websites before starting your homework, or study time.
- Teach the Material: Teach the concept to a friend or parent.

PLANNING & ORGANIZING

These strategies help students gain better control over their time and tasks:

- Establish a Dedicated Study Schedule: Set aside specific, non-negotiable times for homework and studying each day.
- Prioritize Tasks: Use a planner or calendar to list assignments, due dates, and tests. Focus on the tasks with the earliest deadlines.
- Break Down Large Projects: Divide big assignments or projects into smaller steps with their own due dates.
- Organize Study Materials: Keep your organized binders, folders, or digital folders for each subject. |
- Attend and Be Prepared for Class: Consistent attendance is crucial, and it's even better if you come prepared with materials and having completed or reviewed the previous day's notes before the lecture starts.

UTILIZING SCHOOL RESOURCES

The school provides resources specifically for struggling students—make sure to use them:

- Stay After School/Utilize Teacher Office Hours: Schedule one-on-one time with teachers to get extra help on tough topics or to review a test you performed poorly on.
- Use Study Halls: Use unscheduled time at school to stay ahead, study, or set aside extra time to work on homework or get assistance from the supervising teacher.
- Get a Study Buddy: Find a reliable classmate and form a study group.
- Email your teachers: Ask questions or let them know if you need extra help or turned in a late assignment.
- Use Your Classroom: Regularly check Google Classroom and your email for missing assignments, downloadable notes, or extra resources

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Launching Fall 2026



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The Public Health program at CT State Community College prepare students to address real health challenges affecting communities across Connecticut. The Associate of Science degree in Public Health, and the Environmental Public Health and Community Public Health certificates, provide foundational knowledge in public health systems, community health assessment, environmental health, health education and policy. Students learn how people's behavior, environment, social conditions can affect their health. They also explore how public health systems and policies work to solve these problems. In addition, students gain hands-on experience by working with communities, helping plan and evaluate programs and finding ways to prevent and reduce health risks. These programs are designed to strengthen Connecticut's public health workforce and prepare students for meaningful careers that improve community health outcomes. The program supports career pathways in local health departments, community-based organizations, environmental health agencies and related public service settings.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Health Worker
Environmental Health
Inspector/Technician
Public Health Program Support

Health Education and
Outreach Coordinator
Social and Community Health
Services Support Roles



TRANSFER OUTLOOK

The Associate of Science degree in Public Health supports transfer pathways to bachelor's degree programs in Public Health and related fields, including options within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system, such as Southern and Western Connecticut State Universities. Students may begin with a certificate and seamlessly stack into the Associate of Science degree, or transfer to a bachelor's degree program within the CSCU system and beyond. According to the Connecticut Department of Labor, entry-level occupations aligned with public health training include community health workers, environmental health technicians and other public health support roles across government agencies, healthcare systems and community-based organizations. Median annual wages for these occupations in Connecticut range from approximately \$49,000 to \$51,000.

Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (2023).



DEGREE

Associate of Science in Public Health



CERTIFICATE

Environmental Public Health
Community Public Health

Both certificates are fully stackable into the Associate of Science degree in Public Health.

CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Capital, Gateway, Housatonic, Three Rivers

FREE TUITION PROGRAM

Did you know you may be able to attend CT State for free? CT State offers funding that covers the gap between federal and state grants you receive and community college tuition and mandatory fees. To learn more, visit ctstate.edu/free-tuition.

COURSE SAMPLING

- PUBH 1010 – Foundations of Public Health
- PUBH 1050 – Introduction to Community Health
- HLTH 1051 – Health and Wellness Promotion
- ENV 1010 – Introduction to Environmental Science

Visit the college catalog at catalog.ctstate.edu to view more courses.

PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Through dedicated funding provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, eligible students may receive scholarship support through Fall 2027.

The scholarship supports:

- Tuition and fees
- Books and supplies
- Paid academic internships for Associate degree students
- Paid externships for certificate students

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about CT State's Public Health program, please contact CTState-PublicHealth@ctstate.edu.

This work is supported by the CT Department of Public Health through funds made available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for STLT Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce OE22-2203: Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant.



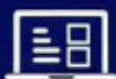
Registration will be open May 2026

Scan the QR code for more program information.

HOW TO GET STARTED

STEP ONE

Create Application Account



STEP TWO

Complete Admissions Application



STEP THREE

Submit Required Documents



STEP FOUR

Check Your Email For Next Steps



STEP FIVE

Apply For Financial Aid



REMINDER: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

**UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE WITH
OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!**

KRIS LORCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ✓ **\$2,000 AWARD**
- ✓ ONE OUTANDING INDIVIDUAL
- ✓ PURSUING TECHNICAL TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING SKILLED TRADE

MANUFACTURECT SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ **FOUR, \$1,000 AWARDS**
- ✓ PURSUING TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

MAY 15, 2026



More Information
www.manufacturect.org

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