

Monday, September 13th, HPTC Construction Trades student, Kellen Cansler, visited with the HPTC Board members about his time at HPTC. Kellen was a student in the inaugural year of the HPTC TAP (Technical Applications Program) 4 years ago. Kellen was recently elected as the State Historian for SkillsUSA. Kellen is a Senior at Mooreland High School.

Kellen shared with the board that “Before becoming a state officer if you had told me I had to speak in front of even 10-15 people I’d want to crawl under this table and die. But now I’m getting a lot more comfortable speaking in front of people, I even had the opportunity to go to the CareerTech Summit Conference and introduced a few of the speakers up in front of hundreds of people. This experience, being a state officer, has opened up a lot of doors for me. I cannot say enough about TAP. I have probably talked to almost every kid in Mooreland schools about attending that program because it was one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life. Mrs. Goss and TAP changed my life. Before enrolling in TAP, I honestly hated school and now I love it.”

Q&A with Kellen!

1. What is your favorite thing about being a student at HPTC?

My favorite aspect of HPTC is that I have so many amazing opportunities that I would not otherwise have been able to experience. Also, the instructors and administrators are great people and really good at their jobs.

2. What benefits have you found from being involved in a CareerTech Student Organization?

I have had to step out of my comfort zone and make myself grow as a leader.

3. What are your plans after you complete your program at HTPC?

I would like to use my cabinet making skills that I am learning through my Carpentry Program and open my own Cabinet business in Northwest Oklahoma.

4. What are your career goals once you graduate?

To try my very hardest at whatever I do and be the best at it.