Connecting Activities Grant - School To Careers Operating Budget from DOE

- Two new schools have joined the STC Partnership: Mashpee High School in FY05 and Harwich High School in FY06 – 10 high schools for the 10 year anniversary of the School To Careers Partnership in 2006 is exciting as it demonstrates the value School To Career programs offer the secondary schools in our region. Over 240 students, employers, secondary & post-secondary school staff joined the STC Partnership on May 6th for the 4th Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast to celebrate successful mentoring at the workplace.

- School To Careers initiatives in FY05 served 786 students across 9 school districts explored 905 internships in work-based learning placements with 547 employers in our community this year. 839 of the 905 placements used the Massachusetts Work Based Learning Plan to evaluate performance. The Cape & Islands School To Careers Partnership has leveraged $1,414,913.00 in private sector, qualifying wages in FY05. The leveraged wages measures the private sector dollar commitments for School To Careers brokered placements in a 2:1 ratio meaning for every Connecting Activity grant dollar spent in our area, in order to re-apply for annual funding, we must be able to demonstrate a two dollar private sector match; with an operating budget of approximately $125,000 annually, we must document a minimum of $350,000 our Partnership leveraged four times that amount!

- Professional Development activities include 1) Mashpee High School Teacher, Michael Looney doing a teacher externship experience this summer in science, technology & communications at C3TV in Yarmouth. Mike will be spending a month at the television station creating a crosswalk of skill attainment & competencies aligned with the Science, math & Technology Curriculum Frameworks put forth by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The teacher externship will impact over 200 Mashpee students in grades 9-12 during the 2005-2006 school year as Mike shares his externship experience and newfound knowledge back in the classroom by rewriting his curriculum. 2) Art Teacher Workshops provided at the Cape Museum of Fine Arts for over 84 local artisans through our collaboration with the Museum we have expanded outreach to art teachers and due to the success of the ARTWORKS student internship program. 3) Convening STC Coordinators to provide them with technical assistance on implementing the grant, 8 times/year here on campus.

- Regional Initiatives that STC has taken a lead role include 1) the P21 Initiative, Coren Peacock is a member of the Core Planning Committee working towards a Cape-wide Appreciative Inquiry conference this fall; other CCCC membership on the committee includes Lois Andre and Earle Bloor. The main objective of P21 is “for each region to develop 3 to 5 strategies for change in youth service delivery at the local/regional level and to inform needed changes in state agencies’ policies and practices that affect service delivery.” 2) The Youth Employability Skills Certificate Program collaboration amongst STC, the WIB, Career Opportunities and the CC Chamber of Commerce to improve the basic skills of entry-level workers will pilot the program this fall at CCCC. The 20-hour curriculum and training manual is being developed by Coren Peacock, Martha Burzycki of Career Opportunities and Courtney Garcia of the Workforce Investment Board. 3) The Economic Self-Sufficiency Committee of which Coren Peacock, Manager of the Partnership is one or over 20 members who worked diligently for the last six months on the March 29th, 2005 Cape Cod Workforce Resource Fair at the Hyannis Campus. It was estimated between 400-500 students and members of the community participated in the event.

- Marcia Raftery, hospitality teacher at Barnstable High School was chosen as the 2005 Massachusetts Restaurant Association’s Teacher of the year. Marcia has been teaching at Barnstable for many years and has been the lead teacher in the district for the ProStart program since it began at Barnstable in 2002. A total of 5 Cape & Islands school districts with several hundred students implement ProStart.
Diploma Plus Program

- Expanded in FY05 from serving 2-3 high schools to 7 school districts; went from 12 to 45 youth enrolled.
- In FY05 I have grown the financial support and community partners for this program from $25,000 to an operating budget of $150,000 to support student needs on campus such as tutoring, cost of classes, text books and appropriate staffing.
- Diploma Plus students have taken a total of $234,108.00 in college coursework at Cape Cod Community College since 1999 (these retention numbers do not include other post-secondary schools or training programs)
- All 7 school districts despite many of their budgets having been at zero% increase in three years agreed to a $300 per pupil increase in FY06 to help decrease the funding shortfall their total per pupil contribution will be $1300; up from $1000 in FY05
- Diploma Plus at Cape Cod Community College has been recognized for:
  - Diploma Plus has a 98% Graduation Rate – Highest in the state compared to 10 other Diploma Plus alternative programs across Massachusetts
  - Diploma Plus has a 85-90% Retention Rate at Post-Secondary Education or Training Programs; the highest in the state compared to 10 other Diploma Plus alternative programs across Massachusetts
  - By Commonwealth Corporation in 2004 as having the “Best Internship Placements in the state” due to the School To Careers 1:1 supervisor as a mentor model
  - In 2001 by the Department of Education for the DP Internship model being ideal for replication.
  - Diploma Plus has been selected for presentations at higher education conferences in October 2004 by The College Board, November 2004 by the Learning Assistance Association of New England due to the program’s reputation of excellence in the areas of student support services, program graduation rates and successful student retention and in June 2005 Diploma Plus was chosen to present for the Perkins Postsecondary Conference, "In Quest of Best Practices" by the conference committee due to having “creative ideas and being an exemplary program”.
- Commonwealth Corporation of Boston supported the FY05 expansion of the Cape’s Diploma Plus Program with the highest FY05 grant award in the state at $50,000 (CCCC is the only rural site) CCCC has been a leader in the DP Statewide Network, exceeding the annual work plan every year since its inception in 1998.
- Diploma Plus students have volunteered over 260 hours of their time in every town in Barnstable County at 27 non-profit organizations this fall 2004-spring 2005 including major group service projects partnering with Habitat For Humanity Youth Build Project; CCCC on campus initiatives= Habitat Bake Sale fundraiser and a luncheon for the clients of Nauset Inc. working in collaboration w/Jim Miller at CCCC’s Zammer Institute.
- AmeriCorps Cape Cod member placed with Diploma Plus Program & staffed the CCCC CS Resource Room 2/days a week throughout the school year

ARTWORKS: The School To Careers Art Internship Program for talented juniors and seniors.

- 41 juniors and seniors from 14 high schools participated this year in ARTWORKS and were mentored by 38 artists across Cape Cod
- Coren Peacock, STC Manager, David Willard, Board Chair of the STC Leadership Committee and Elizabeth Ives-Hunter, Director of the Museum spoke to a crowd of over 480 students, artists, family members, legislators, teachers, high school and CCCC administrators who we in attendance at the student artist and their mentor reception held May 17, 2005 in the main gallery of the Cape Cod Museum of Art.