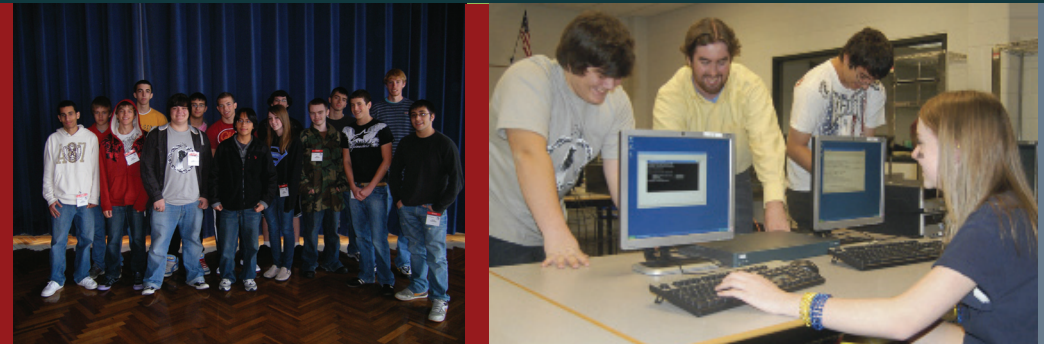




Networking Academy Students Wire National Conference

Model of Practice: Central High School, Walled Lake Schools, Oakland County, Michigan

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At Central High School, Cisco Networking Academy students experienced a rare opportunity for real-world ICT experience in a high-profile setting.

They provided networking services at the League for Innovation national conference at Cobo Arena in Detroit on October 11–14, 2009.

Networking Academy students assisted ICT professionals with the setup of over 600 computers—running cables, loading software, imaging desktops, and configuring switches.

Jenny Griffith, Career Technical Education coordinator at Walled Lake Schools, said: “It’s a rare occasion when high school students have the skills to perform this kind of network setup. This could only be possible in a district like Walled Lake, where emphasis is placed on a diverse curriculum, preparing students for high-wage, high-skilled, high-demand jobs.”

According to Cisco course instructor Dan Carruthers: “I am really excited that our students had the chance to

work with other networking professionals. This opportunity is what we like to call a ‘21st century learning experience,’ and is a perfect example of how our students typically collaborate with industry professionals. It’s these skills that future employers will be looking for from our graduates.”

The League for Innovation conference attracts nearly 2,500 community, technical, and 4-year college and university administrators, faculty, and professional staff, in addition to a significant number of corporate and education leaders. Students participating in the League networking project utilized their “ICT staff” badges to attend conference sessions.

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