McNary student hones sales skills in CTEC programs

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McNary senior Ian Koenig has been enrolled in the Business and Development Program at the Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) since the start of the school year. On Tuesday, Jan. 22, he was recognized for his "amazing work" at CTEC at the Keizer City Council meeting by Mayor Cathy Clark and City Councilor Roland Her-

"I wasn't really expecting it," Koenig said about receiving recognition. "I always try my best, but I never thought anything like this would hap-

Koenig was nominated by his business teacher Jake Fineran — who was a student-teacher at McNary last vear and is in his first year as a full-time instructor.

"Over the course of this year Ian has shown tremendous growth as a young business professional," Fineran said. "He started off the year as a somewhat reserved student and has blossomed into one of our leaders."

"The Keizer community should be proud to have a young leader like Ian."

Koenig took a tour of the CTEC campus last year and was initially interested in the Drone Technology and Robotics Department. However, he eventually decided to go the route of Business Development and Leadership.

Seeing that it was going to be a first-year program, Koenig knew he was taking a leap of faith.

After nearly five months in the program, it's safe to say that Koenig made the right

"Everything is just business related. It's awesome," Koenig

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Ian Koenig, with teacher Jake Fineran, talks about his experiences at CTEC during the Keizer City Council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22.

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go into. It's applicable in every form.

One of the things that sets CTEC apart is how they give kids hands-on learning experience of a particular field and where kids were assigned to

then give them the opportunity to show those skills by putting them in actual professional situa-"We treat

them as if they already professionals in the industry and we mirror the workforce

in everything we do," CTEC Principal Rhonda Rhodes said at a CTEC showcase last

Koenig is living proof of

to help me in any field that I the accuracy of that statement. For the latest project in the Business and Development

program, Koenig took on the role of Sales Team Leader in his class for a project sell sheds that

made by the CTEC Construction Program.

Koenig was required to create sales scripts, make sales calls and send profesfolsional low-up emails. Koenig also

team determine a rough estimate of how much the materials cost and then starting attempting to sell the sheds to high school athletic directors in the Salem-Keizer area.

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A pair of sheds were recently sold to Sprague High School, but Koenig also plans to target churches and community gardens.

Earlier in the year, Koenig and the team also put together a marketing package for the brand-new Cosmetology Department at CTEC — which is a fully operating salon with multiple clients.

professional "(Koenig's) skills have grown so much. He gives tours to people that are coming into CTEC and talks to them like a business professional," Fineran said.

Personal branding (i.e., handshaking, eye-contact, making public speeches, building resumes, doing job interviews, helping sell yourself, etc.) is a big teaching aspect of the program and it's been an area where Koenig has been able to shine.

"For me, it's just having the confidence to go out and know what I'm talking about and having the knowledge to speak to someone about what I am actually doing," Koenig said. "I know that what I am doing now is going to benefit me for the future."

Koenig is planning on attending Chemeketa Community College next year and wants to either look at getting a job at a bank, or as a car salesman.

But whatever Koenig ends up doing in his next stage of life, Fineran is confident that he will excel.

"(Koenig) is a humble guy and I don't think he knows how good he is from a business standpoint," Fineran said. "The way he communicates to people is well beyond his years. He sounds like a seasoned salesman."

"The skills he's learning here at CTEC are going to give him a competitive advantage for whatever he decides to do."



Corrine Arehart, of the Keizer Elks Lodge, with Adrienne Christian, community engagement lead for Liberty House.

Keizer Elks invest in two local efforts

The Keizer Elks Lodge recently offered financial support to two local non-profit organizations.

On Jan. 2, lodge officials presented \$1,000 checks to Shaney Starr of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Adrienne Christian of Liberty House.

CASA, an advocacy non-profit group, represents abused and neglected children in foster care. CASA trained community volunteers help assure a child can grow up in a safe and permanent home.

Liberty House, a child abuse assessment center serving Marion and Polk counties, provides comprehensive medical evaluations and interviews for concerns of sexual and

physical abuse and neglect of children under the age of 18

The contributions are in addition to \$1,500 the lodge presented to other organizations in December 2017.

Elks members also raised \$10,000 from members, community donations and a Elks National Foundation (ENF) grant for its annual holiday giving program. Gubser Elementary School families contributed 6,000 pounds of food to the effort and Perrydale Future Farmers of America contributed an additional 10,000 pounds of produce. Members and volunteers delivered 225 food boxes to local families, 75 of which were families of deployed soldiers.

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