

**PRINCE FREDERICK, MD** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) toured the campus and participated in a roundtable discussion with students and educators at the Calvert Career and Technology Academy, a vocational/technical high school in the Calvert County Public School District. Following a tour of the campus, which highlighted the programs available to students, Hoyer participated in a roundtable discussion to learn more about the high school's programs and how it prepares students to become college and career-ready in a variety of fields.

"I was pleased to hear from students and faculty about their experiences at the Calvert Career and Technology Academy, and how the high school is preparing students for the workforce and motivating them to seek degrees in these fields at higher education institutions," **stated Congressman Hoyer.**

"Motivating our students and ensuring them access to education is a key component of Democrats' Make It In America plan – a plan to create jobs and grow the economy by investing in education and innovation. I remain committed to making investments in programs that help students become college and career-ready so that we can continue building a competitive workforce, meet the needs of local businesses seeking qualified employees, and ensure more students can make it in America."

The Career and Technology Academy is designed to prepare students for post-secondary education, gainful employment, or both, by providing Career and Technology Education (CTE) courses. High school students in the Calvert County Public School system have the option to select a cluster field of study and take CTE courses at the Career and Technology Academy in order to complete the program in their elected field. Students are bused from their home high school and generally spend a two-period block of their school day (roughly 90 minutes) at the Career and Technology Academy. In order to appropriately place students into programs where they will be successful, guidance counselors in the home high schools develop a full understanding of the rigor and requirements of the CTE programs as well as an understanding of the student's interest and abilities.

Several unique opportunities are offered to the students who choose a CTE pathway, including articulated credits with the College of Southern Maryland, Johnson and Wales University, or one of three technical institutes, paid internships, and certification opportunities. These opportunities, along with a challenging course curriculum, prepare graduating seniors for a

four-year college or university, a two-year college, technical training, or employment.

For more information on the Calvert Career and Technology Academy, [click here](#) .