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This summer the Career and Technical Education Department has purchased 60 new desktop computers to replace the older computers in the CTE computer labs at Everett High School. We also had the great fortune to hire a Computer Science teacher. With the addition of two new labs and the hiring of a Computer Science teacher we will now have a strong focus around the career cluster area Computer Science in the area of programming. For a number of years Computer Science has been considered one of the top high wage high demand cluster areas.

A new salary survey from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) shows that engineering majors dominate the list of college degrees that pay the highest salaries to new college graduates. Of the ten majors with the highest starting salaries, six are in some branch of engineering, including computer engineering, in the no. 1 slot at $70,400. The no. 3 highest-paying major is computer science, at $64,400. Below is a list of top-paying majors for new college graduates:

Computer Engineering $70,400

Chemical Engineering $66,400

Computer Science $64,400

Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering $64,000

Mechanical Engineering $62,900

Electrical/Electronics and Communication Engineering $62,300

Civil Engineering $57,600

Finance $57,300