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NEW RESTAURANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT SCVTHS

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Our Open House was a great success. I want to thank students, staff and our PTO who contributed their time and efforts to show visitors just how great our school is and what we have to offer!

A special congratulation goes out to Cosmetology Instructor Julie Francis, who has been selected as our 2018 Educator of the Year! In addition to teaching Cosmetology at our school for the past twelve years, Ms. Francis is the Senior Class advisor and is very active in community service projects with her students.

School Spirit Alert

- NHS, NTHS, NHSDA - Dunk Your Kicks Sneaker Collection Service Project - February 28 to March 29
- HOSA Blood Drive - March 1 from 8am-1pm
- Winter Sports Banquet - March 8
- NHS Induction Ceremony - March 28

Save the Dates

- Formal Dance Concert - March 23 & 24 at 7:30pm
- SkillsUSA State Competitions - April 14
- SkillsUSA Golf Classic - May 14 at 11am at Raritan Valley Country Club

On The Court

SCVTHS boys & girls basketball teams are working hard on the court. Check out our sports schedule on our website. We welcome your presence in a show of support for our Jaguar players to cheer our teams on. Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



Beginning in September 2018, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School will be offering a new program in Restaurant Entrepreneurship and Management (REM). The REM Program is funded by a County Vocational School District Partnership Grant through the NJ Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education. Other schools involved in the REM partnership grant include South Bound Brook School District, Watchung Hills Regional High School District and Raritan Valley Community College.

The REM Program is a four year career pathway emphasizing social, entrepreneurial, technical and academic skills, while preparing youth for employment, starting their own businesses and advancing their education in restaurant, culinary and catering management. Students will obtain fundamentals in restaurant management by learning industry best practices and progress to overseeing the TradeWins Restaurant at SCVTHS. Students in the Program will be able to obtain industry recognized certifications and compete in local, state and national competitions.

Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Superintendent Dr. Chrys Harttraft stated, "This Program, similar to other career education programs, will incorporate workplace readiness skills acquisition such as critical thinking, problem solving, and communication while enabling students to develop and practice soft skills such as teamwork, punctuality and the ability to follow directions."

Students graduating from the REM Program will be prepared for immediate employment, post-secondary training, or continue their education in college in the hospitality related fields such as Food and Beverage Management or Business Management at Raritan Valley



(l-r): Culinary Arts students Judith Kursar of Bridgewater, Jaustin Bonilla of N. Plainfield, Sabrina Garcia of Bridgewater, Aidan Kincaid of Hillsborough, and Emilie Scholma of Hillsborough in front of the Trade Wins Restaurant at SCVTHS.

Community College (RVCC). In addition, students may exercise their entrepreneurial knowledge to start their own restaurant or catering service.

Additional benefits of the Program include opportunities for internships and job shadowing to further enhance the students' technical skills. A summer bridge program will also be developed to transition middle school students into the REM Program at the high school.*

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DANCE CONCERT

FRIDAY - March 23, 2018

& SATURDAY - March 24, 2018

7:30 pm



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SCVTHS HOLDS FIRST ALUMNI HOMECOMING EVENT

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

SCVTHS held its first ever Alumni Homecoming event last month. Over sixty alumni, including one graduate from 1972, attended the event. Thanks to generous donations from the school's career and technical programs and their partners, many of the alumni left the event with door prizes.

Mario Peluso, an Administrator at SCVTHS who chaired organizing efforts, said "The Homecoming was a way for us to bring many people together, the thought being the big picture of the entire school community. The event was our way, through athletics, to encourage a stronger school community and enhance the culture and climate of SCVTHS. We invited alumni by email, personal phone calls and social media, with over sixty attending, to watch the games and be part of the event."

Peluso went on to add, "The Homecoming Committee plans to continue to meet to discuss future events and ways



SCVTHS alumni at the school's first Alumni Homecoming event

to improve them. With a larger crowd expected each year, we hope to offer more activities and opportunities for connections past and present."

To top the night off, both the girls and boys basketball teams were victorious in their games over Central Jersey College Prep.*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Donald Decker

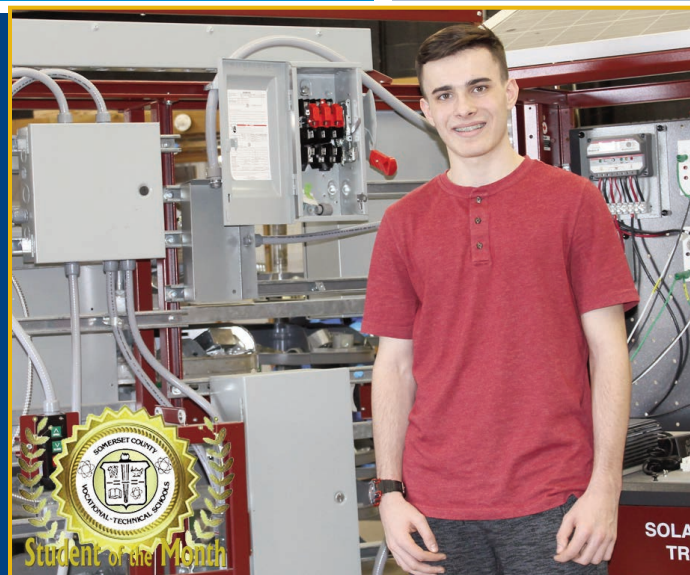
Donald Decker, a sophomore in the Electrical Construction Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for February 2018. He is the son of Donald and Susan Decker of Hillsborough.

SCVTHS Physical Education Instructor Matthew Poznanski nominated Donald for the Student of the Month Award because, "Donald Decker is a fantastic student. Don is extremely upbeat with a willingness to help others in class." Mr. Poznanski went on to add that, "Don is very focused on his academics and is an outstanding student!"

During his first year at SCVTHS, Donald has been on the Principal's Honor Roll for both the first and second semesters. Outside of the classroom, Donald participates in Cross Country and Track in Hillsborough and plans to play baseball for SCVTHS this coming Spring. During his free time, Donald enjoys exercising, playing video games and spending time with his family and friends.

After graduating high school, Donald plans to go on to Rutgers or an out-of-state four year college to further his education with the ultimate goal of becoming an electrical engineer.

Donald said he was "honored" to receive the Student of the Month award and that "it was definitely not expected." Donald went on to add that he will be using the award as motivation. "I feel accomplished and it is pushing me to work harder."*



Donald Decker