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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS FOR ANNUAL WEEK OF RESPECT

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as to the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop."

—Dorothy Height

Dear Jaguar Nation,

This month students and staff were involved in class activities and lessons designed to raise awareness in observance of Respect Week and School Violence Awareness. In CTE programs, classes and clubs, we urge everyone to focus on KINDNESS and being of service to others.

Our school staff strives to provide all of our students with a unique and well-rounded educational experience. In addition to career, technical, and academic studies, we promote the importance of community service projects.

School Spirit Alerts

- Oct 25 – NHS & NTHS - Haunted Halls Fundraiser • 7 to 10pm
- Oct./Nov. –Cosmetology pink hair extensions Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Nov 1 – 22 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov 5 – Fall Sports Banquet 6pm
- Nov 22 & 23 – SCVTHS Theater Arts presents "Arsenic & Old Lace" • 7:30pm

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



As part of the annual Week of Respect (October 7th–11th) and in accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, c.122), Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School welcomed Dr. Paul Stuart Wichansky for a school-wide assembly on avoiding negative peer pressure, being unique, and overcoming challenges. Dr. Wichansky, who has faced many obstacles in his life, gave a very motivational presentation to the SCVTHS community on overcoming disabilities and adversity to accept challenges.

On October 10th, the Linkages Department (funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families) at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) held an event during all lunch periods to recognize the annual Week of Respect. SCVTHS SAC/Mental Health Counselor Donna Lenox and Graduate Intern Maria Garcia asked students to sign a "Pledge of Peace" and submit designs for the school's Wall of Peace.

In addition, students in Mrs. Gichan's Photography classes participated in the school's Week of Respect by creating black and white anti-HIB (harassment, intimidation, and bullying) posters. Once the posters were approved, the artworks were put on display throughout the school's



Dr. Paul Stuart Wichansky delivers his presentation during an assembly at SCVTHS on October 11, 2019.

buildings, hallways and cafeteria for all of the SCVTHS community to view.*

For more information about the work of Dr. Paul Stuart Wichansky please visit his website at: www.justthewayyouare.com.

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COMMENDED SCVTHS STUDENTS NAMED IN 2020 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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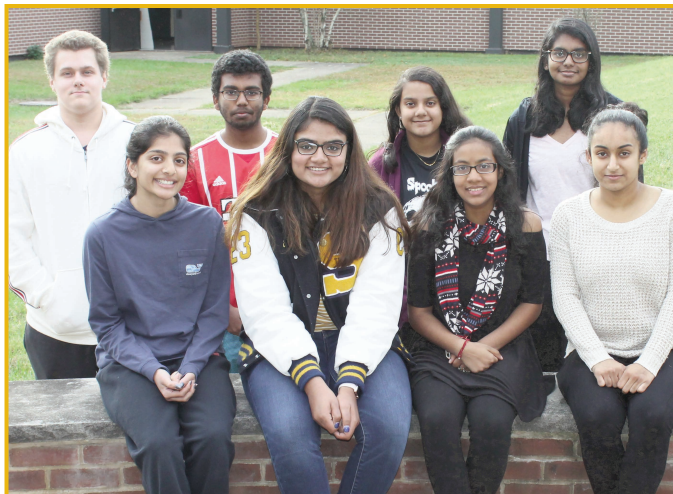


First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Diane Ziegler, Principal of Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, announced that Mira Amin of Bridgewater, Nidhi Banker of Branchburg, William Littwin of Bridgewater, Krishna Mody of Martinsville, Seejal Padhi of Bridgewater, Ritu Peddinti of Bridgewater, Mayaank Pillai of Hillsborough and Sanya Ravoori of Hillsborough have been named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the Program, will be presented by the Principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2020 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 Competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a NMSC spokesperson. "These students represent a valuable national



SCVTHS Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program (back l-r): William Littwin of Bridgewater, Mayaank Pillai of Hillsborough, Seejal Padhi of Bridgewater, Sanya Ravoori of Hillsborough; (front l-r) Mira Amin of Bridgewater, Ritu Peddinti of Bridgewater, Krishna Mody of Martinsville and Nidhi Banker of Branchburg

resource. Recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."✿

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JENNA SHALLOP NAMED SCVTHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Jenna Shallop, a junior in the Agricultural Science Program, has been selected as SCVTHS Student of the Month for October 2019. Jenna is the daughter of Anthony and Heidi Shallop of South Bound Brook.

Spanish Instructor Mr. Guillermo Reina nominated Jenna for the award because, "Jenna is truly a leader, engaged in every lesson with great participation and helping other students in her group. She is a happy student, always with a smile and eager to learn."

SCVTHS Agricultural Sciences Instructor Mr. Erik Fargo added, "One of Jenna's most impressive talents is always being helpful to peers and visitors. Jenna is an excellent student ambassador for our Program and our school and has demonstrated the ability to educate and connect with visitors multiple times in a warm, inviting, and educational manner. She has served well in our Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter serving as Treasurer and earning two honorary FFA degrees."

At SCVTHS, Jenna is a three sport athlete competing in soccer, basketball and softball. Last winter Jenna served as captain of the girls' team JV basketball team. Jenna also participates in the school's Student Council, FFA and Rotary Clubs. At her sending district of Bound Brook, Jenna is a member of the Drama Club. Additionally, she has been a recipient of the FFA Greenhand Degree, FFA Chapter Degree and the NJ FFA Outstanding Greenhand Award.

Jenna's future plans including furthering her education at a four-year college, while also participating in their Navy ROTC Program. After college, Jenna plans on enlisting in the United States Navy.✿



Jenna Shallop