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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS STUDENTS WIN GOLD AT 2018 NJ SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

A special shout out to all our SkillsUSA students who competed this year at the state level! Whether you took home a medal or not, everyone did a commendable job representing SCVTHS! Your dedication and preparation certainly showed. Great job everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 3rd annual SkillsUSA Golf Classic at Raritan Valley Country Club. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support our SkillsUSA students going to Louisville, KY for the national competition in June. Additional information can be found on our website.

School Spirit Alert

- May 7-11: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- May 14: SkillsUSA Golf Classic at Raritan Valley Country Club, Bridgewater
- May 24: America Day!

On The Field

Baseball and Softball seasons have begun so remember to check out our sports schedule on our website and come on out in a show of support and cheer our teams on! Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



On April 14th, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2018 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Out of the 94 students from SCVTHS who competed, 63 received medals including 27 Gold. The Gold medal winners are now eligible to test their skills in Louisville, Kentucky from June 25-29, 2018 at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). During the NLSC Conference, more than 6,000 career and technical education students will showcase their talents and compete in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. The test competencies are set by industry. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. ✱

The complete list of SCVTHS students who received medals is as follows:

GOLD

- Automotive Refinishing Technology – Susan Norz (Hillsborough)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Health Services – Krishna Mody (Martinsville), Shanaya Sood (Hillsborough)
- Community Service – Mira Amin (Bridgewater), Michelle Masiello (Hillsborough), Ritu Peddinti (Bridgewater)
- Cosmetology (Novice) – Victoria Barbiero (South Bound Brook)
- Criminal Justice – Conor Wojenski (Somerset)
- Diesel Equipment Technology – Matt King (Watchung)
- Electrical Construction Wiring – Jeremy Salvato (Branchburg)
- First Aid/CPR – Sarah Adams (Bridgewater)
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Matthew Abraham (Hillsborough), Julia Garaffa (Skillman), Ruhyak Gupta (Flemington), Matthew Natividad (Somerset)
- Medical Math – Dhruv Gupta (Warren)
- Medical Terminology – Elizabeth Gershater (Bridgewater)
- Quiz Bowl – Abiram Gangavaram (Watchung), Mukta Patwari (Bridgewater), Evan Sapirman (Hillsborough), Janum Shah (Belle Mead), Darshan Shah (Hillsborough); Quiz Bowl Alternate: Andrew Idak (Warren) and Varun Punnam (Bridgewater)
- Restaurant Service – Elizabeth Jaeger (Branchburg)

SILVER

- Career Pathways Showcase: Business Mgt. & Technology – Kyle Amerman (Bridgewater), Dylan D'Costa (Warren), Gilliana Loyola (Green Brook)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial and Engineering Technology – Karnav Dalal (Somerset), Molly Foster (Flemington), Aromal Suresh (Bridgewater)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food – Natasha Mody (Martinsville) and Dhyan Patel (Hillsborough)
- Collision Repair Technology – Nicholas Donnadio (Hillsborough)
- Criminal Justice – Kyle Hishmeh (Bridgewater)
- Customer Service – Veda Kota (Hillsborough)
- Promotional Bulletin Board – Jamie Moni (Hillsborough), Eka Tawe (Hillsborough), Amanda Williams (Hillsborough)
- Related Technical Math – Sonia Purohit (Branchburg)
- SkillsUSA Safety Display – Adarsh Mavathaveedu (Flemington)



Elizabeth Jaeger (Branchburg) celebrates her Gold medal on stage at the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships Awards Ceremony.

- Teamworks – Richard Baginski (Branchburg), Nicholas Merola (Branchburg), Agustin Osses (Bridgewater), Brenden Ryan (Bridgewater)
- Technology Display – Anna Ramos (Warren) and Mae Kinst (Hillsborough)

BRONZE

- American Spirit – Vyonce Lawson (Somerset) and Islam Soliman (Somerset)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services – Gabrielle Ku (Warren), Sharon Samuel (Hillsborough), Harrine Senthilkumar (Bridgewater)
- Custom Automotive Painting – Brian Houston (Bound Brook), Jose Gallegos (Bridgewater)
- Health Occupations Professional Portfolio – Christine Starozytnyk (South Bound Brook)
- Medical Terminology – Mahima Gurushankar (Bridgewater)
- Plumbing – John Dolan (Hillsborough)
- Technology Display – Shivani Patel (Hillsborough)

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SkillsUSA
National Leadership & Skills Conference
Louisville, KY
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BAM DESSERTS VISITS SCVTHS CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

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Melissa Jenkins, one of the owners of BAM Desserts in Somerset, and Chef Liz Hernandez visited the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Culinary Arts classes to recruit students for their growing bakery. Melissa and Chef Liz were looking for reliable students who were willing to learn new skills, gain workplace experience and obtain an entrance into the field. In addition, they provided students with an inside look at working in and owning a bakery.

Melissa, along with her partners Brande and Ari Fowlkes, started BAM Desserts in September 2017 because they "wanted something more flavorful." While acknowledging that the business is a lot of hard work, Melissa said it has been a fun and fulfilling experience. BAM Desserts creates custom cakes, cupcakes, cookies and specialty bunt cakes. BAM Desserts has also found success in providing sugar-free and vegan offerings.



(l-r): BAM Desserts co-owner Melissa Jenkins, SCVTHS Culinary Arts students Sadie Smith of Millington, Liz Jaeger of Branchburg, Nadia Harrell of Somerset, Sam Soldan of Gillette, and BAM Desserts Chef Liz Hernandez.

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, Melissa Jenkins will serve as a member of the advisory committee for the newly created SCVTHS Restaurant Entrepreneurship and Management (REM) Program. By including valuable community partners like BAM, SCVTHS will be able to build the REM Program into a success.✱

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH CJ Miranda

CJ Miranda, a freshman in the Cosmetology Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for April 2018. CJ is the son of Ms. Andrea Tomporowski of Basking Ridge and Mr. Antonio Miranda of Warren.

SCVTHS Social Studies Instructor Farrah Fatmi nominated CJ for the Student of the Month Award because he is "an outstanding student, participates frequently, is outspoken, asks questions and often shares related information." Mrs. Fatmi added that CJ has "excellent classroom behavior, leadership skills, and class participation."

Outside of SCVTHS, CJ enjoys practicing bass, snowboarding and mentoring youth at the NJ Pride Center. In the future, CJ hopes to study to become a trauma surgeon. In addition he would like to own a barber shop in his spare time.✱



CJ Miranda