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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Students and staff have been working hard this Spring on all the required State testing for both academics and our career & technical programs and are looking forward to some fun-filled, school spirited events:

- Our 2nd Annual Student Art Exhibit is May 20-24 in the main office lobby.
- Student Council Luncheon will be held on May 29.
- The Annual Junior-Senior Prom is being held May 31 from 6-10pm at the Bridgewater Marriott.
- Field Day and end of the year school picnic is June 18.
- Our annual trip to Dorney Park is June 19.
- Our 3rd Annual Senior Awards Night is Thursday, June 13 from 7 to 9pm in the school Auditorium.
- Our Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony is on Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm.

We also want to wish our students who are competing at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, the best of luck! Students and advisors are leaving on June 24 and will be returning home on June 29.

On the Field:

Baseball and Softball seasons are coming to a close, and our athletes will be honored at a Sports Banquet held in the high school cafeteria on June 6.

Congratulations to all our students and coaches for a great season!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



This year's Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Scholar Athletes are Sonia Purohit of Branchburg and Evan Sapirman of Hillsborough. Sonia and Evan were recognized for their achievements at the annual Somerset County Scholar Athlete dinner on May 8th.*



(left to right): SCVTHS Principal Diane Ziegler and Sonia Purohit attend the Scholar Athlete reception.

Sonia Purohit

Sonia, daughter of Keerti and Vinay Purohit, is a two-sport varsity athlete at SCVTHS and a four-year track & field letter-winner at Somerville High School. She earned senior-year captain status for both track and soccer. Sonia recorded over 100 career goals and finished her junior soccer season as the second-leading goal scorer in the state. During senior year, Sonia was the starting guard on the varsity basketball team and finished top-ten in the state for steals-per-game. She is also the president of the National Honor Society at SCVTHS. This fall, Sonia plans on majoring in Computer Science and running track at MIT.

Evan Sapirman

Evan, son of Nadine and Louis Sapirman, is a three-sport varsity athlete at SCVTHS. Playing baseball and basketball, he also served as a captain of the soccer team. During his senior basketball season, Evan was top-40 in the state for both steals and assists, while helping to lead his team to their first state tournament game victory in over 25 years. He is a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences Quiz Bowl team, which placed fifth nationally in 2018. Evan plans on studying history and philosophy in college next Fall.



(left to right): SCVTHS Principal Diane Ziegler and Evan Sapirman attend the Scholar Athlete reception.

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Louisville, KY
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SCVTHS STUDENTS WIN GOLD AT 2019 NJ SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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On April 13th, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2019 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Out of the 101 students from SCVTHS who competed, 65 received medals including 28 Gold. The Gold medal winners are now eligible to test their skills in Louisville, Kentucky from June 24-29, 2019 at the 55th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC).

During the National Leadership and Skills Conference more than 6,000 career and technical education students will showcase their talents and compete in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. The test competencies are set by industry.

The complete list of medal winners is as follows:

GOLD

Career Pathways Showcase: Industrial and Engineering Technology – **Halee Dani** (Hillsborough), **Christopher Masiello** (Hillsborough) and **Rachel Yuh** (Somerset)

Career Pathways Showcase: Business Management and Technology –

Vyonce Lawson (North Brunswick) and **Janki Patel** (Franklin Park)

Career Pathways Showcase: Health Sciences – **Krishna Mody** (Martinsville),

Shanaya Sood (Hillsborough) and **Amanda Williams** (Hillsborough)

Custom Automotive Painting – **Brianna Roper** (Bridgegewater) and

Alexus Rothschild (Bridgegewater)

Customer Service – **Veda Kota** (Hillsborough)

Electrical Construction Wiring – **Jeremy Salvato** (Branchburg)

First Aid/CPR – **Sarah Adams** (Bridgegewater)

Health Knowledge Bowl – **Matthew Abraham** (Hillsborough), **Ruhyak Gupta**

(Flemington) and **Natasha Mody** (Martinsville)

Industrial Motor Control – **Kenton Asea** (Martinsville)

Medical Math – **Elizabeth Gershtater** (Bridgegewater)

Medical Terminology – **Adarsh Mavathaveedu** (Flemington)

Quiz Bowl – **Abiram Gangavaram** (Watchung), **Evan Sapirman** (Hillsborough),

Rima Amin (Bridgegewater), **Omar Khasawneh** (Somerset) and **Varun Punnam**

(Bridgegewater); Quiz Bowl Alternate – **Mona Marhaba** (Bridgegewater) and

Benjamin Tankel (Warren)

SILVER

SkillsUSA Safety Display – **Rayhanah Ahmed** (Bound Brook)

Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services – **Sharon Samuel** (Hillsborough),

Isha Shah (Hillsborough) and **Michelle Wilfred** (Hillsborough)

Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food – **Kate Kinst**

(Hillsborough), **Aarsha Shah** (Bridgegewater) and **Nidhi Shah** (Hillsborough)

Chapter Business Procedure – **Shree Amin** (Hillsborough), **Mitisha Panda**

(Belle Mead), **Shivani Patel** (Hillsborough), **Dhyan Patel** (Hillsborough) and

Yousuf Qari (Somerset)

Community Service – **Mira Amin** (Bridgegewater), **Michelle Masiello**

(Hillsborough) and **Ritu Peddinti** (Bridgegewater)



Custom Automotive Painting Gold medalists Brianna Roper of Bridgegewater (left) and Alexis Rothschild of Bridgegewater (right) with Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director Pat Walsh (center) after receiving their medals at the 2019 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships Awards Ceremony.

Cosmetology – **Kaylyn Castro** (Bridgegewater)

Criminal Justice – **Ryan Duffy** (Basking Ridge)

Diesel Equipment Technology – **Cameron Hallingse** (Branchburg)

Esthetics – **Hayley Terrero** (Manville)

Industrial Motor Control – **Brian Opdyke** (Neshanic Station)

Medical Math – **Naimisha Vidavalapati** (Somerset)

Medical Terminology – **Kirstein Balao** (Bound Brook)

Plumbing – **Matthew Gentile** (Gillette)

Promotional Bulletin Board – **Nidhi Banker** (Branchburg), **Seejal Padhi**

(Bridgegewater) and **Sanya Ravoori** (Hillsborough)

Technology Display – **Maya Saez** (North Plainfield) and **Anjali Viswanathan** (Somerset)

BRONZE

Automotive Refinishing Technology – **Susan Norz** (Hillsborough)

Collision Repair Technology – **Nicholas Donnadio** (Hillsborough)

Criminal Justice – **Maida Ahmad** (Bound Brook)

Health Occupations Professional Portfolio – **Brian Coletta** (Green Brook)

Team Works – **Johnathan Fiedler** (Bridgegewater), **Nicholas Merola** (Branchburg)

and **Brenden Ryan** (Bridgegewater)

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Alexander Chen, a sophomore in the Academy for Health & Medical Sciences, has been selected as SCVTHS' Student of the Month for May 2019. Alexander is the son of Irene Jao and Eric Chen of Warren.

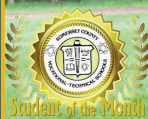
Social Studies Instructor Dr. Tokarsky-Unda nominated Alexander for the award because, "Alex is polite, observant, mature, courteous, and exhibits a love of learning. He's diligent and highly self-motivated, setting goals for himself and managing his time in order to meet them. He's hard-working and self-driven, cares deeply about the way in which his actions and words affect others, and has exhibited a genuine concern about other people. He is pursuing a career in medicine so that he can help others."

At SCVTHS, Alexander is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and has been a National Spanish Exam Gold Medalist.

Alexander Chen

Outside of school, Alexander is a seven-year member of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, volunteers at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the YMCA, is a member of the Science Bowl and Science Olympiad teams, the President of Music for More Club and a member of the Watchung Hills Varsity Ultimate Frisbee team. Alex was also a member for a club ultimate Frisbee team that represented the northeastern region of the United States by competing at the 2018 National Youth Club Championship. Recently, Alexander was accepted into the Regional and New Jersey All-State Orchestra.

In his free time, Alexander enjoys reading non-fiction books and watching science videos. Alexander explained he is "passionate about scientific research" and hopes to "engage in cutting-edge research, specifically genetics, to ultimately become an entrepreneur in the field of biomedical sciences."✿



Alexander Chen