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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES 2018 BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

November kicks off the season of giving when we begin to hear inspiring stories of kindness and compassion shown to others from all over the country. I am proud that some of these acts happen right here on our campus where our school community work together to promote an atmosphere of CARING, one of the six Pillars of Character Education.

Every year students, families and staff members dedicate themselves to numerous service projects including our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, HOSA's Winter Coat Drive, Toy Drives for the Agape House and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center-Pediatrics. I am proud to be the Principal of such a caring community. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Upcoming Events / School Spirit Alert

- 11/1-12/4 HOSA's annual NJ Cares Coat Drive
- 12/1-12/17 Cosmetology Cut-a-Thon and Toy Drive
- 12/8 Santa Breakfast Fundraiser - Cafeteria 8am to 12pm

#### Athletics:

- Week of November 19: Try-outs begin for cheerleading and basketball.

#### Holiday Basketball Tournament

- 12/19 at 4:00pm
- 12/21 at 2:30pm
- 12/27 at 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm
- 12/28 at 9:30am & 11:30am

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



(l-r): Rich and Debbie Norz, owners of Norz Hill Farm in Hillsborough, are Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District's 2018 Business Partners of the Year.

Rich and Debbie Norz, owners of Norz Hill Farm in Hillsborough, have been selected as the SCVTS District's 2018 Business Partners of the Year. Mr. and Mrs. Norz were selected for the award for their generous donations, support, curriculum assistance and contributions to the Agricultural Science and Culinary Arts Programs.

Over the past five years, Mr. and Mrs. Norz have made countless donations in the way of equipment and supplies to the Agricultural Science Program to support irrigation and hydroponic projects. These donations directly led to produce being raised for use in the school's Culinary Arts Program. Additionally, the Norzs have assisted in fundraising events and allowed the Agricultural Science Program to borrow egg-laying chickens to provide students with learning opportunities in animal science. Another contribution the Norz family has given SCVTHS includes providing students with a chance to formally document Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. Students have used these formal records to earn honorary National FFA degrees and national recognition through the Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET), an online record keeping system. "The poultry project, and other supports that Norz

Hill Farm has provided, has had many positive impacts on student experiences related to this Program and our school," said Agricultural Science Instructor Erik Fargo. Fargo went on to add, "Norz Hill Farm has been strongly supporting this Program for five years now, and I am so very thankful for their support on many levels."

For these notable contributions, Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District is proud to announce Rich and Debbie Norz as the 2018 Business Partners of the Year.✽

For more information on this story contact James Strickhart at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7169 or [jstrickhart@scvts.net](mailto:jstrickhart@scvts.net).

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## SCVTHS SOPHOMORE ADVANCES TO IRISH STEP DANCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Caleigh Allen of Somerset, a sophomore in the TOPS Program and Graphic Communications Program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, recently advanced to the Irish Step Dancing World Championship in Greensborough, North Carolina.

Caleigh, inspired by her grandmother and great-aunt who were Irish Step Dancers, has been performing competitively for eight years. Dedicated to her craft, Caleigh travels to New York and Pennsylvania 5-6 times per week to practice. Each practice session lasts approximately two hours.

"I like Irish Step Dancing because it's an amazing part of my culture and very challenging," said Caleigh. She went on to add, "Going to the World Championship has been my dream and I'm very excited about the opportunity. Another goal is to go to Ireland and perform in County Limerick where my family is from."\*

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Phoebe Chen

Phoebe Chen, a senior in the Theater Arts Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for November 2018. Phoebe is the daughter of Jason and Alicia Chen of Hillsborough.

SCVTHS English Instructor Rachel Miller nominated Phoebe for the Student of the Month award because, "Phoebe is a wonderful and intelligent student. She consistently participates in class and shows great interest in the assigned readings." Ms. Miller added, "Phoebe is warm and welcoming to other students, and always has a smile on her face whenever I see her in the halls."

At SCVTHS, Phoebe has just completed her role as the assistant to the director for the Theater Arts Program's presentation of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Additionally, Phoebe currently serves as the historian of the National Honor Society.

Outside of SCVTHS, Phoebe enjoys reading, watching movies, writing and spending time with her loved ones. Recently, a piece of Phoebe's artwork from the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival was submitted to a Cultural & Heritage Gallery.

Phoebe's future plans include continuing her work in the arts. In addition she would like to work with charities which help achieve better and equal education for students around the world. Finally, Phoebe hopes to one day work as a missionary.

After receiving the Student of the Month award, Phoebe wanted to thank her family and teachers who have supported and guided her throughout the years.\*