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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## WELCOME TO SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

The end of January marks the end of the first semester of the school year. Students have been diligently preparing for the NJSkills competitions. Other clubs such as FBLA, FFA and HOSA have been active with field trips and competitions. These extra-curricular activities provide our students with a variety of opportunities to refine their CITIZENSHIP skills.

As a school community, we all benefit when we model the characteristics of good CITIZENSHIP and extend the teaching and learning experiences for our students beyond the walls of the classroom.

#### Upcoming Events/School Spirit Alerts:

- 2/2 - Annual SCVTHS Open House
- 2/7 - PTO Meeting - General membership meeting - Parents and staff are invited to learn how the PTO supports our students and teachers.
- 2/8 - *Heartbeat*: Semi formal school Dance sponsored by NHS and NTHS
- 2/16 - 23 - National FFA Week
- 2/22 - Jersey Day!

#### Athletics

Our basketball teams and cheerleading squad are playing hard. Come out to the games in a show of support as our teams vie for an opportunity to qualify for the State finals. Go Jags!

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School is a nationally recognized, fully accredited, four-year high school located on an eighty-acre campus at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Serving all of Somerset County, SCVTHS accepts students on a full or shared-time basis for challenging programs that combine training in occupational and academic skills. Along with the Career and Technical Education offerings, students are provided with the opportunity to take a variety of rigorous college preparatory academic courses. SCVTHS has been providing quality education and technical skills training to Somerset County for over fifty years.

All SCVTHS students are registered members of the career and technical student organization, SkillsUSA. As SkillsUSA members, students participate in leadership, occupational, skilled and technical contests at a local, state and national level. ✨



Student in the Welding Program at SCVTHS

### Preparing students for College, Career or BOTH!

- ➔ Academy for Health & Medical Sciences
- ➔ Agricultural Science
- ➔ Automotive-Diesel Technology ➔ Auto Body
- ➔ Carpentry ➔ Electrical Construction
- ➔ Cosmetology ➔ Culinary Arts
- ➔ Restaurant Entrepreneurship and Management (REM)
- ➔ Dance ➔ Theater Arts - Acting/Acting with Vocal Music
- ➔ Graphic Communications
- ➔ Health Occupations
- ➔ Integrated Technology Systems
- ➔ Law & Public Safety
- ➔ Mechatronics, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (MEAM)
- ➔ Plumbing - Environmental Technology
- ➔ Welding

SCVTHS also offers a variety of sports, clubs and activities including:

#### SPORTS

- Boys Soccer (Varsity & JV)
- Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)
- Boys Basketball (Varsity & JV)
- Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)
- Cheerleading
- Baseball (Varsity & JV)
- Softball (Varsity & JV)

#### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- SkillsUSA
- Engineering and Robotics Club
- FFA (Future Farmers of America)
- HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)
- Rotary Club
- National Honor Society
- National Honor Society for Dance Arts
- National Technical Honor Society
- Yearbook Club
- The Humanitarian Club
- Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Guitar Club
- Math League
- Science League
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Tap Company
- TOPS Council

### OPEN HOUSE

SAT. - FEBRUARY 2, 2019  
9 am to 12 noon

PRE-REGISTER: [www.scvths.org](http://www.scvths.org)  
(908) 526-8900, x7243/7250

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## SCVTHS AND RVCC CREATE COSMETOLOGY COMPLETER PROGRAM

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School and Raritan Valley Community College entered into an agreement to start a Cosmetology Completer Program (CCP). The CCP will enable up to six Cosmetology students (each year) to complete the hours and curriculum required to take the state board exam through Raritan Valley Community College upon graduation from high school. The CCP is taught by qualified workforce educators and is aligned with the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology guidelines.

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, SCVTHS will admit six Juniors into the CCP, which will then enable them to earn 575 hours to be transferred to RVCC. Upon graduating from SCVTHS the students will be able to complete the remaining hours at RVCC towards the goal of receiving 1,200 hours to sit for the New Jersey State Cosmetology license exam. An advantage to completing the Program at RVCC is the students' placement into a practicum which will allow them to work in the field as interns to gain necessary skills prior to employment.

Marcia Bird, Director of Beauty Professional Programs at Raritan Valley Community College, said of the jointure: "This has been a great opportunity to promote student success by providing a transfer enrollment model that aligns with the RVCC Beauty Professions Programs. CCP students will be able to complete their training and participate in a salon practicum while pursuing licensure. It is rewarding to help students attain their goals!"

Randee Holz, Supervisor of Academics at Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools, added, "This partnership is one that I am very excited about. In the past we have not been able to accept Juniors into the



(l-r): Randee Holz, Supervisor of Academics at Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools and Marcia Bird, Director of Beauty Professional Programs at Raritan Valley Community College.

Cosmetology Program and felt that there was a need for this in our community. Sometimes students at the 8th or 9th grade level are unsure of their desired path. This opportunity will allow those students to pursue their goal of being a Cosmetologist. SCVTHS and RVCC staff have collaborated on making this a successful partnership which will enable students to experience a smooth transition between the end of High School and College. In 2017 RVCC was named an Excellence in Education Honoree by Modern Salon and we are honored to work with them."

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

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## HUNTER KORNACIVICH



Hunter Kornacivich

Hunter Kornacivich, a Junior in the Integrated Technology Systems Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for January 2019. Hunter is the son of Mark and Linda Kornacivich of Manville.

SCVTHS Instructor Devin Quackenbush nominated Hunter for the award because he is, "extremely polite, actively participates in class and works very hard."

At SCVTHS, Hunter has been a recipient of the Stellar Student Award and also achieved status as a member of the Honor Roll.

Outside of SCVTHS, Hunter was selected for the Scout of the Year award for Troop 193 and volunteers at the library during his summer break. Additionally, Hunter takes part in Operation Shoebox activities at the VFW in Manville. During his free time, Hunter enjoys playing video games from the 1990s and early 2000s, as well as fixing old game systems.

Although unsure of what exactly he'd like to do after graduation, Hunter plans on attending Raritan Valley Community College to explore his career options in the technology field.✿