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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS Announces Winners of Local Chapter NJ SkillsUSA Contests

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

I'd like to thank everyone who assisted in making our Open House a huge success. All the hard work and effort was evident as our school was proudly put on display. It was a great expression of school spirit.

Congratulations go out to our local SkillsUSA winners. What a great job you did representing our school. I'm rooting for all of you in round two of your competitions!

On the athletic fields, baseball coaches James Strickhart & John Heinbach and softball coaches Jack O'Neill & Kristen McNerney are looking forward to getting the students primed for a great season. Remember to occasionally check our website for upcoming dates of scrimmages and games. Go Jags!

#### School Spirit Alert:

SCVTHS Theater Arts students will be performing "Stage Door" on March 1 & 2. This talented group has worked diligently in preparation for this performance so treat your family and friends to a professional show experience here at SCVTHS. It will be a night to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



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NJ SkillsUSA Officer Daniel Marcinek announces the names of SCVTHS contest winners at a school-wide assembly.

Students at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School recently completed their local New Jersey SkillsUSA contests. SkillsUSA is a national organization which prepares students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations and holds yearly competitions showcasing students and their skills.

These winners, in their respective categories, earned the chance to represent Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School at the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships on April 20, 2013. SCVTHS winners will test their skills against students from other vocational schools throughout the state.\*

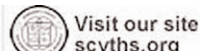
For more information contact James Strickhart at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7169 or [jstrickhart@scvts.net](mailto:jstrickhart@scvts.net).

*The following SCVTHS students will be competing in the NJ SkillsUSA Championships in April:*

- Auto Body Refinishing - Fabian Alfaro
- Auto Body Custom Painting - Brandi Gill & Jessica Andruzzi
- Auto Body Collision Repair - Anthony Sibaja •Automotive Service Technology - John Fellin
- Auto Maintenance - Janelle Roper & Richard Pennacchio
- Carpentry - Alex Klett
- Cosmetology Advanced - Sofia Quesada-Rojas •Cosmetology Novice - Paola Ayala
- Cosmetology Esthetics/ Makeup - Alexa Giraldo
- Culinary Arts - Morgan Bizub
- Culinary Arts - Wedding Cake Decorating - Ashley Anello & Emily Horta
- Culinary Arts - Restaurant Services - Alyssa Simone
- Diesel Equipment Technology - Corey Campbell, Tyler Soden & Albert Ketrow
- Electrical Construction/Industrial Motor Control - Michael Remeta
- Electrical Construction Wiring - Ryan Drumbore
- Outdoor Power Equipment - Kyle Fanurik
- Motorcycle Service - Jayce Anderson
- Health Quiz Bowl - Mariya Stankovych, Ashley Michel, Kelsey Mazellan, Jennifer Versfelt (Alternate: Stephanie Csuha)
- First Aid/CPR - Stephanie Gonzalez (Alternate: Kelsey Mazellan)
- Criminal Justice - John Michael DaSilva, Daniel Kelly, David Perez
- Plumbing - Matthew Wojenski
- T-Shirt Design - Samantha Schnitzer
- Screen Printing Technology - Alyson Coletta & Maggie Hlavaty
- Pin Design - Kalen Whitney
- Banner Design - Alexis Varga and Juan Endara
- Welding - Devon Sixt
- Skills USA Quiz Bowl - Daniel Marcinek, Noah Alsamadisi, Katie Furman, Madeline Kestenbaum, & Jean-Pierre Jacob (Alternates: Alex Shu & Soham Shah)
- Related Technical Math - Robert St. Pierre
- Medical Math - Tim Mahon, Andrew J. Kerrigan, Matthew Allen
- Prepared Speech - Sridiyya Kavuru
- Extemporaneous Speech - Artemisia Leo
- Medical Terminology - Yesha Parekh, Aditya Aiyer, Maya Schlesinger
- Career Pathways - Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources - Apurva Swapnil, Shawn Young, Abhishek Shrinet
- Career Pathways - Education and Training Services - Saloni Lad, Karen Huang, Geneva Magsino
- Career Pathways - Science, Technology & Math - Rohit Rustagi, Samyak Gupta, Suraj Patel
- Career Pathways - Marketing, Sales & Services - Kiran Raja, Harini Prayaga, Aaron Lee
- Career Pathways - Art & Communications - Muiz Qadeer, Matthew Calapatia, Jon Garaffa
- Career Pathways - Architecture & Construction - Ramya Kommidu, Julianna Kosty, Swati Patel
- Career Pathways - Health Science - Claire Foster, Alina Lou, Mitali Shah
- Career Pathways - Business, Management & Administration - Masood Karimi, Shanaya Shah, Martyn Megaloudis



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

SCVTHS Theater Arts  
presents

#### STAGE DOOR

Fri., March 1 • 7:30 pm

Sat., March 2 • 2 pm & 7:30 pm



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Noel Twombly, the February 2013 Full-Time Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

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## SHARE-TIME STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

### Frank Merrill

Frank Merrill, a senior in the Horticultural Technology Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Share Time Student of the Month for February 2013. Frank is the son of Everett and Peggy Merrill of North Plainfield.

Horticultural Technology Instructor Erik Fargo, who nominated Frank for Student of the Month, said, "His attitude is always positive, and he interacts with his peers extremely well." Mr. Fargo went on to add, "Frank anticipates when something needs attention, and takes the initiative to complete tasks."

While attending SCVTHS, Frank has been a stellar student and an exceptional ambassador for the Horticultural Technology Program. Frank has served as SCVTHS' Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter President for the past three years, where he presides over official chapter meetings, organizes fundraisers, and performs other duties related to

the position. Frank is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

At his sending district, Frank participates in Winter and Spring Track and also serves as their Football Manager. In his free time, Frank volunteers as a baseball coach for the N. Plainfield Recreation Department, cuts lawns in his neighborhood, and has interned for two summers at Rutgers Gardens.

For the past two years, Frank has competed in the New Jersey FFA Turfgrass Management Competitions. After placing second last year, he gained a first place victory this year which led to his winning \$2,500 in scholarships towards the Rutgers University Turfgrass Program. After graduating from SCVTHS, Frank hopes to attend Rutgers University's Department of Plant Biology and Pathology and



Frank Merrill, the February 2013 Share-Time Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

participate in their Turfgrass Management Program. Frank hopes to someday secure a position as a park superintendent or as manager of a golf course.\*

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## FULL-TIME STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

### Noel Twombly

Noel Twombly, a sophomore in the Graphic Communications Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Full-Time Student of the Month for February 2013. Noel is the daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Twombly of Somerset.

Noel is a regular volunteer and takes part in many community service projects. Over the past few months, Noel headed a Hurricane Sandy T-Shirt Fundraiser. She was involved in everything from the designing and printing to selling and delivering the final product. Noel also volunteered her time at the SCVTHS Open House, where she spoke to prospective students and their parents about her experiences in the Graphic Communications Program. Additionally, Noel assisted in creating the t-shirts which were distributed to the public at the school's Open House event.

Joseph Alfieri, Graphic Communications Instructor, spoke very highly of his student saying, "Noel is an excellent

student who is always motivated, is always the first student to complete projects in shop, looks for 'extra' projects to do, and is eager to help out in any way."

Linda Weber-Smith, Graphic Communications Instructor, added, "Noel is always willing to help and do any extra community service work needed. She is a polite and a well-mannered young woman."

Anna Murphy, Noel's Social Studies Instructor, spoke highly of Noel saying "she is a dedicated young woman, as is evident in her exceptional work in Social Studies. Noel has the unique ability to present her ideas to our class in very visual and artistic ways. This is clear in her posters, PowerPoint presentations, displays, brochures, plus much more. It is through these projects that other students have learned to enjoy not only her hard work but the fruits of her career major studies as well."

In her free time, Noel works for Catholic Charities, where she serves as an afternoon group leader for children in Hillsborough. After graduating from SCVTHS, Noel plans to attend college and continue her education in the Graphic Communications field. Noel hopes to eventually pursue a career as a Graphic Designer.\*

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