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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS TOPS Students Take Part in New Life Skills Program

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Welcome back! Hopefully students, staff and parents all had a restful and enjoyable Spring break.

Recently our Pupil Services Dept. hosted a very successful second College and Career Information Day on campus. Over 30 college and post-secondary institutions were on hand to assist our students with options for their future. Also, a special assembly program was held for juniors for their post-graduation plans. Please contact Dr. Joseph Petrosino if you would like more information about these events.

SkillsUSA state level competitions are being held on Saturday, April 20th at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset and here on our campus. Students throughout New Jersey are competing for state medals in many career and technical fields. Gold medal winners will be qualified to compete at the national competitions held in June in Kansas City, Missouri. Good luck to all our competitors!

#### School Spirit Alert:

Please support our Parent Advisory Committee now working tirelessly on two big, upcoming fundraising events. Friday, April 26 is our annual Tricky Tray scheduled from 6-9pm in the gymnasium. Also a classic car show is planned for Saturday, May 18. I encourage everyone to come out for these fun events and help the PAC in their fundraising efforts. Please reach out to sevtspac@gmail.com for more information.

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



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The TOPS (Technical Occupational Preparation for Success) alternative program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School has begun a Life Skills program to help prepare students beyond their high school careers.

One of the many features of the new Life Skills program includes students utilizing Naviance computer software. The Naviance software helps students to create resumes, take personality assessments, investigate career paths and even see official labor statistics.

Another aspect of the Life Skills program, allows students to attend mock interviews with real companies within Somerset County. With the help of GeoPeak Energy in Somerset, students involved in the program reviewed their resumes and participated in mock interviews to sharpen their career readiness skills.

Erick Bowers, Student Advocate at SCVTHS, said the event was, "truly a positive experience." Bowers went on to add that the Life Skills program is multi-phased. "This was the first phase in a Life Skills program. The next phase will be with a manager of a Local a TD Bank and will have students learning how to be financially responsible.



(l-r) TOPS Program Supervisor Christopher Lemongelli, Tyree Wroten of Somerset, Jocelyn Ojeda of Hillsborough, Chap'rel Hoagland of Somerset, Julie Levine of Raritan, Tania Rosales of Hillsborough, and William Hackett, President of Residential Light and Construction Division.

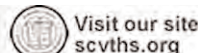
The final phase will have students researching independent living situations and putting together a budget." With such a program in place, students will be well prepared for their lives beyond graduation.\*

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



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SkillsUSA STATE COMPETITION**  
Saturday - APRIL 20, 2013
- **TRICKY TRAY**  
Friday - APRIL 26, 2013 • 6 p.m.



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## SHARE-TIME STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

# Nicolette Policastro

Nicolette Policastro, a sophomore in the Gifted and Talented Honors Theater Arts Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Share Time Student of the Month for March 2013. Nicolette is the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Policastro of Hampton (Hunterdon County).

Nicolette was recommended for the award by Theater Arts Instructor Alison Mingle for her "strong work ethic" and "desire to help which has inspired her classmates." When a cast member of the production "Stage Door" was unsure if she would be able to perform her part because of a potential timing conflict with an important college audition, Nicolette stepped up. Nicolette rehearsed many nights, even with the understanding that the conflict may be resolved. In the



Nicolette Policastro, the March 2013 Share Time Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

end, the scheduling conflict was resolved and Nicolette was no longer needed for the part. Nicolette then offered to join the crew to continue to help with the production. Nicolette is a selfless, hardworking and dedicated student who is willing to go the extra mile.

In her free time, Nicolette enjoys baking, dancing and singing. After graduating from SCVTHS, Nicolette plans on auditioning for a BFA Program in Musical Theater.\*

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## FULL-TIME STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

# Tyler Mylroie

Tyler Mylroie, a senior in the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Full Time Student of the Month for March 2013. Tyler is the son of Scott and Lisa Mylroie of Bridgewater.

Tyler was nominated by Nurse Peggy Prezioso because he is a "pleasant and polite young man" who is "always helping his fellow students." Tyler is an active member in both his school and home communities. At SCVTHS, Tyler

is a proud member of the National Honor Society and SkillsUSA. At the 2010 SkillsUSA National Championships, Tyler won a bronze medal for his Human Services Tech Prep presentation.

Another major part of Tyler's life is serving as an EMT for the Somerville Rescue Squad. Tyler took part in the SCVTHS EMT program and has since become an active volunteer. Because of his dedicated volunteer work, Tyler received a Chief's Citation for Actions Performed during Hurricane Irene. In addition to volunteering for the Somerville Rescue Squad and his school work, Tyler holds a part-time job earning money towards his upcoming college expenses. After graduating from SCVTHS, Tyler plans on attending DeSales University, where he will study to become a mobile intensive care nurse.

In his free time, Tyler likes to write and play music. Tyler's musical talents helped him to place third in a WOR 710 radio contest. By placing third, Tyler will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship upon his graduation from SCVTHS. In addition, Tyler also was recently on the radio promoting his music and the release of his new EP.\*

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Tyler Mylroie, the March 2013 Full Time Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

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