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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS Students Win Gold at 2013 NJ SkillsUSA Championships

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As the school year is winding down, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff for your hard work and support throughout the year. Many congratulations go out to our graduating seniors! We here at SCVTHS are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

School Spirit Alert:

In conjunction with several community agencies, in May our students experienced a very unique and powerful assembly program. Every 15 Minutes, which dramatically highlighted the dangers of drinking and driving and the effects it could have on themselves, family members and friends truly was a memorable experience for us all.

I wish everyone a fun and safe summer vacation! See you in September.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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SomerSet County Vocational & Technical High School students recently competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2013 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Out of the 82 students from SCVTHS who competed, 46 received medals including 30 Gold. Those Gold medal winners are now eligible to test their skills at a national level in Kansas City on June 24-28 at the 2013 National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). This will be the 49th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), where nearly 6,000 career and technical education students will showcase their talents and compete in 98 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 SCVTHS students who received medals is as follows:

GOLD

- Janelle Roper of Bridgewater–Auto Maintenance (*State Competition Only*)
- Margaret Hlavaty of South Bound Brook–Screen Printing Technology
- Stephanie Gonzalez of Bridgewater–First Aid/CPR
- Alyssa Simone of Basking Ridge–Restaurant Service
- Yesha Parekh of Ringoes–Medical Terminology
- Abhishek Shrinet of South Bound Brook, Apurva Swapnil of Hillsborough, and Shawn Young of Martinsville–Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food
- Ramya Kommidi of Franklin Park, Julianna Kosty of Somerset, and Swati Patel of Somerset–Career Pathways Showcase: Architecture and Construction
- Karen Huang of Martinsville, Saloni Lad of Princeton, and Geneva Magsino of Raritan–Career Pathways Showcase: Education and Training Service
- Aaron Lee of Raritan, Harini Prayaga of Bridgewater, and Kiran Raja of Bridgewater–Career Pathways Showcase: Marketing, Sales and Services
- Samyak Gupta of Flemington, Suraj Patel of Somerville, and Rohit Rustagi of Hillsborough–Career Pathways Showcase: Science, Technology and Math
- Masood Karimi of Somerset, Martyn Megaloudis of North Plainfield, and Shanaya Shah of Hillsborough–Career Pathways Showcase: Business Management & Technology
- Noah Alsamadisi of Bridgewater, Soham Shah of Hillsborough, Jean-Pierre Jacob of North Plainfield, Madeline Kestenbaum of Branchburg, Daniel Marcinek of Green Brook
(*Alternates: Katie Furman of Flemington and Alex Shu of Somerset*)–Quiz Bowl



(left to right): SCVTHS SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl Gold medal winners Noah Alsamadisi, Daniel Marcinek, Soham Shah, Madeline Kestenbaum, Jean-Pierre Jacob, Katherine Furman, and Alexander Shu.

SILVER

- Ashley Anello of Bridgewater–Wedding Cake Decorating (*State Competition Only*)
- Emily Horta of Green Brook–Wedding Cake Decorating (*State Competition Only*)
- Devon Sixt of Hillsborough–Welding
- Alyson Coletta of Green Brook–Screen Printing Technology
- Anthony Sibaja of Basking Ridge–Collision Repair Technology
- Fabian Alfaro of Bound Brook–Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Maya Schlesinger of Martinsville–Medical Terminology
- Tim Mahon of Bridgewater–Medical Math
- Claire Foster of Flemington, Alina Lou of Hillsborough, and Mitali Shah of Hillsborough–Career Pathways Showcase: Health Services

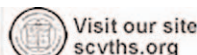
BRONZE

- Andrew Kerrigan of Hillsborough–Medical Math
- Sridivya Kavuru of Bridgewater–Prepared Speech
- Matthew Calapatia of Hillsborough, Jonathan Garaffa of Skillman and Muiz Qadeer of Bridgewater–Career Pathways Showcase: Arts & Communication

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19:
Awards Assembly & Field Day
- June 21:
Graduation Ceremony
- June 24-28:
National SkillsUSA Conference



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SCVTHS Student Wins Somerset County Association of Special Services Directors Award

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Warren Canosa of Martinsville, a senior in Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Cisco Networking Program, was selected as a finalist for the Somerset County Association of Special Services Directors Scholarship Award.

The award is given annually to graduating seniors from Somerset County who were nominated by their school counselors. This year three finalists were selected for the scholarship award.

Warren is the first student from Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School to receive this award. At a reception in the TradeWins

restaurant at SCVTHS, Warren received a certificate along with \$400 in scholarship funds.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Warren plans on attending Raritan Valley Community College to pursue a degree in their Engineering Program, before transferring to a four-year college.*

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Warren Canosa receives his Somerset County Association of Special Services Directors Scholarship Award from Executive Director of Special Services Monica Butler.

SHARE-TIME STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Stephanie Csuha



Stephanie Csuha, the May 2013 ShareTime Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

Stephanie Csuha, a senior in the Health Occupations Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Share-Time Student of the Month for May 2013. Stephanie is the daughter of Catherine Csuha and Irene Ives.

Nominated by Guidance Counselor Irene Ives, Stephanie is described as, "the epitome of what a caring and empathetic person is." Ives went on to add, "Stephanie has a smile that is effervescent and her cheery personality serves as a magnet to others."

Outside of school, Stephanie spends her time volunteering at nursing homes, hospitals, soup kitchens and Johnson & Johnson

Day Care. In addition, Stephanie has just started a new job as a receptionist at a dentist's office. In her school community, Stephanie is a proud member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Stephanie wanted to say, "thank you to all my teachers who helped me to do well by giving me an opportunity to learn and grow as a student."

After graduating from SCVTHS, Stephanie plans on attending Raritan Valley Community College and then continue her education in pursuit of obtaining a doctoral degree in the medical field.*

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