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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Happy Holidays

Law & Public Safety Program at SCVTHS: A Step Ahead

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

The holiday season is in full swing as we make preparations here at SCVTHS. Our annual Santa Breakfast was a tremendous success and thanks to the support of the community, a total of \$1,300.00 was raised for our SkillsUSA organization. While accepting donations in support of our school activities, SCVTHS has also pulled together and raised funds for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts in New Jersey. The total collected for this initiative was \$1,731.96. I would like to personally thank the Jaguar Nation community for showing such a strong commitment to these worthy causes.

School Spirit Alert:

Our first home basketball games kick off on December 17 with the varsity team playing at 4:00 PM and the junior varsity game beginning at 5:30 PM. Be sure to come out for a fun night in support of our team! Additional game times will be posted on our website: www.scvths.org

As we near the end of 2012, I wish all a happy, healthy and safe holiday break and look forward to an exciting and productive 2013.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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The Law and Public Safety Program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School has been in existence since 2007 but has already made great strides to become among the most elite in the state. With many recent upgrades and additions, students are becoming well-prepared for their future careers after graduation.

As part of a constant effort to stay ahead of the curve, the Law and Public Safety Program has acquired a state-of-the-art Meggett Judgmental and Marksmanship Simulator which will advance students' skills sets. The trainer guides students to think on their feet and react in positive ways by placing them in real-life scenarios.

Students are using the simulator as well as other tools to prepare for the upcoming SkillsUSA contests. Since its inception, the Law and Public Safety Program at SCVTHS has produced eight SkillsUSA medal winners at their annual competitions. Two of those winners have since graduated and are now enjoying successful careers in law enforcement.

Another invaluable feature of the Program is the constant presence and contributions of the Somerset County Sheriff's officers in the classroom. The Law and Public Safety students gain irreplaceable information from these officers' expertise and experiences.

Junior and Senior students in the Law and Public Safety Program are able to take up to two Raritan Valley Community College courses for six early college credits. This year the students will be challenging themselves by taking "Introduction to Criminal Justice" and "Introduction to Homeland Security/Emergency Management." In addition, the program not only incorporates an intense reading and writing curriculum, but also prepares students



(left to right): Monica Carlton, Daniel Kelly, and Brian Seymour

to become certified as 911 Dispatchers and First Responders.

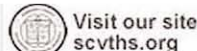
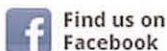
With all of these resources in place, students in the Law and Public Safety Program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School are being prepared to reach their full potential and achieve success in a variety of careers.*

For more information on the Law & Public Safety Program at SCVTHS contact **James Strickhart** at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7169 or email jstrickhart@scvths.net.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

• FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
January 10, 2013 • 7 pm

• OPEN HOUSE
February 2, 2013



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LONG-TIME VOCATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER RETIRES



(left to right) Board Secretary Diane Strober, Vice President William Dudeck, Dr. Alan Braun, President William Hyncik Jr., Member Theodore Smith, and Superintendent Chrys Harttraf.

After 34 years of service, including a period as Board President, Dr. Alan Braun has officially retired from his duties on the Board of Education at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District. During his tenure on the Board, Dr. Braun has seen the district come from a "gem in the rough, to being a crowning multi-carat diamond."

Throughout his resignation speech, Dr. Braun kept his focus on the students, the educational services and

offerings provided to them, as well as the opportunities they are able to pursue after graduation. While reflecting on his time serving on the board, Dr. Braun said he was sad to leave, but "very pleased and proud" to have been part of the growth of the district. Giving credit and thanks to the Freeholders, superintendents, administration and staff, Dr. Braun is confident that the district will continue to grow and flourish.

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School would like to thank Dr. Braun for his service and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

TWO ACADEMY STUDENTS AT SCVTHS SELECTED AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS



(left to right) SCVTHS seniors Preethi Govindarajan and Olabade Omole.

Two senior Academy of Health and Medical Science students at SCVTHS have been selected and recognized for the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Preethi Govindarajan of Bridgewater is one of approximately 16,000 high school seniors who are now Semifinalists, and will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships next spring. Olabade Omole of N. Plainfield received recognition as a

Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by placing among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students. In addition, Olabade has been selected as one of approximately 1,600 Black Americans who are Semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program.*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ABHISHEK SHRINET

Abhishek Shrinet, a full time sophomore in the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for December 2012. Abhishek is the son of Ratnesh Shrinet and Poonam Singh of South Bound Brook.

Catherine Fortunato, Abhishek's Math Instructor, nominated him to be the Student of the Month saying, "He is an intelligent, respectful, kind student who is focused and engaged in the classroom with an impressive array of worthy accomplishments to his credit." Fortunato went on to add, "From his academic work in the classroom to his volunteer work in the community, he continues to be a positive role model in our school."

Abhishek is involved in many school groups including the Red Cross Club, Rotary Interact Club, and the Thirst Project Club. Outside of school, Abhishek occasionally volunteers his time serving as an assistant teacher at a Hindi school. In his free time, Abhishek loves to longboard, read, draw and listen to music. After graduating from SCVTHS, Abhishek plans on furthering his education at a medical school, so that he can one day become an emergency room physician.*



Academy for Health & Medical Sciences Sophomore Abhishek Shrinet