



# JAGUAR NATION

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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## New Plumbing Instructor Welcomed to Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As we settle in to a new calendar year and brave the elements of winter, school-wide our attention is turned to planning upcoming student activities for all our classes and clubs. Also, our CTE programs are preparing for local SkillsUSA competitions, and work is underway to continue fundraising efforts to support our local Gold winners who will move onto national competitions in June.

#### School Spirit Alerts:

##### UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for our annual Open House event, Saturday, February 1st, a great day for families to come and see what is offered here at SCVTHS. Also, two Valentine's Day fundraisers are going on: The Freshmen Class is having a bake sale on February 12th, and the Rotary Club is holding its annual Flower Gram sale.

##### ON THE COURT

Basketball/Cheerleading season has begun so remember to check out our sports schedule on our website and come on out in a show of support and cheer our team on. Go Jags!

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



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New Plumbing Instructor Robert Setlock with student Kevin Popik.

ICS Plumbing, and Building Subcode licenses. In addition, because Mr. Setlock has been a longstanding member of Plumbers Local 24, the Northern New Jersey Plumbers Union, he has obtained many great contacts. Just a month into the school year, Mr. Setlock used his contacts to arrange a field trip. He brought his Plumbing students, along with the Electrical Construction students, on a tour of the new Meadowlands Stadium, a site where Mr. Setlock worked for three years. His goal was to show the students an example of the interesting and different places they could work. Mr. Setlock has also called on his contacts to begin the process of arranging work-study opportunities for his students.

With the vast amount of experience and knowledge he brings into the classroom, Mr. Setlock will certainly be a valuable asset to his students.

"This is my way of giving back," Mr. Setlock explained. He went on to express his desire for the students to gain interest in the trade in hopes that they would pursue careers in the field after graduation.\*

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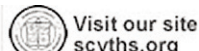
At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School welcomed Mr. Robert Setlock, the school's new Plumbing Instructor. After 34 years of working in the trade, the last 25 years at the same company, Mr. Setlock decided it was time for a change. This change would come with the added benefit of teaching what he has loved to do for so many years.

Over the course of his career Mr. Setlock has gathered and now brings an impressive set of credentials to SCVTHS including: Master Plumbers,



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

• February 1st  
7th Annual SCVTHS OPEN HOUSE  
• February 27, 28 • March 1st  
SCVTHS Theater Arts Dept. presents  
"Almost Maine"







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## SCVTHS Boys Basketball Team Visits Matheny Medical & Educational Center

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In what has turned into a yearly event, Coach Ahmed Mackey and thirteen members of the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Boys Basketball Team visited the Matheny Medical and Educational Center on Christmas morning delivering presents and spreading cheer to its residents.

While at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center, the group spent time distributing, opening and playing with the toys they brought for the 60 children and young adult residents. The Matheny Medical and Educational Center treats children and young adults with severe physical and developmental disabilities.

"It was a blast. Everyone who went had a great time," Coach Mackey stated.\*



Members of the SCVTHS Boys Basketball Team (left to right): Richard Pennacchio, Michael Remeta, Stiven Romero, Hunter Allen, Brian Sumbana, Thomas Kelly, Jeff Kelliher, and Soham Shah at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center on Christmas morning.

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### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Ryan Lowndes

Ryan Lowndes, a senior in the Graphic Communications Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for January 2014. Ryan is the son of John and Bridget Lowndes of Bridgewater.

Graphic Communications Instructor Linda Weber-Smith nominated Ryan for Student of the Month because, "He fills in and steps up anytime a job needs to be completed." Ms. Weber-Smith described Ryan as mature, kind and respectful.

In addition, "Ryan has taken the lead on many projects in the Graphic Communications Paw Prints shop. Examples of the many jobs Ryan has completed in Paw Prints include the creation of tee shirts, logos, and signs for various school and community groups. Ryan explained how he felt the most important job he performed in Paw Prints was creating a tee shirt design for a Special Olympics New Jersey road race and fun run. Ryan has also been very involved with

SkillsUSA. In 2012, Ryan won the local competition and competed at the state level for logo design. This year, Ryan is currently competing in the 2014 National Conference Pin Design Competition. If he were to win this competition, Ryan's design would become the official pin for the 2014 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Outside of school, Ryan holds a job at Infinite Tees in Branchburg. At his job, he puts the skills he learned in the Graphic Communications shop to work by printing shirts and keeping stock.

When he has spare time, Ryan enjoys bike riding, dirt biking, and drawing. After graduating from SCVTHS, Ryan plans to further his education in college where he will major in the Arts.\*

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Ryan Lowndes, the January 2014 Student of the Month at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School