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SCVTHS THEATER ARTS STUDENTS PERFORM NYC SHOWCASE

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As we wrap up another great school year, I would like to thank parents, students and staff whose dedication and commitment to our school make SCVTHS truly a very unique and rewarding school for our students and their families.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer break, and I look forward to seeing new and familiar faces in the Fall.

Last, but not least, special congratulations go out to the Class of 2014! You did a great job, and I wish you all well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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SCVTHS Theater Arts students and staff at the 2014 SCVTHS New York City Showcase

In an effort to gain exposure for students in Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Gifted and Talented Theater Arts Program, a showcase was recently held at the John DeSotelle Acting Studio in New York City for eleven junior and senior students.

Over an hour-long showcase, the students had the opportunity to show their talents in the form of songs, scenes and monologues in front of nine leading industry casting professionals and agents. In addition to the students showcasing their talents, the event proved to be a great networking and audition opportunity. At the conclusion of the showcase, the students participated in a post-show talk back session with three of the casting professionals and agents.

Theater Arts instructor Paul O'Connor spoke of the event saying, "This continues to be a wonderful opportunity for our students to get to perform for some of the industries' top professionals. The interest in our students by these managers, talent and casting agents for immediate and

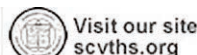
future work was overwhelmingly positive. It was just one of the many things that make being part of the Theater Arts faculty so rewarding."

Joseph Mancuso, SCVTHS Theater Arts Coordinator, added, "I am immensely proud of the students and faculty, and grateful for everyone's hard work and commitment."*

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Veterans Dedicate Classroom Flags at Flag Day Celebration

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On June 13th, as part of a Flag Day celebration, the Somerset County Vocational-Technical Education Association dedicated 60 American flags at a ceremony held at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School.

The classroom flags, purchased by the SCVTEA, were dedicated by Edward V. Danberry, who served in the United States Army as a Spec Five from 1967-1969 with the 2/67th Armored Division based at Ft. Hood, Texas and is a disabled veteran. Mr. Danberry spoke of how the teachers at SCVTHS were not only teaching core subjects, but also teaching values and patriotism. Joining Mr. Danberry at the ceremony were five other local veterans from different divisions of the Army and Marines, including a Purple Heart recipient and two current Somerset County Sheriff's Officers.

During the dedication, Mr. Danberry explained to the crowd the significance of the colors which make up the flags of the United States and New Jersey and went into detail on their history.

So pleased with how the SCVTEA had donated the classroom flags, Mr. Danberry had a surprise gift, which was a State of New Jersey flag to be flown outside SCVTHS along with the school's American flag.

Also during the ceremony, the winner of the school's Flag Day poster contest was announced. Jaqueline Gassler of Branchburg, a sophomore in the Graphic Communications program at SCVTHS, won a certificate and \$100 Visa gift card for placing first in the contest.*

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(left to right): SCVTEA members Linda Weber-Smith and Andrew Coslit pose with Veteran Edward Danberry during the Flag Day ceremonies.



Emily Horta, the June 2014 Student of the Month at SCVTHS.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Emily Horta

Emily Horta, a senior in the Culinary Arts program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for June 2014. Emily is the daughter of Oveido and Daisy Horta of Green Brook.

Culinary Arts Instructor Chef John Vingara nominated Emily for Student of the Month because, "She has been a super contributor and a pleasure to have in shop. Emily has worked very hard in fulfilling the needs of the school through her skills and the time she donates."

At SCVTHS, Emily is an honor roll student who is also a member of SkillsUSA, the National Technical Honor Society, and the Prom Committee. In addition, over the past two years, Emily has placed 2nd in the New Jersey SkillsUSA competitions.

Outside of school, Emily holds a Cake Decorator position at an A&P Bakery Department. In addition, Emily has volunteered at two Cuban bakeries and a Spanish restaurant. After graduating from SCVTHS, Emily plans on attending the Culinary Institute of America to major in Baking and Pastry Arts starting this upcoming September. Emily recently stated, "My dream is to own my own bakery one day.*"