



# JAGUAR NATION

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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS ACADEMY STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Students and staff have been working hard this Spring on the required State testing for both academics and our career & technical programs and are looking forward to some fun-filled, school spirited events:

- The annual Junior-Senior Prom is being held on Friday, May 30 from 6-11 at the Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club.
- Senior Class Dinner Cruise - Saturday, June 7. Please come out on Friday, May 23, for a special Italian dinner sponsored by our Culinary Department. Proceeds will be used to support the Senior Dinner Cruise.
- T.O.P.S. closing ceremony is Wednesday, June 18.
- Awards Assembly and Field Day is Thursday, June 19.
- Senior Breakfast, Graduation practice and our annual Volleyball Tournament is Friday, June 20.

We also want to wish our 23 students who are competing at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, the best of luck! Students and advisors are leaving on June 23 and will be returning home on June 28.

#### On the Field:

Baseball and Softball seasons are coming to a close, and our athletes will be honored at a Sports Banquet on June 5 held in the high school cafeteria. Congratulations to all our students and coaches for a great season!

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



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(left to right): Phi Theta Kappa Inductees (front row, left to right) Artemisia Leo, Bridgewater; Kennedy Ralston, Annandale; Leia Chemmacheril, Hillsborough; Saloni Lad, Princeton; Geneva Magsino, Raritan; Katherine Furman, Flemington; Maya Schlesinger, Martinsville; Karen Huang, Martinsville; Emily Wasik, Frenchtown; Yesha Parekh, Ringoes. (back row, left to right) Matthew Allen, So. Bound Brook; Apurva Swapnil, Hillsborough; Abhishek Shrinet, So. Bound Brook; Andrew Kerrigan, Hillsborough; Rohit Rustagi, Hillsborough; and Shawn Young of Martinsville.

Sixteen junior students from the Academy for Health & Medical Sciences at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School were inducted into the Raritan Valley Community College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society during the Spring 2014 Induction Ceremony in April. These individuals were selected based upon their outstanding academic achievement.

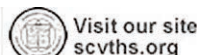
The inductees are: Artemisia Leo of Bridgewater, Kennedy Ralston of Annandale, Leia Chemmacheril of Hillsborough, Saloni Lad of Princeton, Geneva Magsino of Raritan, Katherine Furman of Flemington, Maya Schlesinger of Martinsville, Karen Huang of Martinsville, Emily Wasik of Frenchtown, Yesha Parekh of Ringoes, Matthew Allen of South Bound Brook, Apurva Swapnil of Hillsborough, Abhishek Shrinet of South Bound Brook, Andrew Kerrigan of Hillsborough, Rohit Rustagi of Hillsborough, and Shawn Young of Martinsville.

As members of the Academy for Health & Medical Sciences, all students are candidates for an Associate's Degree in General Science from RVCC as well as a high school diploma from SCVTHS upon their graduation next year. ✨

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

SCVTHS COMMENCEMENT  
Graduating Class of 2014  
• Tuesday – June 24  
7 pm





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## SCVTHS Graphic Communications Student Wins Logo Design Contest

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Duane Wallace • *Editor & Designer*  
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Lauren Bottino of Bridgewater, a sophomore in the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Graphic Communications program, was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for winning the Somerset County Education Association's Logo Design Contest.

After the contest was announced by Graphic Communications Instructor Linda Weber-Smith, Lauren said she created two designs. Ultimately Lauren submitted her second logo because it had a more modern and clean look. As a bonus, the design is now displayed on the Somerset County Education Association's outfield billboard at TD Bank Ballpark, home of the Somerset Patriots. Even though she has a few years until she graduates, Lauren hopes to further her education and enter the graphic design or marketing field.\*



SCVTHS Graphic Communications student Lauren Bottino shows off her winning logo design.

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## SCVTHS Auto Body Student Awarded CDA Scholarship



Josh Esquivel, SCVTHS Auto Body student, is a 2014 CDA Scholarship recipient.

Josh Esquivel of Bound Brook, a senior in the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Auto Body Program, has been selected as a recipient of the CDA Scholarship Award in the amount of \$750 given by the Career Development Awards of Princeton, New Jersey.

CDA awards over 20 scholarships each year for students who go on to attend two-year educational institutions or technical programs and then progress into the workforce. Recipients are chosen based on financial needs, as well as high school academic achievements, and work experience.

CDA is a nonprofit organization which uses every dollar donated for student scholarships. All operating expenses are covered by their board member volunteers, and the CDA is supported by contributions of local organizations and businesses. Over the last three years more than 60 scholarships have been awarded.

As part of his application for the CDA scholarship, Josh explained that after graduating from SCVTHS, he plans to attend the Automotive Training Center in Warminster, Pennsylvania for Automotive and Hi-Performance Technology. When he has completed his training, Josh will look for a job in the automotive field at a dealership or larger private company. Josh eventually hopes to work his way up to a managerial position. Josh will receive his CDA Scholarship Award on May 22nd at a ceremony held in Princeton, New Jersey.\*

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