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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS Announces Winners of Local Chapter SkillsUSA Contests

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Our annual Open House was a success and couldn't have been done without all the hard work and dedication from staff and students. Great job everyone!

As we observed Career & Technical Education month, we were reminded of the great strides and accomplishments made in technical career fields as well as our school growing with the ever advancing technology in which we prepare each individual student for in their future.

Baseball & Softball season is beginning the first week of March. Our coaches are preparing their teams and students are practicing for a strong season. Check our website for upcoming games and come out and support the team!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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Earlier this month, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students completed their local New Jersey SkillsUSA contests. SkillsUSA is a national organization which not only prepares students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, but also holds yearly competitions showcasing students and their skills.

Each winner, in their respective category, earned the chance to represent Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School at the SkillsUSA New Jersey Skill and Leadership Championships on April 5th. During the 2014 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships, local winners from SCVTHS will test their skills against students from other vocational schools throughout the state.

The following SCVTHS students will be competing:

- Carpentry – Zach Scrape
- Electrical Construction Wiring – Ryan Drumbore
- Plumbing – Jacob DePaola & Paul Marinelli
- Welding – Anthony Gallerani
- Welding Fabrication – Jake Hambrick, Hunter Allen, & Kyle Chalmers
- State Banner Design – Lauren Bottino & Kyle Hernandez
- Screen Printing Technology – Noel Twombly, Ryan Lowndes & Hannah Lukac
- First Aid/CPR – Mackenzie Trotter
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Jocelyne Munoz- Campos, Teresa Markey, Jackie Ortega & Ashley Michel
- Wedding Cake Decorating – Emily Horta & Ashley Anello
- Commercial Baking – Hanna Krilov
- Restaurant Service – Alyssa Simone
- Cosmetology (Novice) – Danielle Russo
- Cosmetology (Advanced) – Sofia Quesada-Rojas
- Esthetics – Alyssa Douglas with model Victoria Triozzi
- Criminal Justice – Paula Yepes, Monica Carlton & Chris Yanoso
- Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl – Emily Skeels, Yamily Arellano, Chris Yanoso, Courtney Coleman, and Kevin Pidany
- Auto Refinishing Technology – Fabian Alfaro
- Custom Automotive Painting – Alexandra Santa Maria & Edgar Ceja
- Custom Automotive Painting – Angelo Mel-tos & Kevin Montouri
- Job Skills Demonstration A – Christopher Castro
- Collision Repair Technology – Anthony Sibaja



(left to right): SCVTHS SkillsUSA Advisor Michael McClain with SkillsUSA Local Officers Apurva Swapnil, Daniel Marcinek, Carlos Cabral, Madeline Kestenbaum, and SkillsUSA Advisor Michele Sartori; (front - left to right): SkillsUSA Local Officers Mackenzie Trotter, Regine Canuel, Geneva Magsino, Kiran Raja and SkillsUSA Advisor Michelle Fresco.

- Automotive Service Technology – Zachary Sperr
- Diesel Equipment Technology – Brett Redling, Joshua Montero & Wade Caruso
- Auto Maintenance – Janelle Roper & Christopher Totorello
- Motorcycle Service Technology – Cody Mutchler
- Power Equipment Technology – Timothy Kraft, Kyle Fanurik & Stephen D'Armiento
- Quiz Bowl – Daniel Marcinek (Captain), Madeline Kestenbaum, Katie Furman, Soham Shah, Noah Alsamadisi, Jean-Pierre Jacob & Sarah Furman
- Related Technical Math – Kennedy Ralston
- Medical Math – Andrew Kerrigan, Jonathon Garaffa & Khushma Parekh
- Job Interview – Leia Chemmacheril
- Prepared Speech – Sridivya Kavuru
- Medical Terminology – Yehsa Parekh, Maya Schlesinger, & Ian Dominic De Los Reyes
- Chapter Display – Chloe Jen, Ruchi Patel, Aishwarya Anand
- Entrepreneurship – Alok Pillai, Satyakrishna Polavarapu, Parth Patel & Robert Bender
- Community Service – Michelle Fishbeyn, Emily Heathcote & Palak Shah
- Extemporaneous Speaking – Matthew Allen
- Career Pathways-Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources – Apurva Swapnil, Abhishek Shrinet & Shawn Young

- Career Pathways-Architecture & Construction – Swati Patel, Ramya Kommidi & Julianna Kosty
- Career Pathways-Health Science – Shanaya Shah, Alexander Shu & Matthew Calapatia
- Career Pathways-Health Science – Victoria Shahinian, Harleen Singh & Nitya Kalidindi
- Career Pathways-Human Services – Geneva Magsino, Saloni Lad & Karen Huang
- Career Pathways-Manufacturing – Mitali Shah, Claire Foster & Alina Lou
- Career Pathways-Marketing, Sales & Services – Aaron Lee, Harini Prayaga & Kiran Raja
- Career Pathways – Science, Technology & Math – Suraj Patel, Samyak Gupta, and Rohit Rustagi
- Career Pathways-Transportation Distribution & Logistics – Masood Karimi, Martyn Megaloudis & David Sosidko

Winners at the SkillsUSA New Jersey Skill and Leadership Championships will earn a chance to compete at the national level in Kansas City later this year. ✨



UPCOMING EVENTS

•March 28th & 29th - 7:30 pm
SCVTHS Dance Program
presents

“Dance to the Music”



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Small Engines Students Receive Echo Certification Training

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Instructor Jimmy Easter's Small Engines Shop was once again the host of an Echo training and certificate course given by LEPCO (Lawn Equipment Parts Co.) representatives.

Many local business owners and employees took advantage by joining SCVTHS students in the Small Engine shop for a two day advanced school training on troubleshooting specific engine failures on Echo power equipment. This training is important, because businesses are required to go through a certification process on a yearly basis, so that they can earn or maintain their standing as an Echo certified warranty center. Over the course of the two days, the training reviewed a variety of problems that may happen to engines if proper maintenance is not performed and precautions are not taken.*



(left to right): A LEPCO representative reviews equipment with SCVTHS student Michael Perez of Bridgewater.

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Ariel Conner, the February 2014 Student of the Month at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Ariel Conner

Ariel Conner, a senior in the Graphic Communications Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for February 2014. Ariel is the daughter of Patrick and Kathy Conner of S. Bound Brook.

Graphic Communications Instructor Linda Weber-Smith nominated Ariel for Student of the Month because, "She has grown into a hardworking and respectful young lady. Ariel works on many jobs in our PawPrints shop and has outstanding customer service qualities. She is willing to take on many tasks and has stepped up to learn our software for tracking and billing."

Graphic Communications Instructor Joseph Alfieri added, "Ariel is a leader in the Program. She takes on extra printing projects and has become a 'foreman,' helping her classmates with her knowledge and experience."

At SCVTHS, Ariel has excelled both in the classroom and on the athletic field. Ariel

is a proud member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Last year, Ariel was the recipient of the Graphic Communications Outstanding Student Achievement Award. As an athlete, Ariel has lettered the past four years on both the girls' soccer and softball teams. For the past two seasons, she has served as a captain for both teams.

Outside of school, Ariel is starting a new job in the Bridgewater Commons Mall. In her spare time, Ariel enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and playing with her cat. After graduating from SCVTHS, Ariel plans to further her education at Raritan Valley Community College studying Psychology.*

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