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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS STUDENTS WIN GOLD AT THE 2014 NJ SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Welcome back from Spring Break!

I would like to acknowledge our wonderful Administrative Professionals for all the hard work they do throughout the year. A special breakfast for the assistants was held in our TradeWins Restaurant on April 23, 2014. The Culinary Arts students did a great job preparing the food and serving the staff members and helping to make it a special day for the support staff.

Also, our school-based youth services department, Linkages, recently hosted an assembly program for students and staff. Speaker Michael Fowiin delivered a powerful, positive message about race relations and bias prevention.

On the Field:

Baseball and softball season are in full swing. Please come out and support our young men and women on the fields. Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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On April 5th, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2014 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Out of the 105 students from SCVTHS who competed, 58 received medals including 25 gold. Those gold medal winners are now eligible to test their skills in Kansas City on June 23-27, 2014 at the 50th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). During the Conference, more than 6,000 career and technical education students will showcase their talents and compete in 99 different trade, technical and leadership fields. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations. The test competencies are set by industry.*



(left to right): SCVTHS Graphic Communications students Ryan Lowndes and Noel Twombly pose for a picture after receiving their medals.

The complete list of SCVTHS students who received medals is as follows:

GOLD

- Career Pathways – Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources: Apurva Swapnil (Hillsborough), Abhishek Shrinet (South Bound Brook), and Shawn Young (Martinsville)
- Collision Repair Technology: Anthony Sibaja (Basking Ridge)
- Custom Automotive Painting: Alexandra Santa Maria (Hillsborough) and Edgar Ceja (South Bound Brook)
- Career Pathways – Human Services: Geneva Magsino (Raritan), Saloni Lad (Princeton), and Karen Huang (Martinsville)
- Career Pathways – Manufacturing: Mitali Shah (Hillsborough), Claire Foster (Flemington), and Alina Lou (Hillsborough)
- Career Pathways – Marketing, Sales & Services: Aaron Lee (Raritan), Harini Prayaga (Bridgewater), and Kiran Raja (Bridgewater)
- Medical Math: Jonathan Garaffa (Skillman)
- Quiz Bowl: Daniel Marcinek - Captain (Green Brook), Madeline Kestenbaum (Branchburg), Katie Furman (Flemington), Soham Shah (Hillsborough), Noah Alsamadisi (Bridgewater), Jean-Pierre Jacob- alternate (N. Plainfield), and Sarah Furman - alternate (Flemington)
- Restaurant Service: Alyssa Simone (Basking Ridge)
- Welding: Anthony Gallerani (Princeton)

SILVER

- Career Pathways – Architecture & Construction: Swati Patel (Somerset), Ramya Kommidhi (Franklin Park), and Julianna Kosty (Somerset)
- Commercial Baking: Hanna Krilov (Bridgewater)
- Career Pathways – Health Science: Shanaya Shah (Hillsborough), Alexander Shu (Somerset), and Matthew Calapatia (Hillsborough)
- Medical Math: Andrew Kerrigan (Hillsborough)
- Career Pathways – Science, Technology & Math: Suraj Patel (Somerville), Samyak Gupta (Flemington), and Rohit Rustagi (Hillsborough)
- Screen Printing Technology: Ryan Lowndes (Bridgewater)
- State Banner Design: Lauren Bottino (Bridgewater) and Kyle Hernandez (N. Plainfield)

- Career Pathways – Transportation Distribution & Logistics: Masood Karimi (Somerset), Martyn Megaloudis (North Plainfield), and David Sosidko (Pittstown)
- Wedding Cake Decorating: Emily Horta (Green Brook) and Ashley Anello (Bridgewater)

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- Carpentry: Zach Scrape (Bridgewater)
- Cosmetology (Advanced): Sofia Quesada-Rojas (Bridgewater)
- First Aid/CPR: Mackenzie Trotter (Somerset)
- Health Knowledge Bowl: Jocelyne Munoz- Campos (Bound Brook), Teresa Markey (Bound Brook), Jackie Ortega (North Plainfield), and Ashley Michel (Bridgewater)
- Career Pathways: Health Science – Victoria Shahinian (Lebanon), Harleen Singh (Bridgewater), and Nitya Kalidindi (Bridgewater)
- Medical Math: Khushma Parekh (Ringoes)
- Plumbing: Jacob DePaola (Somerset)
- Power Equipment Technology: Stephen D'Armiento (N. Plainfield)
- Screen Printing Technology: Noel Twombly (Somerset)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THEATER ARTS SHOWCASE

Random Acts of Comedy

•May 15 & 17-7:30 pm

What Are You In For?

•May 16-7:30 pm • May 17-2pm

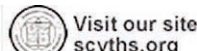
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Somerset County Vocational & Technical High Schools' Culinary Arts Program added another incentive for their students by establishing an articulation agreement with Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

After meeting with Dr. Paul J McVety, Dean of Culinary Academics, in accordance with the certified program process, SCVTHS Culinary Arts Instructors Chefs Mark Mastrobattista and John Vingara knew they would be able to accomplish the articulation agreement with ease. SCVTHS Culinary Arts Instructor John Vingara was quoted as stating, "When you have a great program and everyone recognizes it, these things happen." The whole process, which typically takes weeks to months to review and finalize, was able to be completed in mere hours. Chef Mastrobattista added, "This not only gives the students more of a chance to save some money, but also rewards the fact they went through our program. If they're good enough, then they can master those skills earlier and move faster through college."

As part of the Johnson & Wales University FAST Program, SCVTHS Culinary Arts students are now given the opportunity to take a practical exam, where they can receive a total of nine quarter credits towards their JWU degree. In addition, students are also required to complete the SCVTHS Culinary Arts Program with a minimum of a B (3.0) grade-point-average, have instructor recommendation, and meet all requirements for acceptance to Johnson & Wales University. SCVTHS students in the Culinary Arts Program are also qualified to take part in the Advanced Standing Program. Eligible students will be required to satisfy all the requirements of the FAST program, and take part in an intensive 10 week summer program at Johnson & Wales University. If successful, by taking part in the Advanced Standing Program, students will gain a total of forty five quarter credits for the cost of fifteen.*

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(l-r): Culinary Arts Instructors Chefs Mark Mastrobattista and John Vingara pose with a certificate symbolizing the newly established articulation agreement with Johnson & Wales University.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nicole Poyer

Nicole Poyer, a senior in the Culinary Arts program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for April 2014. Nicole is the daughter of Ronald and Diane Poyer of North Plainfield.

Photography Instructor Deborah Gichan nominated Nicole for Student of the Month because, "Nicole has shown leadership and consistent involvement in the classroom. She is kind to others, helpful and goes that extra mile for every single assignment." Physical Education and Health Instructor Patricia Loughney reiterated that Nicole "is kind, helps other students and does a terrific job when working at TradeWins."

At SCVTHS, Nicole is a proud member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Nicole became a member of these honor societies by maintaining high honor roll status since her freshman year. In addition, Nicole held a local officers position in the SCVTHS chapter of SkillsUSA from 2011 to 2013. This year, Nicole is continuing to excel academically by taking the English Composition I course offered by RVCC to senior SCVTHS students.

Outside of school, Nicole holds a sales associate position for Sears Holdings in Watchung and has served as Chef Vingara's assistant during the 2013 Summer Twilight Program. After graduating from SCVTHS, Nicole plans on attending the Culinary Institute of America to major in Baking and Pastry Arts starting this upcoming September. Nicole does not plan to finish her schooling there, as she has commented, "Ultimately, I wish to become a Baking and Pastry Arts Instructor."*



Nicole Poyer, the April 2014 Student of the Month for April at SCVTHS