Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Carpentry

Employment of carpenters is projected to grow 2 percent from 2020 to 2030. Increased levels of new homebuilding and remodeling activity will require more carpenters. The median pay for a carpenter in 2020 was $49,520 per year or $23.81 per hour.

Students that enter the Carpenters Union earn approximately $75,000 per year if 40 weeks of work are obtained.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Carpentry Program learn the fundamental skills to gain employment in the millwork and construction industries. Course work is both skill and project based. Classes are held indoors and outdoors in all parts of the school year to prepare students for work in real world conditions. Students in their 4th year will have the opportunity to gain real world employment for credit as well as to learn to manage a job site and to mentor younger students.

Curriculum:
Year 1: Introduction: Safety, Carpentry Tools, Basic Masonry, and Basic Cabinetry
Year 3: Advanced Concepts: Student Developed Projects, Advanced Tools, Advanced Materials, Advanced Masonry
Year 4: Advanced Concepts II: Career Employment Experience and/or In Class Mentoring & Leadership Training

Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week
Average number of new students accepted per year: 6
Opportunity for professional certifications: YES
Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

FUTURE CAREERS
Residential or Union Carpenter
Construction Worker
Contractor
Home Builder
Industry Sales Representative
Mason
Millworker
Wood Worker

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS
Union Training School
Princeton University Carpentry Dept.
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Raritan Valley Community College
Rutgers University
Triangle Technical Institute
US Marines
US Navy

Carpentry Student Plans at Graduation

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SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation’s classrooms.

SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

Recent Awards

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All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Carpentry advisory panel members include:

- Ron Capobianco  
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  Capobianco Millwork
- Rob Cardamone  
  Owner  
  Cardamone Custom Homes
- Clark Kolbe  
  Manager  
  Aurora Kitchens & Interiors
- John Mackay Sr.  
  Training Director  
  United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners
- Walt Maksimik  
  Millwright  
  Brennan Industrial
- Lorin Suplee  
  Manager  
  Home Depot
- Caitlyn Prempeh  
  Manager  
  Lowes
- Anthony Rodriguez  
  Manager  
  BWI Masonite

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