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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Many amazing events continue to take place at SCVTHS. It gives me great pleasure to recognize students for their many accomplishments this Fall which include: Stellar CTE students of the month, Principal's Students of the Month, both boys and girls soccer teams which had transitional seasons with records of 4-12 and 6-16 respectively, and our Week of Respect activities which extend year round, just to name a few.

Special thanks go out to our entire school community and families who have again made our annual holiday food drive a success! Working as a team, our school contributed time and donations to make the holiday season special for twelve SCVTHS students and their families.

School Spirit Alerts for December:

- Basketball Season has begun! Coaches McClain, Poznanski and Gillooly are looking forward to a great season. Please come out and support our boys and girls on the court!
- SkillsUSA fundraiser is set for Saturday, December 12. Have Breakfast with Santa while supporting our students!
- Our Health Occupations HOSA club is currently collecting gently used winter coats for one of its annual community service projects. Donations are appreciated and can be accepted in the high school main office through December 18.
- Our Boys Basketball Team and students in our TOPS program are running holiday toy drives for local children at Matheny School in Peapack & Agape House in Somerville. New toys can be donated now through December 21.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



SCVTHS 16th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE PROVIDES THANKSGIVING DINNER TO TWENTY-ONE SOMERSET COUNTY FAMILIES

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School continued a 16 year tradition by holding its Annual Holiday Food Drive and creating food baskets to support local families in need. Efforts for the drive were led by the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's SkillsUSA Chapter, the class advisors, and Principal Diane Ziegler. As part of the food drive, each class grade had the opportunity to win a pizza party by donating the most food items.



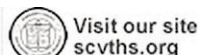
(Front Right): Hannah Rosenberg; (Front Left): Jaden Bailey; (Middle): Molly Foster; (Middle Right): Bhavya Yalamanchili; (Back Left): Evelyn Sullivan

After the initial donations were collected, twenty-one families in need were provided baskets filled with a complete Thanksgiving meal including a turkey, fresh pie created by the Culinary Arts students and all the trimmings. In addition to creating the baskets, SCVTHS continued the food drive and all donations were then given to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• **THEATER ARTS DAY**
Fri. - Jan. 22, 2016 • 8:45 am - 11:30 am
• **SCVTHS OPEN HOUSE**
Saturday Feb. 6, 2016 - 9 am to Noon
• **DANCE DAY** - from 8:30 am



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RUTH ANDRIEN TEACHES MASTER CLASS TO SCVTHS DANCE STUDENTS

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Students in the Gifted and Talented Dance Program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School were treated this week to a master class taught by Ruth Andrien of the Paul Taylor American Dance Company.

During the interactive learning experience Andrien taught SCVTHS students the Taylor Modern Dance Technique. Sheila Buttermore, SCVTHS Honors Dance Department Coordinator, spoke of the class stating, "The importance of bringing in a guest artist, especially a master teacher from one of the greatest modern dance companies in the world, is that it inspires the dancers to reach a new level. It reiterates for the dancers all the information that they receive on a daily basis in their classes with their teachers."

Ms. Andrien has been on the faculty of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Swarthmore College, Harvard University, MIT, Southern Methodist University, The School at Jacobs Pillow, New York State Summer School of the Arts, The Taylor School and the American Dance Festival, where she directed the Paul Taylor Project for the past three years. Furthermore, Andrien has



Ruth Andrien (left) teaches a master class to SCVTHS Gifted and Talented Dance students.

served as master teacher for the National Foundation for Advancement of the Arts in Miami and for the U.S. State Department's Cultural Exchange Program in Tunisia.✿

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Raven Wesner

Raven Wesner, a senior in the Graphic Communications Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for November 2015. Raven is the daughter of Jessica Wesner of South Bound Brook.

Graphic Communications Instructor Joseph Alfieri nominated Raven for the award because she "has a great attitude, is always kind and respectful to her teachers and all of her peers, and always completes projects either early or on time." Mr. Alfieri also added that Raven currently has a grade of 100%.

At SCVTHS Raven is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and has been awarded the honors of CTE Stellar Student, Best in Print Award, and the Hardest Worker in C-Shop Award. In her sending school Raven is a member of the Bound Brook Robotics Team.

Outside of school, Raven stays busy by working at Quick Chek and as a waitress at Ecco Bistro. After graduating from SCVTHS Raven plans to attend Raritan Valley Community College for two years studying in the Graphic Arts Program before transferring to another college for further education in graphic design and animation. Ultimately, Raven would like to make movies and videogames.✿



Raven Wesner