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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS ANNOUNCES CTE STELLAR STUDENT OF THE YEAR

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

I want to send heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2015! The faculty, staff and administration here at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School would like to wish you all the best in the next chapter of your lives.

School Spirit Alerts-SkillsUSA

- Students from SCVTHS are competing at the National SkillsUSA Championships in Louisville, Kentucky throughout the week of June 22-27. Students are competing in the following events: Collision Repair Technology, Criminal Justice, Screen Printing Technology, Career Pathways Showcase for Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food and Community Service.
- Under the direction of local SkillsUSA Advisor, Michelle Fresco, students are competing for a national distinction award for our local chapter.
- We wish all our students the best of luck in their contests!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



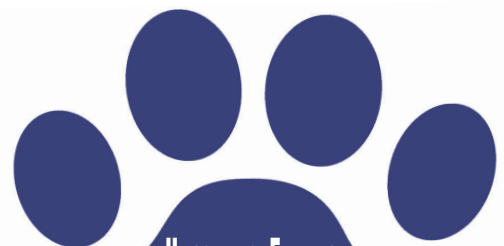
Kalee was given her award and scholarship by SCVTHS Supervisor of CTE Mario Peluso during the end of the year Awards Ceremony.

Every month over the course of the past school year, each one of the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs selected a Stellar Student of the Month. Now that we've reached the end of the school year, Mario Peluso, Supervisor of CTE at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, and a panel of SCVTHS staff members, have selected one student as the CTE Stellar Student of the Year. This year, the CTE Stellar Student of the Year Award goes to Graphic Communications student Kalee Johnson of South Bound Brook.

Kalee was selected out of a group of senior students for the award based on her academic and practical performance in the classroom, along with other criteria including an

interview and projects she has completed as part of her CTE program. Kalee received her award and a scholarship during the end of the year awards ceremony in June. ❁

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UPCOMING EVENTS

•SUMMER DANCE PROGRAMS

Tap, Musical Theater, Little Steps ... & more
Week-long Classes Beginning
7/6, 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27



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SCVTHS SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES DEFENDER OF FREEDOM AWARD

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Social Studies Instructor Ed Graf was presented with the Defender of Freedom Award at The Second Annual Flag Day Festival in Somerville, New Jersey on June 13th. The Defender of Freedom Award is presented annually to a dedicated current military member or veteran.

Ed was nominated by SCVTHS Principal Diane Ziegler for his service in the United States Army Light Infantry from September 1997 to September 1999, receiving an Army Achievement Medal and Army Service Ribbon. Additionally, Mrs. Ziegler went on to add, "Mr. Graf coordinated a new event at our school entitled Proud to Be American Day. The purpose of this event was for our entire school community to unite together to honor and remember our country's service men and women. The day featured activities designed to highlight our awareness of patriotism and to capture the essence of Memorial Day."

Some of the other awards and honors Mr. Graf has received include: VFW Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the State of New Jersey in 2011, Union Township's Mayor Award for Education and Leadership in 2011, VFW, Union Township Loyalty Day Award for Outstanding Community Service and patriotism in 2010, and the American Legion Union County Excellent Educator Award in 2010.✱

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Ed Graf speaks at Proud to be an American Day held at SCVTHS on May 21st.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Emily Siniscalco



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Emily Siniscalco, a sophomore in the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for June 2015. Emily is the daughter of Tom and Keri Siniscalco of Flemington.

Emily was nominated by Social Studies Instructor Dr. Tokarsky-Unda for the Student of the Month Award because she is "studious, diligent and inquisitive." Dr. Tokarsky-Unda went on to add, Emily "excels at creative thinking, understanding events within their own context, and imagining new possibilities—skills which are all thoughtfully employed in her essay writing, the questions she asks, and the comments she contributes during class discussion."

Emily participates in Odyssey of the Mind, a creativity competition requiring teams to write, direct, engineer and perform an eight minute skit that creatively solves a "problem" assigned by the Odyssey of the Mind organization, where she and her team placed 6th in the world. Additionally, Emily has placed in the top ten percent in the New Jersey Science League and was named a nominee for the National Congress of Future Scientists and Technologists. Emily is also a member of the Girl Scouts and the JV Fencing Team at Hunterdon Central.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Emily plans to further her education and pursue a career as a Marine Biologist.✱