



# JAGUAR NATION

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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS CARPENTRY STUDENT RECEIVES PRINCETON UNIVERSITY APPRENTICESHIP

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

SkillsUSA State Competitions are complete. SCVTHS had a total of 27 medals, including 11 Gold! All students and staff are to be commended on a job well done! Special shout-out's to our school's team of local advisors, Michelle Fresco, Pratima Patil, Mike McClain and James Strickhart. Your hard work and effort has paid off again!

PLC's, Professional Learning Communities, provide our instructors and staff with ongoing opportunities to collaborate and improve student learning. Keeping up with the ever changing needs in the areas of curriculum and technology, English Instructor & Teacher Leader Chris Miller organizes and meets with a Technology PLC group every Wednesday & an English PLC group that meets 2-3 times per week. Also, the Math Department's PLC group, dubbed Minds-4-Math and led by instructor Andrew Coslit, meets every Tuesday.

Theater Arts Instructor Paul O'Connor has volunteered his voice-over talents for a website video project that highlights each of our Career and Technical Education Programs.

#### School Spirit Alerts for June:

- May 21 - Proud To Be An American Day
- May 21 - National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- May 22 - Linkages Annual Volleyball Challenge
- May 29 - Junior And Senior Prom

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



Zach Scrape, a senior Carpentry student from Bridgewater, was recently offered the opportunity to take part in Princeton University's Summer Casual Program with the intent to continue working at the University to complete a four-year Apprenticeship Program. Zach, who recently received a Bronze medal at the New Jersey State SkillsUSA Championships, was excited when accepting the offer. Zach said he looks forward to working at "such a historic and prestigious" University and contributing to the type of work the SCVTHS Building Trades Department performs.



(left to right): SCVTHS Cooperative Education Coordinator Thomas Heinbach, Executive Assistant at Princeton University Eileen Tarity, SCVTHS Carpentry student Zach Scrape, Princeton University Building Trades Manager Jamie Simpson, and Carpentry Instructor George Lee.

Out of the entire pool of candidates considered, Zach was chosen as one of two who were offered positions in the Summer Casual Program. Once the decision was made, Jamie Simpson, Princeton University Building Trades Manager, and Eileen Tarity, Executive Assistant at Princeton University, came to SCVTHS to personally offer the position to Zach. Mr. Simpson stated that they were very selective in choosing students who have "the right aptitude and interest." Zach's high GPA and exemplary carpentry skills made him the quality candidate they were looking for to fill the job.

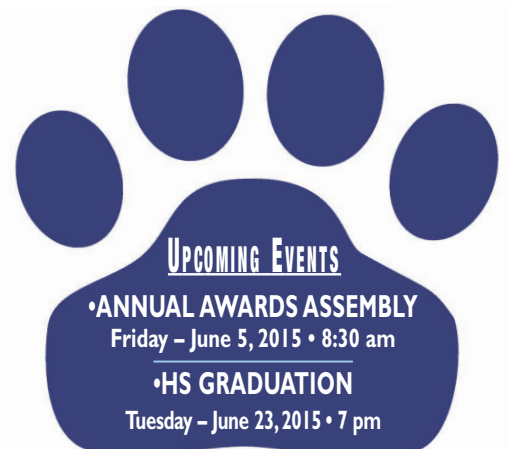
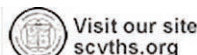
SCVTHS Cooperative Education Coordinator Thomas Heinbach explained that employees in Princeton University's Building Trades Department are highly skilled artisans. The type of work they perform requires a quality skill set that is second to none. By participating in the Apprenticeship Program, which includes classroom and on

the job training, Zach will be able to become a Journeyman worker. If he should choose, Zach could take that certification and work in a carpenter's union anywhere across the United States.\*

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

• ANNUAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY  
Friday - June 5, 2015 • 8:30 am

• HS GRADUATION  
Tuesday - June 23, 2015 • 7 pm





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## SCVTHS WELDING STUDENTS CREATE SET DESIGN FOR BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL

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*(left to right):* SCVTHS Welding students Stephen Agans of Manville, Rebecca Jackson of Raritan, Dylan Ham of Bridgewater, and Anthony Gallerani of Princeton, pose in front of the set design they created.

Welding Instructor Mr. Don Smith and his students have been busy creating a set design for Bridgewater-Raritan High School's upcoming performances of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Mr. Smith spoke of the crafted piece saying it will be used for two separate scenes including "serving as the coffee machine for the coffee break scene." In addition, "the back side of the structure will function as the scaffold for the window washer scene."

Bridgewater-Raritan High School will present their Spring musical production of Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" on May 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. ❄

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### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## Zachary Scrape

Zachary Scrape, a senior in the Carpentry Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for May 2015. Zachary is the son of Stephen and Bernadette Scrape of Bridgewater.

Zachary was nominated by multiple instructors at SCVTHS for the Student of the Month Award. Social Studies Instructor Anna Murphy nominated Zachary because, "His work ethic is admirable and love for learning enviable. Never satisfied with a passing grade or acceptable project, he always sought to do what was necessary to learn and earn the best grade he could." Science Instructor Ushma Mehta added, "Zachary is an ideal student. Zachary is mature and responsible. He goes above and beyond in his efforts to complete the assignments." Carpentry Instructor George Lee simply called Zachary a "diamond." Mr. Lee also spoke of how students like Zachary are hard to come by.

At SCVTHS, Zachary is a proud member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and SkillsUSA. Zachary recently received a Bronze medal at the state SkillsUSA Championships in the Carpentry Competition. He also takes part in the Cooperative Education opportunities at SCVTHS, where Zachary spends part of his school day working for BDM Construction and Bruce Moditz Carpentry. Zachary also finds time to help as an RVCC Teacher's Assistant for Carpentry night classes.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Zachary has already secured an apprenticeship position at Princeton University's GBM Department. The apprenticeship will allow Zachary to gain valuable experience and learn from skilled craftsmen. ❄



Zachary Scrape