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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS RECEIVE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON AWARD

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

It's hard to believe that the first half of the school year is almost completed.

Looking ahead to 2016, all staff and students are busy working on preparations for our upcoming SkillsUSA competitions as well as our annual Open House event planned for February 6.

Also, there is much excitement for the grand opening of our school store! Mr. Morales is busy behind the scenes making sure everything is in place, and a student contest to "name that store" is underway. The grand opening is planned for the end of January 2016. In addition, Graphic Arts senior, Jackie Gassler, has recently completed work on updating our school mascot and logo with a fresh, new look. Great job, Jackie! Stay tuned for further details!

School Spirit Alerts :

- Class Advisors are hosting the 2nd annual holiday door decorating contest. Students and staff have done a wonderful job adding some holiday cheer throughout the campus.
- SCVTHS is hosting a Holiday Basketball Tournament featuring the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team! Dates of the Tournament are December 26, 28 & 29 starting at 10:00am in our gymnasium.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



(l-r): Graphic Communications Instructor Linda Weber-Smith, Jeanene Leppert of Special Olympics New Jersey and SCVTHS Graphic Communications students Jacqueline Gassler of Branchburg and Lauren Bottino of Bridgewater; and Graphic Communications Instructor Joe Alfieri show off the Spirit of the Season Award.

For the fourth year, students from the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Graphic Communications Program received the Spirit of the Season Award from Jeanene Leppert, a Special Projects Manager at Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ). This year the award was presented to students Lauren Bottino of Bridgewater and Jacqueline Gassler of Branchburg for their hard work in designing an ugly sweater themed logo for the annual Special Olympics New Jersey Jingle All The Way 3K Road Race & Fun Run.

The Jingle All The Way 3K Road Race & Fun Run was held on December 6 in Lawrenceville. This year, 650 runners and an additional 350 volunteers took part in raising \$40,000 for Special Olympics New Jersey.

Jeanene Leppert explained that she continues to work with SCVTHS students to create the design because the students "tap into what is current and trending" and always create attractive designs for their themes, which change on a yearly basis.

Along with the award, and as a "thank you" to the two Graphic Communications students who created the design, Leppert presented the students with t-shirts and sweatshirts with their design from the 3K event.*

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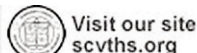
OPEN HOUSE

Saturday February 6, 2016 9:00 am-Noon
Snow Date: February 20, 2016

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Pre-Register online at SCVTHS.org or call 908.526.8900 x7250 or x7243
SCVTHS is located at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, NJ 08807



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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Students in the Carpentry and Welding programs at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School have recently completed Santa's sleigh for Manville's Fire Department to transport Santa around during the holiday season.

The project, initiated by the Manville Fire Department, was taken on by SCVTHS Carpentry Instructor George Lee and Welding Instructor Don Smith. The Carpentry students carefully crafted a sleigh fit for Santa and the Welding students affixed the wheels and towing capabilities.

"In the real world, you never know what a client wants to get done. It is a great learning experience for the students," Mr. Lee explained.



(left to right): SCVTHS Carpentry students Cody Adams, Brian DeBias, Michael Giorello and Santa.

"These unusual projects add to the students' depth of knowledge."*

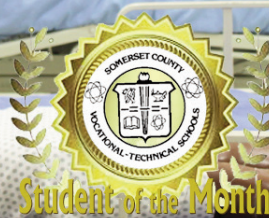
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Stephanie Machado



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Stephanie Machado, a freshman in the Health Occupations Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for December 2015. Stephanie is the daughter of Urbano and Regina Machado of South Bound Brook.

English Instructor Christopher Miller nominated Stephanie for the award because, "Stephanie is a bright student in the Health Occupations Program who always goes above-and-beyond on her assignments. She is always respectful, and will advocate for herself when she has a question. She is the ideal student."

At SCVTHS, Stephanie is a member of the Rotary Club and Red Cross Club. Prior to attending SCVTHS and during her time at the Robert Morris School in South Bound Brook, Stephanie won multiple awards and honors including the Power Point Performance Arts Award, Best Improved in Lyrical Dance, Best Improved in Musical Theater Dance, as well as First and Second Honor Roll.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Stephanie hopes to go to college and eventually work in the health field.

Stephanie wanted to thank Mr. Miller for letting her "receive this type of honor and getting the recognition."*