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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO 2016 AgDISCOVERY PROGRAM

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

SkillsUSA state competitions are complete. SCVTHS had a total of 45 medals, including 19 Gold. All students and staff are to be commended on a job well done! Special shout outs to our teachers and students, as well our team of local advisors: Michelle Fresco, Pratima Patil, Mike McClain and James Strickhart. Everyone's hard work and effort has paid off again! Students and staff will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky on June 20 to represent New Jersey at the national level. We wish all our students the best of luck at this next level of competition.

School Spirit Alerts:

- May 25 National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- May 26 Proud To Be An American Day
- June 3 Junior and Senior Prom
- June 15 Senior Class Beach Day
- June 17 Linkages Annual Volleyball Challenge

On the Field:

Baseball and softball season are in full swing. Please come out and support our young men and women on the fields. Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



Jayden Johnson of Hillsborough, a freshman in the Agricultural Science Program at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, will participate in the 2016 AgDiscovery Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in July.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website, "The AgDiscovery Program was initiated as an APHIS Veterinary Services Pilot Program in 2002. This year, we have a total of 20 universities hosting an AgDiscovery Program on college campuses nationwide. Funding for AgDiscovery is enabled through cooperative agreements between APHIS and the host universities."

"AgDiscovery is a summer camp outreach program to help middle through high school aged students explore careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness, plant pathology, aquaculture, and much more. This 2-4 week program allows participants to live on a college campus and learn about agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians, industry representatives, and professionals working for the U.S. government. Students who participate in AgDiscovery gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, field trips and other group and team building activities."

Jayden stated that he is "pretty excited" about the opportunity and will need to put off some of his summer plans which include an internship because, "I will be staying busy doing Ag related things every day while I'm in the program."

SCVTHS Agricultural Science Instructor Erik Fargo stated he was, "very proud and excited that Jayden will be



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exposed to wonderful opportunities offered through a program created by the USDA. I can't think of a better way for a high school freshman to get familiar with agriculture's opportunities on a national level."*

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SCVTHS GRADUATION
CLASS of 2016
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Wednesday, June 22nd • 7 pm
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The Second Annual SkillsUSA Golf Classic is currently being planned with details to be released in the near future.*

For more information please contact James Strickhart at (908) 526-8900, x7169 or Michelle Fresco at (908) 526-890, x7275.

On May 9, 2016, the Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools' Chapter of SkillsUSA hosted the First Annual SkillsUSA Golf Classic at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, New Jersey. Eighty-six golfers took part in the event, which raised \$4,400 to benefit students participating in SkillsUSA educational events.

Special thanks for making the event such a success go out to:

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Marla Castillo

Marla Castillo, a junior in the Health Occupations Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for May 2016. Marla is the daughter of Rocio Diermissen of Bound Brook.

School Nurse Peggy Prezioso nominated Marla for the Student of the Month Award because she "is always willing to help and always presents with a positive attitude." Nurse Prezioso went on to add that Marla "is always polite and respectful. I admire her character as a young adult."

At SCVTHS, Marla is the Junior class treasurer, a member of the National Technical honor Society and was named the CTE Stellar Student for Health Occupations in December. She has earned her First Aid/CPR, Emergency Medical Responder, Health Care Provider and Lifeguarding certificates. Additionally, Marla regularly reads the morning announcements, helps decorate the school's activities window and assists the nurse's office with health screenings.

Outside of SCVTHS, Marla works at Chuck E. Cheese's as a cashier and birthday hostess. She also works as a lifeguard at the Bound Brook Recreation Park Pool. In her free time, Marla enjoys watching nursing themed television shows.

Marla plans on furthering her education at a college outside of the United States after graduating from SCVTHS. She would ultimately like to become a neurosurgeon.*



Marla Castillo