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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

A special shout out to all our SkillsUSA students who competed this year at the state level. Whether you took home a medal or not, everyone did a commendable job representing SCVTHS. Your dedication and preparation certainly showed. Great job everyone!

Recently the Cosmetology students sat for their State Board test. Overall performance on this test tells us that seniors in both Ms. Blue and Ms. Francis' classes are working hard. Also, special shout outs to Ms. Quinn, Ms. Michalak and Ms. Holz for their dedication to the Cosmetology Program and students.

School Spirit Alerts:

Our first SkillsUSA Golf Classic fundraiser on May 9 at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, NJ will support our SkillsUSA students going to Louisville, KY for the national competition in June.

On the Stage:

Our Dance Department is holding its annual concert on April 28 & 29. A dinner buffet prepared by our Culinary Arts Department begins at 6pm followed by the dance performance at 7:30.

On the Field:

This year's seniors on the fields:

Baseball: Sean Boland, Sam Bueck, Robert Camacho, Matt Feaster, Masood Karimi, Thomas Kelly & Eric Moeller

Softball: Gianni Cintron, Samantha D'Agostino, Millie Doshi, Kiran Raja & Kayeie Seonda

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



USS ARIZONA RELIC DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD AT SCVTHS

On April 6, 2016, a group of United States veterans, Somerset County Freeholders, as well as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students and staff came together to witness a ceremony as a piece of the USS Arizona battleship was donated by the United States Navy. The USS Arizona is known for being one of the battleships which sank in Honolulu, Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The dedication began with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Khailah Johnson of Somerset, a junior in the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Gifted and Talented Honors Theater Arts Program. Social Studies Instructor & Army Veteran Ed M. Graf, who organized and led the event, spoke to the crowd

saying that by giving us a piece of the USS Arizona, this was "one of the greatest honors which could be bestowed upon our school."

After Mr. Graf's address, United States Navy Machinist Mate 1st Class Larsen presented the piece of the ship along with a certificate and letter. Machinist Mate 1st Class Larsen went on to describe the attack on Pearl Harbor, and how the USS Arizona played a part in that attack. During his address, Machinist Mate 1st Class Larsen said, "With this dedication today, we are helping to ensure that the memory of the sacrifice will not be lost for future generations and that each and every student who walks by this mantle will know and be thankful for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, so that they can learn and study in a free America."



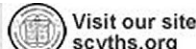
(left to right): Social Studies Instructor & Army Veteran Ed M. Graf and United States Navy Machinist Mate 1st Class Larsen holding documentation for the relic of the USS Arizona.

In attendance at the event were Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director Peter S. Palmer, Somerset County Freeholder Patrick Scaglione, veterans from Post 35 American Legion, and veterans from VFW Kelly Post 3333.✳

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST ANNUAL
SCVTHS SkillsUSA
GOLF CLASSIC

Monday - MAY 9, 2016 • 1:30 pm
Beaver Brook Country Club,
Annandale, NJ



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SCVTHS STUDENTS WIN GOLD AT THE 2016 NJ SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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(l-r) Catherine Chen (Warren) and Anjana Nair (Franklin Park) after receiving their gold medals at the 2016 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships Awards Ceremony.

On April 16th, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2016 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships.

Out of the 94 students from SCVTHS who competed, 45 received medals including 19 gold. Those Gold Medal winners are now eligible to test their skills in Louisville, Kentucky from June 20-25, 2016 at the 52nd Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). During the Conference more than 6,000 career and technical education students will showcase their talents and compete in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. All contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. The test competencies are set by industry.

The complete list of SCVTHS students who received medals is as follows:

GOLD

- Career Pathways Showcase: Education & Training – Novena Petryk-Cordi (Manville), Sandra Raju (Hillsborough), and Gillian Gottlieb (Hillsborough)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Health Science - Brianna Broderick (Flemington), Catherine Chen (Warren), and Anjana Nair (Franklin Park)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services - Ann Marie Masiello (Hillsborough), Madison Hill-Glover (Bridgewater), and Cristina Young (Martinsville)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food - Robert Bender (Hillsborough), Alok Pillai (Hillsborough), Satyakrishna Polavarapu (Bridgewater)
- Collision Repair Technology – Gianni Cintron (Bound Brook)
- Criminal Justice – Charles Sharkey (Bridgewater)
- First Aid/CPR - Samantha Shephard (Hillsborough)
- Medical Terminology - Ian Dominick De Los Reyes (Bridgewater)
- Medical Math – Janum Shah (Belle Mead)
- New Jersey Pin Design - Catherine Reisser (Bound Brook)
- Plumbing - Ryan Zaborowski (Bridgewater)

SILVER

- Auto Maintenance – Trevor Jones (Belle Mead)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics – Masood Karimi (Somerset), Farouk Marhaba (Bridgewater), and Martyn Megaloudis (North Plainfield)
- Culinary Arts – Amanda Lamperti (North Plainfield)
- First Aid/CPR – Christopher Santos (Branchburg)
- Health Occupations Professional Portfolio – Marla Castillo (Bound Brook)
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Julia Garaffa (Skillman), Aaron Lee (Raritan), Michael Pena (Somerset), and Palak Shah (Hillsborough)
- Medical Math – Sarah Furman (Flemington), Ruchi Patel (Hillsborough), Evan Sapriman (Hillsborough), Darshan Shah (Hillsborough), Emily Siniscalco (Flemington), Mukta Pawari (Bridgewater), and Christopher Warren (North Plainfield) ✨
- Medical Terminology – Christopher Silva (Green Brook)
- Plumbing – Adam Burnett (Basking Ridge)

BRONZE

- Career Pathways Showcase: Architecture & Construction – Swati Patel (Somerset) and Harini Prayaga (Bridgewater)
- Screen Printing Technology – Kaycie Sconda (Bridgewater)
- Industrial Motor Control – Joseph Blass (Branchburg)
- Quiz Bowl – Sarah Furman (Flemington), Ruchi Patel (Hillsborough), Evan Sapriman (Hillsborough), Darshan Shah (Hillsborough), Emily Siniscalco (Flemington), Mukta Pawari (Bridgewater), and Christopher Warren (North Plainfield) ✨

STUDENT OF THE MONTH Elizabeth Dietrich

Elizabeth Dietrich, a sophomore in the Agriculture Science Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for April 2016. Elizabeth is the daughter of Thomas and Caroline Dietrich of Green Brook.

Agriculture Science instructor Mr. Fargo nominated Elizabeth for the Student of the Month Award because she "is a reliable contributor to every class and always strives to do her absolute best, often beyond her classmates. She leaves no down time, anticipates the next task when she can and informs me when she has completed a task and is ready to move on."

Elizabeth's awards and acknowledgments include being on the Principal's Honor Roll for the first two marking periods and being a recipient of the FFA Greenhand Degree. In addition she was recognized for volunteering at the Somerset Environmental Education Center.

Outside of SCVTHS, Elizabeth enjoys volunteering at the Somerset Environmental Education Center, doodling, playing with her cat, watching television and gardening.

Elizabeth plans on furthering her education at college after graduating from SCVTHS. She has not yet determined what degree she would like to pursue. ✨



Elizabeth Dietrich