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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS GRADUATE FINDS SUCCESS AT THE MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AT RUTGERS

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As the Thanksgiving Food Drive draws to an end, once again I am proud of the generosity our school community always displays in these types of events. Deliveries to our families are being arranged for this week, and everyone who participated should take pride knowing you were a part of making a difference to an SCVTHS family this Thanksgiving. I wish everyone a happy holiday!

Upcoming Events/School Spirit Alerts:

- 11/23 - FFA Holiday and Citrus Fruit Sales begin
- 11/1-12/1 - HOSA's Annual NJ Cares Coat Drive
- 12/3 - Cosmetology Cut-a-Thon and Toy Drive
- 12/9 - NHS/NTHS Winter Dance 7-10pm in Gym
- 12/10 - Santa Breakfast Fundraiser 8am-12pm in Cafeteria
- 12/21 - School Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater Day for Students and Staff
- 12/23 - Student Holiday Activities in Gym (Periods 5-6)

Athletics:

- Week of November 21 - Try-outs begin for Cheerleading and Girls & Boys Basketball
- 12/23 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 1 - 1pm & 3pm
- 12/28 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 2 - 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm
- 12/29 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 3 - 9:30am & 11:30am

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler

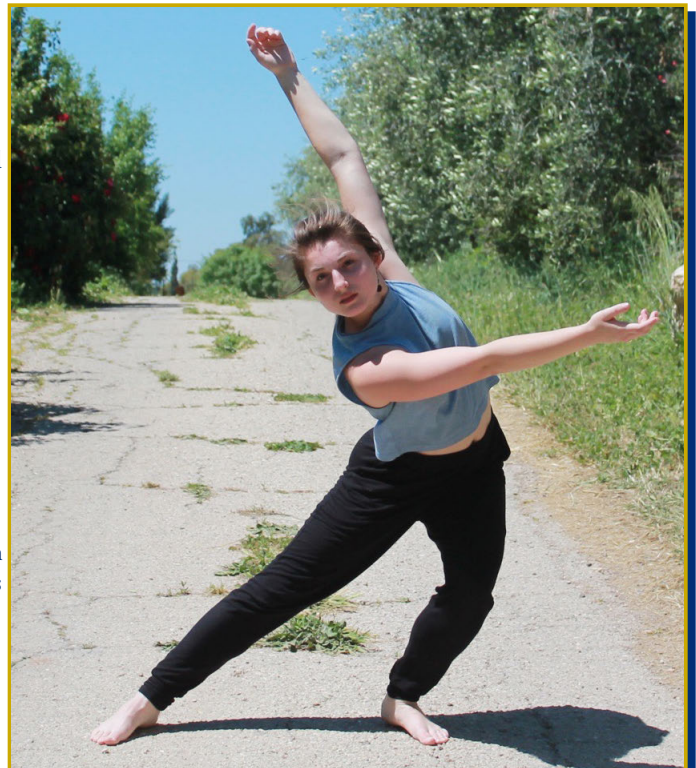


Anna Gichan, a 2013 graduate of Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Gifted and Talented Honors Dance Program, has found success at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts and was recently featured in the Rutgers Today series entitled "RU Remarkable."

Deb Gichan, Anna's mother and current Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Photography Instructor, spoke of Anna's decision to attend SCVTHS by saying, "I knew that she needed the nurturing and education by teachers who could develop her technique and artistry. I knew the curriculum here as an employee and knew that it would give her an advantage in college." Deb Gichan went on to add, "Vo-Tech helped her in her approach to the art form in college. Vo-Tech's Dance Department teaches the student how to work their bodies to reduce injury, stay healthy and grow as a dancer."

Dance Department Coordinator Sheila Buttermore recalls Anna as a "passionate and hardworking" student at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School. "Her enthusiasm for the art form has always been present and it is a joy to see her discovering her voice so that her art can impact the world. Anna is a great example of going above and beyond and finding success due to her work ethic and passion."

Anna reflected on her time at SCVTHS saying, "SCVTHS technically prepared me for a career in Dance. It taught me time management, communication and determination." Anna continued, "Without my Dance training at Vo-Tech, I wouldn't have had the understanding of what it means to study Dance. Vo-tech required us to see shows, produce choreography, and learn history, nutrition, and anatomy. They provided me with the ability to become an educated and well-rounded dancer. I'm grateful that I've



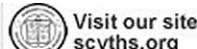
Anna Gichan poses for a photo while studying abroad in Israel.

built such positive relationships with the faculty and that I can still reach out to them."*

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•CUT-A-THON
& HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
Dec. 3, 2016 • 9am - 1pm

Hosted by SCVTHS Cosmetology Program

•BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday Dec. 10, 2016
Two Seatings: 8:30am & 10:30am



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SCVTHS STUDENTS GATHER DONATIONS TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

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SCVTHS Health Occupation students (l-r back): Amethyst Milochik of South Bound Brook, Megan Flores of Bound Brook, Marla Castillo of Bound Brook, Christine Starozytyk of South Bound Brook, Samantha Shephard of Hillsborough; (l-r front): Rebeka Quagliato of South Bound Brook, Stephanie Machado of South Bound Brook, Carolyn Romero of Bound Brook, Jenna Molfetta of Bound Brook, Samantha Neves of Manville, and Sarah Yagual of Bound Brook pose with some of the Celebration of Life Birthday Cards.

As part of a yearly fundraiser, students in the Health Occupations/HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School collected donations for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. Students and staff participated by giving \$1 donations and filling out a Celebration of Life Birthday Card, which was added to the Celebration of Life Wall outside the school's guidance office. At the end of the fundraiser, the Health Occupations/HOSA students gathered funds totalling \$383.*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Alexis Fasoli



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Alexis Fasoli, a senior in the Auto Body Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for November 2016. Alexis is the daughter of Ms. Susan Reid of Raritan.

SCVTHS English Instructor Chris Miller nominated Alexis for the award because, "Alexis works just about the hardest of all the students here at SCVTHS. She is juggling school, work, and homelife, and she does a pretty good job staying successful at everything." SCVTHS English Instructor Brendan Downey also nominated Alexis for the award stating, "Alexis Fasoli is on time and prepared for class every day. Her assignments are submitted complete and on schedule without fail. She participates daily in class discussion and is particularly interested in our creative writing lessons and assignments."

At SCVTHS, Alexis has been a Stellar Student and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Alexis works at the Domino's Pizza in Raritan, and when she has free time, enjoys hanging out with her friends and spending time with her family. After graduating from SCVTHS, Alexis plans to advance her education at the collegiate level.

Alexis was appreciative for receiving the award and said, "I would like to thank Mr. Downey and Mr. Miller for nominating me for Student of the Month."*