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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS STUDENTS WIN GOLD AT NJ SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

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

Also, in honor of Administrative Professional's Day on April 26, a special recognition goes out to our school district's administrative professionals. Their hard work and dedication behind the scenes ensure that everything runs smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Thank you all for everything you do!

#### School Spirit Alert

Our second SkillsUSA Golf Classic will take place on May 8 at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater, NJ. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support our SkillsUSA students going to Louisville, KY for the National Competition in June. Additional information can be found on our website.

#### On The Field

Baseball & Softball Season is here. Check out our sports schedule on our website and come on out in a show of support to cheer our teams on. Go Jags!

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



On April 8th, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students competed against other career and technical education students from around the state at the 2017 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships. Out of the 85 students from SCVTHS who competed, 52 received medals including 19 Gold. The Gold medal winners are now eligible to test their skills in Louisville, Kentucky from June 19-23, 2017 at the 53rd annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC). During the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), 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

- Community Service – Brianna Broderick (Flemington), Catherine Chen (Warren) and Anjana Nair (Franklin Park)
- Criminal Justice – Charles Sharkey (Bridgewater)
- First Aid/CPR – Sarah Adams (Bridgewater)
- Job Interview – Satyakrishna Polavarapu (Bridgewater)
- Restaurant Service – Elizabeth Jaeger (Branchburg)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Health Services – Michelle Masiello (Hillsborough) & Shanaya Sood (Hillsborough)
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Julia Garaffa (Skillman), Matthew Natividad (Somerset), Parth Patel (Raritan) & Palak Shah (Hillsborough)
- Medical Math – Janum Shah (Belle Mead)
- Medical Terminology – Mahima Gurushankar (Bridgewater)
- Auto Maintenance – Nicholas Sadlon (Stirling)

#### SILVER

- Collision Repair Technology – Brianna Roper (Bridgewater)
- SkillsUSA Safety Display – Bhavya Yalamanchili (Bridgewater)
- Industrial Motor Control – Travis Hays (Bound Brook)
- Technical Computer Applications – Ashley Rodriguez (Bound Brook)
- Quiz Bowl – Sarah Furman (Flemington), Ruchi Patel (Hillsborough), Darshan Shah (Hillsborough), Mukta Patwari (Bridgewater), Evan Sapirman (Hillsborough), & Abiram Gupta (Watchung)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services – Farouk Marhaba (Bridgewater), Ann Marie Masiello (Hillsborough) & Cristina Young (Martinsville)
- Medical Math – Dhruv Gupta (Green Brook)
- Diesel Equipment Technology – Matt King (Watchung)
- Welding – Skylar Holland (Raritan)
- Custom Automotive Painting – Daniel Camacho (Manville) and Julian Hernandez (Somerset)



(l-r): Daniel Camacho (Manville) & Julian Hernandez (Somerset) after receiving Silver medals at the 2017 New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships Awards Ceremony.

#### BRONZE

- Customer Service – Islam Soliman (Somerset)
- Job Interview – Omar Khasawneh (Somerset)
- Related Technical Math – Rea Rustagi (Hillsborough)
- Promotional Bulletin Board – Eka Tawe (Hillsborough), Mackenzie Toth (Milford) & Amanda Williams (Hillsborough)
- Plumbing – Matthew Gentile (Gillette)
- Career Pathways Showcase: Natural Resources/Agriculture/Food – Jaden Bailey (Flemington), Karnav Dalal (Somerset) & Aromal Suresh (Bridgewater)
- Medical Math – Dyan D'Costa (Warren)
- Health Knowledge Bowl – Jennifer Calderon (S. Bound Brook), Amanda Rodriguez (Somerville), Hailey Bizub (Basking Ridge), & Kirstein Balao (Bound Brook)

Additionally, three students from Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools have been selected as Presidential Service Award recipients. These students will also be acknowledged on stage at the 53rd annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in June. The students selected are:

- Ann Marie Masiello (Hillsborough), Brianna Broderick (Flemington) & Janum Shah (Belle Mead)

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Skills Conference (NLSC)**  
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June 19 – 23, 2017



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## SCVTHS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM EXPANDS ANIMAL SCIENCE OFFERINGS

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(left to right): Carpentry students who worked on the chicken coop Ethan Fleming of Bridgewater, Rayden Canuel of Raritan, Brian DeBias of Branchburg, and Stephen Dutko of Watchung stand with Agricultural Science students Alex Norz of Hillsborough, Zachary Pawlikowski of Bridgewater, Natasha Thurmond of South Bound Brook, Russell Tenzer of Martinsville, and Sylvester LaBrunda of Bedminster.

The Agricultural Science Program is expanding the curriculum on Animal Sciences and will now include chickens in classroom activities. Students will now be responsible for tending to eight chickens which have recently arrived at SCVTHS.

In one of the multidisciplinary projects at SCVTHS, the Carpentry Program students completed the chicken coop and delivered it to the Agricultural Science building where it now houses the chickens.

Additionally, Agricultural Science Instructor Mr. Fargo is exploring the opportunity to have the eggs that the chickens produce sent up to the SCVTHS Culinary Arts Program for use in their offerings.✿

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Elizabeth Dietrich

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Elizabeth Dietrich, a junior in the Agricultural Science Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for April 2017. Elizabeth is the daughter of Thomas and Caroline Dietrich of Green Brook.

Agricultural Science Instructor Mr. Fargo nominated Elizabeth for the Student of the Month Award because she "is a warm, friendly, and positive addition to the classroom. She is always assisting peers and teachers when she sees that anyone is in need. She simply goes above and beyond the call of duty. She leads the class academically and shares deep and expressive thoughts in concluding lessons. Elizabeth is our Somerset FFA Chapter Vice President and leads our Plan of Activities Committee. She has earned her FFA Greenhand Degree, is currently completing an application for the FFA Chapter Degree and is working on several Agricultural Science projects, inside and outside of school. For these projects she documents her activities, hours and finances and has earned two national blue ribbon badges for keeping such great records. Elizabeth has recorded and logged over 28 hours of Community service since September 2015. She is a National Honor Society member, a Robotics and Engineering member, a Yearbook Club member, and has assisted in decorating the Linkages Center. What makes Elizabeth stand out is how loved she is by academic teachers in our school. I give Elizabeth my highest recommendation for Student of the Month."

Science Instructor Mrs. Mehta also nominated Elizabeth for the award saying, "She is such a pleasure. She is very respectful and always goes above and beyond on her assignments. An ideal student."

Elizabeth's other awards and acknowledgments include being on the Principal's Honor Roll, being a CTE Stellar Student, being recognized for volunteering at the Somerset Environmental Education Center, and being previously chosen as SCVTHS Student of the Month.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Elizabeth plans on furthering her education in the Agricultural Science field at a college close to home.✿