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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT COMMENCEMENT

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

I want to send heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2017! The faculty, staff and administration here at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School have watched you grow and learn over the past four years. Everyone at SCVTHS wishes you all the best in the next chapter of your lives.

Looking ahead, I encourage all returning students to enjoy some fun and relaxing activities over the summer but to also read and stay focused on your academic goals. See you in September!

Upcoming Events:

Soccer season - August 14th

New Student Orientation - August 17th



Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Class of 2017 Commencement in Bridgewater, NJ on June 21, 2017

SCVTHS Class of 2017

Aracelis Ahorrio Manville-Cosmetology	Jennifer Calderon South Bound Brook Health Occupations	Emily DeStolle Bridgewater-Theater Arts
Malak Akinlabi*	Hugo Camacho Bound Brook-Integrated Tech	Rosario Diaz Somerset-Agricultural Science
Franklin Park-Academy	Rayden Canuel Raritan-Carpentry	Veronica Dobranski Branchburg-Cosmetology
Juan Amundsen Branchburg-Plumbing	Nicholas Carro Belle Mead-Welding	Logan Dolci Hillsborough-Welding
Aishwarya Anand* Somerset-Academy	Maria Castillo* Bound Brook Health Occupations	Terrence Driscoll Bridgewater-Integrated Tech
Vlad Anisimov Bridgewater-Welding	Thomas Caswell Manville	Stephen Dutko Watching-Carpentry
Madalyn Arcurio* Flemington-Academy	William Chiriboga Princeton	Kamiyah Eads-Lundy Somerset-Cosmetology
Hailey Baker Branchburg-Cosmetology	Timothy Cho Bridgewater-Welding	Margaret Fairley Basking Ridge-Dance
Michael Bartkowiak* Somerset-Theater Arts	Emily Conlon Hillsborough-Theater Arts	Alexis Fasoli Raritan-Auto Body
Raymond Bellaran Bridgewater- Law & Public Safety	Stephanie Coppola* Milford-Academy	Kristen Fernandez-Gonzalez* South Bound Brook Graphic Communications
Robert Bender Hillsborough-Academy	Samuel Corn Ringoos-Carpentry	Kendall Ferruggia Warren-Cosmetology
Cassanova Bentley New Brunswick-CTE	Rebecca Coviello Hillsborough-Culinary Arts	Michelle Fishbeyn* Ringoos-Academy
Julianne Bianciella Raritan-Theater Arts	Ciani Crosby Bedminster-Dance	Ethan Fleming Bridgewater-Carpentry
Hailey Bizub Basking Ridge- Health Occupations	Derek Crosby Bridgewater-Theater Arts	Megan Flores Bound Brook- Health Occupations
Brianna Bolt Hamilton-Dance	Ethan D'Alessandro Martinsville-Theater Arts	Barbara Follett* Neshanic Sta.-Academy
Gerard Booker Manville-Auto Body	Katherine Davis Skillman-Dance	Sarah Furman* Flemington-Academy
Elizabeth Brown Raritan-Cosmetology	Brian DeBias Branchburg-Carpentry	Kaitlyn Gargiello Bridgewater-Cosmetology
William Brown Bridgewater-Auto/Diesel	Kaitlyn Deo Martinsville-Cosmetology	Salvatore Gargiolo Bridgewater-Theater Arts
Szawn Buchala Hillsborough		Meyer Gershtater* Bridgewater-Academy
Electrical Construction		
Adam Burnett Basking Ridge-Plumbing		

One hundred sixty one SCVTHS students received their diplomas in seventeen vocational programs ranging from Automotive Technology to the Performing Arts. The ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in the Auditorium of Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School located in Bridgewater. Principal Diane Ziegler welcomed graduates and their guests. Diplomas and awards were presented by Superintendent Dr. Chrys Harttraft, Board of Education President William Hyncik, Jr., Board of Education Vice President Sarah Costa, Board of Education members Theodore Smith and Stephen Rodzinak, and Board Secretary Raelene Catterson. The Career and Technical Education Valedictorian for the class of 2017 was Graphic Communications student Daria Marini of Bridgewater. The Career and Technical Education Salutatorian was

Cosmetology student Kirsten Smith of Somerset. Valedictorians from the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences were Madalyn Arcurio of Flemington, Stephanie Coppola of Milford, Khushma Parekh of Ringoes, and Emily Siniscalco of Flemington. The Academy for Health and Medical Sciences Salutatorian was Ruchi Patel of Hillsborough. The Technical Occupational Preparation for Success (TOPS) student speaker was Cosmetology student Kaitlyn Gargiello.

Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh addressed the graduates on behalf of the Somerset County Freeholders. Other dignitaries in attendance included Freeholder Deputy Director Patrick Scaglione and Freeholder Brian Levine.

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William Glancey Green Brook-Welding	Mia Jaderlund Hillsborough-Dance	Jaclyn Maese* Basking Ridge-Theater Arts	Cassandra Mountney Raritan-Dance	Nicolette Peron Branchburg-Dance	Nicholas Sadlon Stirling Auto/Diesel Technologies	Erin Stewart Bridgewater-Dance	Destyneeg Vegliante* Hillsborough-Health Occup.
Shubhamkumar Gohil Hillsborough-Academy	Chloe Jen* Bridgewater-Academy	Kristen Marcinek Green Brook-Academy	Justin Murillo Manville-Auto Body	Molly Piano Branchburg-Cosmetology	John Sala Belle Mead-Auto Body	Ryan Stewart Franklin Park-Integrated Tech	Ciara Villanueva* Bound Brook Law & Public Safety
Brandon Green Bound Brook Agricultural Science	Khalilah Johnson* Somerset-Theater Arts	Elaina Murnane Somerville-Cosmetology	Daria Marini* Bridgewater Graphic Communications	Alok Pillai* Hillsborough-Academy	Zairy Salas Somerset-Cosmetology	Erika Stravalacci Hillsborough-Cosmetology	Samantha Warchal Warren-Cosmetology
Trevor Jones* Belle Mead-Auto/Diesel Tech	Ricky Kelly North Plainfield Law & Public Safety	Andrew Martinez Bridgewater Law & Public Safety	Andrew Martinez Bridgewater Law & Public Safety	Steven Pochick Green Brook-Auto Body	Christopher Santos* Branchburg-Academy	Natasha Thurmond South Bound Brook Agricultural Science	Christopher Warren* North Plainfield-Academy
Fabiola Guillen Bound Brook Graphic Communications	Jack Kinst* Hillsborough-Academy	Yessenia Martinez Law & Public Safety	Samantha Neves Manville-Health Occup.	Satyakrishna Polavarapu* Bridgewater-Academy	Michael Scilla Branchburg-Integrated Tech	Bane Tindall Manville-Welding	Sydney Weber Bridgewater Law & Public Safety
Dylan Han Bridgewater-Welding	Emily Kopchans* Far Hills-Theater Arts	Kayla McLaughlin S. Bound Brook-Cosmetology	Shawn O'Kane Bridgewater-Theater Arts	Sravanthi Polavarapu* Bridgewater-Academy	Nicole Seyflart S. Bound Brook-Cosmetology	Lila Tiner Branchburg-Cosmetology	William Webster Hillsborough-Health Occup.
Travis Hays* Bound Brook Electrical Construction	Steven Kyle Branchburg-Elec. Construc.	Jack McManus* Bridgewater-Theater Arts	Anamaria Onate* S. Bound Brook Graphic Communications	Irene Rabinowitz Hillsborough-Cosmetology	Palak Shah* Hillsborough-Cosmetology	Matthew Trucco Basking Ridge Graphic Communications	Alyssa Wehrle Hillsborough-Cosmetology
Emily Heathcote* Branchburg-Academy	Sylvester LaBrunda Bedminster-Agri. Science	Priyanka Mehta* Somerset-Academy	Khushma Parekh* Ringoos-Academy	Andres Ramos N. Plainfield-Auto Body	Charles Sharkey Bridgewater Law & Public Safety	Kimberly Vasquez* North Plainfield Law & Public Safety	Ryan Zaborowski* Bridgewater-Plumbing
Benton Helwig Bridgewater-Welding	Karyn LaCanna Neshanic Sta.-Health Occup.	Steven Merrill N. Plainfield Integrated Technology	David Parisi Bound Brook-Welding	Madhavi Rana* Neshanic Station-Academy	Meghan Sheasley Bridgewater-Integrated Tech	Shayne Vasquez* Ringoos-Theater Arts	
Megan Hickson Branchburg Graphic Communications	Brianna LaFace* Warren Graphic Communications	Christina Messner Hillsborough-Health Occup.	Parth Patel* Raritan-Academy	Marcelo Rios South Bound Brook Electrical Construction	Varsha Shrinet S. Bound Brook-Academy		
Skylar Holland Raritan-Welding	Tara Lardiere Branchburg-Auto Body	Jacob Meyer Bridgewater-Auto Body	Ruchi Patel* Hillsborough-Academy	Amanda Rodriguez* Somerville-Health Occup.	Trevor Shu* Somerset-Academy		
Carmen Huby Bridgewater-Cosmetology	Dylan LaRue* South Bound Brook Auto/Diesel Technologies	Victoria Moran Bridgewater-Theater Arts	Zachary Pawlikowski Bridgewater Agricultural Science	Ashley Rodriguez* Bound Brook Integrated Technology	Emily Siniscalco* Flemington-Academy		
Ryan Ippolito Branchburg Graphic Communications	Erik Latini* Somerset-Integrated Tech	Harry Moreno Junco* South Bound Brook Law & Public Safety	Michael Pena* Somerset-Academy	Jaclyn Romankow* Gillette-Theater Arts	Kirsten Smith* Somerset-Cosmetology		
Gabrielle Jacob* North Plainfield-Academy	Jacob Lesser Bridgewater-Dance	Jessica Moschetti Flemington-Dance	Liz Perez S. Bound Brook-Cosmetology	Sydney Rutigliano* Hillsborough-Theater Arts	Nichole Sorge* Milford-Academy		
			Michael Perez Bridgewater-Auto/Diesel Tech	Gianna Sabo Hillsborough-Dance	Jasmine Stanley Somerset-Cosmetology		



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BRIDGEWATER SENIOR RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Meyer Gershater, a senior in the Academy for Health & Medical Sciences at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. SCVTHS nominated Meyer for national honors this fall in recognition of his volunteer service.

As part of the President's Volunteer Service Award application, Meyer spoke of his work with the Somerville Red Cross Youth Council where he served as the club's Secretary and is currently President. Meyer helped run fundraisers, blood drives and fire canvassing campaigns.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

"The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their communities."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

Prudential Spirit of Community Award applications were distributed nationwide last September through middle



Meyer Gershater

level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria which included personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

SCVTHS is a fully accredited, four year high school located on an eighty-acre campus at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Serving all of Somerset County, SCVTHS accepts students on a full or shared-time basis for challenging programs that combine training in occupational and academic skills. Along with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings, students are provided with the opportunity to take a variety of rigorous college preparatory academic courses. SCVTHS has been providing quality education and technical skills training to Somerset County for over fifty years.*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Anthony DiFelice

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Anthony DiFelice, a junior in the Auto Body Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for June 2017. Anthony is the son of Gail Figueroa of Bound Brook.

SCVTHS English Instructor Chris Miller nominated Anthony for Student of the Month because he is a "hard-working, respectful, cheery student." Mr. Miller added that Anthony "always goes the extra mile doing his work, whether it's an individual effort or a group collaboration. Even when the cards are stacked against him, he always perseveres and finds a way."

At SCVTHS, Anthony has been a recipient of other awards including the Awesome Academic Attitude Award for Autobody, Most Helpful Student in Shop for Autobody and Stellar Student of the Month.

Outside of SCVTHS, Anthony works at the Golden Corner Diner in Bound Brook and spends his free time fixing and painting his friends' bikes.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Anthony plans on entering the Auto Body industry painting and repairing cars. One day, Anthony hopes, he may also become a pilot.

"I am very grateful for this award," Anthony said. "I'm just a regular kid who wants to do great things."*