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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

FFA SCVTHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families of SCVTHS,

While our students and staff are dedicated to service projects all throughout the year, I am so very proud of the generosity which comes together with several projects during the Fall. Some of the projects to highlight include our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, a winter coat drive, hurricane relief efforts, a breast cancer awareness fundraiser, holiday toy drive, veterans' luncheon and so much more. As we all know, learning takes place in areas beyond the classroom, and service learning projects are a unique opportunity for all our students.

I wish everyone a happy holiday!

School Spirit Alert

- 11/21 Veteran's Luncheon
- 11/1-12/6 HOSA's Annual New Jersey Cares Coat Drive
- 12/2 Cosmetology Cut-a-Thon & Toy Drive
- 12/9 Santa Breakfast Fundraiser

Athletics

- 12/16 Holiday Basketball Tournament Day 1 - 12:00pm
- 12/22 Holiday Basketball Tournament Day 2 - 5pm
- 12/27 Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 3 - 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm
- 12/28 Holiday Basketball Tournament Day 4 - 9:30am & 11:30am

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



On October 9th and 10th, SCVTHS Agricultural Science Instructor Erik Fargo, along with six of his students attended the FFA Leadership Experience and Development (L.E.A.D.) Conference in Mount Laurel, NJ. The students are members of the Student Officer Team of the Somerset County FFA Chapter. The SCVTHS students attending were: Elizabeth Dietrich of Green Brook, Abigail Podejko of Raritan, Shiyen Williams of Somerset, Jayden Johnson of Hillsborough, Maria Scarpantonio of Manville and Jenna Shallop of S. Bound Brook. Approximately thirteen New Jersey Agricultural Education/FFA chapters also attended the Conference.

Over the course of two days SCVTHS students took part in the C.O.L.T. (Chapter Officer Leadership Training) and State Greenhand Conference events designed for first year students.

During the Conference Jenna Shallop was awarded the Outstanding Greenhand Award, and the SCVTHS FFA Chapter Officer Team (Elizabeth Dietrich, Abigail Podejko, Shiyen Williams, Jayden Johnson, and Maria Scarpantonio) won the Outstanding Officer Team of the C.O.L.T. track. "What a surprise and thrill to have both groups earn and take the awards," said Mr. Fargo.

SCVTHS Agricultural Science Instructor Erik Fargo went on to add, "I cannot express how proud I am of them for putting all the effort they did into this. They heard early on in the Conference that 'you don't grow if you're in your comfort zone and those who stay in their comfort zone don't grow.' I echoed these words back to them and challenged them to take advantage of all this weekend had to offer. They proudly met the challenge. I give them all credit for working together with their sunny and positive



(left-right): SCVTHS students Jayden Johnson of Hillsborough, Elizabeth Dietrich of Green Brook, Abigail Podejko of Raritan, Shiyen Williams of Somerset, Jenna Shallop of South Bound Brook and Maria Scarpantonio of Manville with their awards at the Leadership Experience and Development (L.E.A.D.) Conference in Mount Laurel, NJ.

attitude, work ethic, and motivation to grow. It was fantastic to see them so excited."*

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Tiffany Powser, a junior in the Health Occupations Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for November 2017. Tiffany is the daughter of Ronald Powser of Bridgewater and Maria Powser of Manville.

A total of four instructors nominated Tiffany for the Student of the Month award. Health Occupations Instructor Kim Vasaturo nominated Tiffany because she, "genuinely tries to learn and grow from class lessons and clinical experiences. She is a fantastic listener and is always willing to help her peers. She is a pleasure to have in class."

SCVTHS Spanish Instructor Guillermo Reina said, "Tiffany's participation in class is admirable. Her enthusiasm for learning is very contagious."

English Instructor Mr. Miller added, "Tiffany is the ideal student. She helps other

SCVTHS SENIOR IS SELECTED NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLAR

Gillian Gottlieb of Hillsborough, a senior in the Academy for Health & Medical Sciences, was recently selected as a National Hispanic Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

Students who scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in the region were invited to participate in the Program. In the months following, all students who submitted an application were evaluated. Participation in the NHRP is at no cost and enables students to highlight their outstanding educational achievements to top colleges and universities.*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH Tiffany Powser



Tiffany Powser

kids learn by encouraging them and taking a leadership role in the classroom. She is always polite and respectful and friendly to both teachers and her fellow students."

Finally, Mrs. McNerney added, "Her contributions to class discussions are always insightful and thought provoking. She is a part of F.O.R. (the Friends of Rachel Club), and is always helpful to fellow classmates when they struggle with a concept or need to catch up on their work. She is a hard worker and always strives to do her best."

At SCVTHS, Tiffany has been awarded "Best Clinical" and "Most Kind" for Health Occupations, as well as receiving the "School Spirit" and "Most Optimistic" awards.

Outside of SCVTHS, Tiffany works at Legx in the Bridgewater Commons Mall and also babysits. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering, yoga, practicing contortionism and spending time with her family.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Tiffany plans to further her education by attending college out of state and working on a degree which will allow her to be an art therapist for individuals with cerebral palsy.

When asked her future plans, Tiffany said she wants to "have a colorful future improving the life of others through helping them in their time of need." She went on to add that she is, "one of a kind, an original leader." Tiffany also shared a quote, which states, "Be like a diamond precious and rare, not like a stone everywhere.*"