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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. We wish you the absolute best with your next career and/or educational path. You have a great foundation.

To all returning students and families, make sure you take time to rest and enjoy your family. We will see in September!

Sincerely,
Hector Montes



SCVTHS Class of 2022

Marc Acevedo Mechanics Somerset	Charlene Cai* Academy Bridgewater	Brianna Cookman* Culinary Arts Asbury
Dylan Adams Electrical Construction Raritan	Paolo Caldaro Graphic Communications Hillsborough	Brandon Cornwell-Blais Welding Branchburg
Kylar Ahle Electrical Construction Flemington	Adrianna Caruso Cosmetology Bridgewater	Nickolas Corra Mechanics Raritan
Rayyan Alidina* Academy Hillsborough	Gianna Casey Cosmetology South Bound Brook	Marvin Cruz Law & Public Safety North Plainfield
Zachary Amato Electrical Construction Somerville	Diego Catalan Agricultural Science Basking Ridge	Erica Cruz-Wesley Cosmetology Bridgewater
Rima Amin* Academy Bridgewater	Alyssa Chang* Academy Hillsborough	Edward Cunningham* Mechanics Skillman
Nya Barker Graphic Communications Hillsborough	Nabiya Chaudhry* Academy Bridgewater	Halee Dani* Academy Hillsborough
David Barney Auto Body Manville	Samantha Chavez Cosmetology Hillsborough	Marco DaSilva Auto/Diesel Technologies Basking Ridge
Ashley Barron Cosmetology Bridgewater	Jacob Chen Auto/Diesel Technologies Bridgewater	Jessica DeLuca Culinary Arts Raritan
Connor Bates Law & Public Safety Somerville	Maxwell Chuo* Academy Clinton	Isabella DeRosa Cosmetology Hillsborough
Paris Bozzuti Theater Arts Branchburg	Diyara Cody Cosmetology North Plainfield	Bhavya Deshaboina* Academy Belle Mead
Min Mei Buck* Graphic Communications Hillsborough	Noah Conk Theater Arts Lebanon	Altavia Doyle Cosmetology Somerset



Graduates standing and applauding during the 2022 Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School Commencement.

One hundred forty-eight students received their diplomas in eighteen different vocational programs ranging from Automotive Technology to the Performing Arts. The ceremony was held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM on the campus of Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School located at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater.

Principal Hector Montes welcomed graduates and their guests. Diplomas and awards were presented by Acting Superintendent Pat Pelliccia, Board of Education President William Hyncik, Jr., Board of Education Vice President Gregory Lalevee, Board of Education members Nadine Wilkins and Randall Burch. Additionally Somerset County Commissioner

Douglas Singleterry addressed the graduates on behalf of the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners.

The Career and Technical Education Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Agricultural Science student Parthavi Patel of South Bound Brook. The Career and Technical Education Salutatorian is Electronics, Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing student William Mente of Bridgewater. The Valedictorian from the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences is Rachel Yuh of Somerset and the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences Salutatorian is Christopher Masiello of Hillsborough. For more information contact James Strickhart at jstrickhart@scvts.net.

Kory Edwards Welding Glen Gardner	Angeliki Hionis Theater Arts Green Brook	Silvana LaVecchia Theater Arts Flemington	Walter McAloon Plumbing Bridgewater	Rigby Pelletiere Agricultural Science Raritan	Ian Seals Mechanics South Bound Brook	Anagha Sudhir* Academy Hillsborough	Anjali Viswanathan* Academy Somerset
Karima El Attar Auto Body Manville	Dean Hoffmann Welding Raritan	Lily Levine** Dance Watchung	Dhruvi Mehta* Academy Princeton	Hillary Pena-Bareiro Cosmetology Raritan	Nikita Senkin Plumbing Warren	Anna Sweeney Graphic Communications Basking Ridge	Savi Wahane Cosmetology Basking Ridge
Kelly Farnon Cosmetology Bridgewater	Ethan Isaac Electrical Construction Franklin Park	Ethan Lopez Mechanics Bridgewater	William Mente* Mechanics Bridgewater	Jake Perry Carpentry Bridgewater	John Sevell Electrical Construction Bound Brook	Liliana Swierd Health Occupations Bridgewater	Rebecca Wolin** Dance Neshanic Station
Jadon Garcia Plumbing Green Brook	Laura Jacobson** Dance Warren	Jonathan Lozano Plumbing Branchburg	Brynn Meyers Graphic Communications Neshanic Station	Sangeetha Punnam* Academy Bridgewater	Aarsha Shah* Academy Bridgewater	Benjamin Tankel* Academy Warren	Matthew Wright Culinary Arts Branchburg
Zach Gobbo Auto/Diesel Technologies Bridgewater	Ashrita Jagarlamudi* Academy Somerset	Claribel Lucero Carino Health Occupations Raritan	Ernesto Monge Culinary Arts Hillsborough	Gessica Quagliato Electrical Construction Frenchtown	Nidhi Shah* Academy Hillsborough	Keith Tarantino Graphic Communications Hillsborough	Sasha Vanicek Graphic Communications Manville
Max Goldstein Welding Millington	Kevin Jimenez Alvarado Welding Bound Brook	Kevin Luck Theater Arts Somerset	Jacob Murawski Mechanics Somerset	Maria Quispe Palomino Cosmetology Somerville	Jillian Shaughnessy Dance Bridgewater	Joshua Taveras Mechanics & Repair Bridgewater	Rachel Yuh* Academy Somerset
Adonis Gomez Cargua Carpentry North Plainfield	Dylan Josiah Electrical Construction Somerset	Caroline Macchiarola Theater Arts Bridgewater	Tyler Nerod Computer Science South Bound Brook	Zachary Quizon* Academy Somerset	Colin Sheeley** Dance Branchburg	Jude Tiner Law & Public Safety Martinsville	James Zambito* Mechanics Basking Ridge
Aryan Gosala Mechanics Somerset	Paul Kanryuch Academy Manville	Ryland Mack Plumbing Hillsborough	Gwenivere Nieves Culinary Arts Bound Brook	Lena Reilly Auto Body Martinsville	Nicole Sheik Academy Hillsborough	Angel Tombeng Law & Public Safety South Bound Brook	Madison Zarzecki* Cosmetology Branchburg
Erica Grant Culinary Arts North Plainfield	Ian Katz Theater Arts Bridgewater	Michael Magliulo Mechanics & Repair Hillsborough	Megan Norz Auto Body Hillsborough	Lee Ann Richards Health Occupations Bound Brook	Riley Sibilia* Graphic Communications Raritan	Alana Torres Cosmetology Bound Brook	Kiana Zumado Cosmetology Bridgewater
Luke Greenberg Mechanics Belle Mead	Ryder Keller-Facas Auto/Diesel Technologies Hillsborough	Jacqueline Mancía Hernandez Cosmetology Bound Brook	Dajan Nyendo Auto/Diesel Technologies Hillsborough	Brandon Rodriguez Electrical Construction Hillsborough	Kevin Simpson Jr. Mechanics & Repair Somerville	Isabella Toscano Health Occupations Somerset	Please Note: The above listing of SCVTHS Class of 2022 graduates omits students who have either not completed a media release form, or wished to not be included.
Wyatt Hamilton Auto/Diesel Technologies South Bound Brook	Nala King Theater Arts North Plainfield	Maylin Markiewicz Cosmetology Basking Ridge	Brian Opdyke Electrical Construction Neshanic Station	Jonathan Roessner Mechanics & Repair Hillsborough	Brianna Sites Cosmetology Manville	Maeve Toumey Theater Arts Gladstone	
Arielle Handler Theater Arts Hillsborough	Benjamin Krauser Computer Science Bound Brook	Christopher Masiello* Academy Hillsborough	Bhavya Patel* Academy North Plainfield	Jack Ryan* Mechanics Bound Brook	Samantha Slater Auto/Diesel Technologies Somerville	Cameron Upton Plumbing Watchung	
Asia Hargrove* Carpentry North Plainfield	Giovanni LaCorte Culinary Arts Branchburg	Lucas Maslo Carpentry Bridgewater	Parthavi Patel* Agricultural Science South Bound Brook	Zachary Salvato Plumbing Branchburg	Jason Spinrad Theater Arts Hillsborough	Ayesha Ur-Rehman* Academy Bridgewater	
Teresa Heath Culinary Arts Somerset	David Laracuente Electrical Construction South Bound Brook	Henry May Auto/Diesel Technologies Bridgewater	Pavani Patel* Academy South Bound Brook	Alexander Scala* Academy Califon	Jordyn Stahl* Cosmetology Bridgewater	Joaquin Veliz Auto Body Raritan	

* Member National Technical Honor Society
* Member National Honor Society
** Member National Honor Society for Dance Arts
* Member Hispanic Honor Society (Pura Vida)



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SCVTHS HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY

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(l-r) SCVTHS students Nathaniel Conti (Gladstone), Zach Cohen (Green Brook), Oscar Cortes (N. Plainfield), Aleksander Starzynski (Manville), Sydney Sibilia (Raritan), Natalie Alaimo (Bridgewater), Nick Heuner (Bound Brook), and Armando Garcia (Bridgewater) at Proud To Be An American Day 2022

On May 26, 2022, and for the sixth year, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Social Studies Instructor and United States Army Veteran Ed Graf put together an event titled, "Proud to be an American Day." Mr. Graf's purpose for the yearly event is to teach students the importance of honoring our veterans and the reasons we celebrate Memorial Day. During the day's events, Mr. Graf coordinated a full school assembly, which included:

- Honoring the memories of fallen veterans, promoting patriotism, as well as creating unity as a school community and nation
- Special tributes were paid to fallen heroes USMC Captain Jesse Melton III, who was KIA in Afghanistan and New Jersey National Guard Soldier, PFC Anthony Stietz, who died in a car accident

•Keynote speaker USMC Lieutenant General John Toolan

- Demonstrations by the United States Military, including armored vehicles and helicopters
- Wreath presentations
- Bagpipe and bugle performances
- 21-gun salute performed by American Legion Post 35 of Union, New Jersey
- Civil War Cannon Volleys
- Union High School JROTC Honor Guard held a "Posting the Colors"
- Members of the USO Show Troupe performed patriotic musical selections

Following the events, a luncheon was held for all of the attending veterans, honorees, and their families.❖

For more information on this story, contact James Strickhart at jstrickhart@scvts.net.

JAYLA AUSTIN



Jayla Austin

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Jayla Austin, a junior in the Cosmetology Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's (SCVTHS) Student of the Month for June 2022. Jayla is the daughter of Jessica Colon and Stephan Lafond of Bridgewater.

SCVTHS Cosmetology Instructor Julie Francis spoke of Jayla being named the Student of the Month stating, "Jayla is a kind, compassionate, conscientious and motivated student. She is always willing to participate in activities and help with behind the scenes activities. Jayla is a hard worker and always strives to do her best." Photography Instructor Deb Gichan added, "Jayla is helpful and engaged in the work. She has done additional artwork for the class."

Outside of school, Jayla works at Journeys in the Bridgewater Commons Mall and Dunkin' in Bridgewater. In her free time, Jayla enjoys crocheting, reading, and writing.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Jayla plans to attend Raritan Valley Community College, with her ultimate goal of becoming a dermatologist.

When asked if she had anything to add, Jayla stated, "My mom is my inspiration."❖