

OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TECH TALK



PAGE 2

OCVTS Honors Graduates

PAGE 3

New Board Member Welcomed as

Joseph Harding Retires

Outstanding Educators Recognized

OCVTS Students Clean the Beach

PAGE 4

Fireman's Training Rig

Apprenticeship Graduation

First Annual Recycle Rally

PAGE 5

Phantom Jet Restoration

MATES Students Sweep Video Contest

SKILLSUSA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS - UPDATE

Twenty-one of the SkillsUSA Gold Medal finalists, and their advisors, traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, on June 20th, to compete in national competition. The following students placed in the Top 10 in the country:

Josh Wilson, of Toms River, 3rd Place (Bronze Medal) for Job Skill Demonstration; Steven Russell, of Toms River, 6th Place, Prepared Speech; Carl Brobst Jr, of Waretown, 8th Place, Criminal Justice; Zachary Britton, of Brick, 8th Place, HVAC-R; Alyssa Wiczorkiewicz, of Brick, 8th Place, Photography; and Jessica DiFranco, of Brick, 10th Place Esthetics (Kayla Scafa, of Brick, model).

Congratulations to all for their outstanding accomplishments!

OCVTS STUDENTS HONORED BY OCEAN COUNTY FREEHOLDERS FOR SKILLSUSA GOLD MEDALS

Sixteen Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) students were recently recognized by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their outstanding achievements at the 2011 SkillsUSA State Competitions. The students received First Place gold medals in their career area competitions, which took place in Somerset, New Jersey, in early April. They had each qualified for the state competition through their excellent performances at the regional competition level, held earlier this year.

SkillsUSA is a national organization which provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari, liaison to OCVTS, presented each student with a certificate and commended them on their dedication and outstanding achievements. Receiving certificates were (listed with hometown and program of study): Zachary Britton, Brick, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning; Jessica DiFranco, Seaside Heights, Cosmetology; Apolinar Gil, Brick, Culinary Arts/Baking; Timothy Morton, Jackson, Collision Repair; Kevin Gilmore, Brick, Architectural/Engineering Design; Alyssa Wiczorkiewicz, Jackson, Photography; Kayla Scafa, Brick, Cosmetology; William Bentz, Seaside Heights, Collision Repair; Evan Swirbell, Jackson, Automotive/Diesel Engine Technology; Uriel Resendiz, Lakewood, Collision repair; Steven Russell, Manahawkin, Health & Fitness Technology; Tucker Weisleder, Point Pleasant, Marine Trades; Austin Kayser, Toms River, Aviation Aerospace Technology; Ian McGrath, Seaside Heights, Automotive/Diesel Engine Technology; Matthew Schmidt, Jackson, Aviation Aerospace Technology; and Cody Stefanacci, Toms River, Architectural/Engineering Design.

Also receiving SkillsUSA gold medals but not present at the ceremony are Brian Glowacka, Brick, Building Construction Technology; Karl Brobst, West Creek, Law & Public Safety; Joshua Brill, Jackson, Computer Science; Jessica Logan, Toms River, Cosmetology; Joshua Wilson, Lakewood, Health & Fitness Technology; Cortina Milton, Ocean Gate, Marine Trades; Joseph McCaffrey, Toms River, Electrical Trades/Integrated Cabling; and Franz Jakubiak, Point Pleasant, Electrical Trades/Integrated Cabling.



SkillsUSA Gold Medal recipients receive recognition at the Freeholders Meeting. From left to right: Zachary Britton, Jessica DiFranco, Apolinar Gil, Timothy Morton, SkillsUSA Advisor Thomas McInerney, Kevin Gilmore, Alyssa Wiczorkiewicz, Freeholder John Bartlett, OCVTS Assistant Superintendent Nancy Weber-Loeffert, Kayla Scafa, William Bentz, Evan Swirbell, Uriel Resendiz, Steven Russell, OCVTS Superintendent William P. Hoey, Tucker Weisleder, Austin Kayser, Freeholder Director Joseph Vicari, Ian McGrath, Matthew Schmidt, Freeholder James Lacey, Cody Stefanacci, and Freeholder Deputy Director Gerry Little.

The secret of success in life is for one to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

~Earl of Beaconsfield~

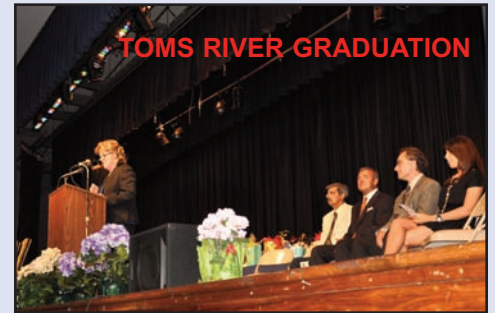
JUNE 2011

OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL HONORS GRADUATES

Over 960 students were recognized during graduation ceremonies at the six Ocean County Vocational Technical School campuses. Students from over 30 shared-time and full-time programs at the Brick, Jackson, Lakehurst, MATES, Toms River and Waretown centers received diplomas, certificates of completion and awards for outstanding achievements at recent ceremonies. Many of the students will now continue their education at two-year and four-year colleges or technical schools. Others will move directly into the workforce, well prepared to meet the challenges and expectations of their chosen careers.

Several OCVTS Board of Education members, as well as OCVTS Central Office Administration and trustees from the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education participated in the various ceremonies.

This year Ocean County Vocational Technical School graduates, shared-time and full-time, received scholarships and awards which totaled over \$2,975,900. The generosity of the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education and the Ocean County Vocational Technical Education Association, as well as over 255 scholarship sponsors, organizations, businesses and educational institutions will assist graduates as they pursue their educational and career objectives.



OCVTS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER AS VICE PRESIDENT JOSEPH HARDING RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

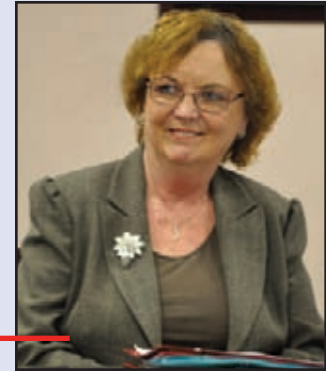
At the May Board of Education Meeting the board accepted the resignation of Vice President Joseph Harding. Mr. Harding had served on the OCVTS board for over 20 years, and was a major catalyst in the growth and development of the district. Mr. Harding recently relocated to Maryland. The Ocean County Vocational Technical School district salutes his dedication and support and wishes him well in his retirement.

At the June board meeting, Maureen Stankowitz of Lakewood, New Jersey, was sworn in as a new board member to finish the unexpired term of Joseph Harding. Mrs. Stankowitz is currently the President of the Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce.

OCVTS Board member Stephen Scaturro was appointed Vice President, replacing Mr. Harding.



Retiring Joseph Harding is presented with a plaque by OCVTS Board of Education President Nina Anuario.



Maureen Stankowitz was sworn in as a new Board of Education Member at the June meeting.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS HONORED AT BOARD MEETING

Several OCVTS educators were recognized at the June Board of Education meeting. They had been honored at the annual Ocean County Teachers' Governor's Recognition ceremony held earlier this year. They were Trista Altstadt, Related English Instructor from the Waretown Center; Tiffany Seeley, Science Instructor from the Lakehurst Center; William Hegerich, Social Studies Instructor from MATES; Marlene Damon, Medical Assisting Instructor from the Toms River Center; Sharon Giannantonio, Life Skills Instructor at the Waretown Center; and Edwina Williams, Fashion Merchandising and Design Instructor from the Brick Center.

Also recognized was OCVTS District Teacher of the Year Barbara Stewart. Barbara graduated from the OCVTS Cosmetology Program and after years of working in the field returned as an instructor. Ms. Stewart retired this year after over 20 years of service. Lori Miceli, Plumbing Instructor from the Waretown Center and Laura Grande-Hill, Theater Instructor from the Performing Arts Academy were recognized as the district's New Teachers of the Year. Fred Cuff, Custodian from the Lakehurst Center was recognized as the OCVTS Non-Certified Staff Member of the Year.



OCVTS Teachers of the Year, from left to right: Trista Altstadt, OCVTS Assistant Superintendent Nancy Weber-Loeffert; Tiffany Seeley, William Hegerich, OCVTS Board President Nina Anuario; Marlene Damon, Sharon Giannantonio, and Edwina Williams.



OCVTS District Teacher of the Year Barbara Stewart, center, surrounded by her students.



Lori Miceli and Laura Grande-Hill, were recognized as the district's New Teachers of the Year.

OCVTS STUDENTS CLEAN THE BEACH

While in the classroom students at Ocean County Vocational Technical School learn the skills which build a foundation for their future careers. They are also taught the importance of volunteering in their communities and making a difference. Students from both the OCVTS Marine Trades Program and the Small Engine Repair Program spent the day at Cattus Island County Park in Toms River, some by boat, some by land, on a quest to clean the bayside beaches and surrounding marshlands. This annual beach cleanup was spearheaded by Marine Trades Instructor Rob Berenwick.

Students scoured the shoreline and marshes filling garbage bags with debris. OCVTS Instructor Jim Lowda piloted the school's 21-foot center console along the remote areas of shoreline and several students onboard filled the boat with debris. Piles of garbage were collected including such things as crab traps, wood planks, plastic containers, and tires. The garbage was then loaded into park vehicles and taken away.



OCVTS students unload debris collected from the remote beach areas at Cattus Island.

OCVTS STUDENTS BUILD TRAINING RIG TO AID FIREMEN

Students from the Construction Trades Technology program at OCVTS were called upon for a special project this year; to construct a large piece of training equipment to be used at the Ocean County Fire and First Aid Training Center in Waretown.

Construction Trades Instructor Sean Moroney coordinated the project through Ray VanMarter from the Training Center. Mr. VanMarter had seen photos online of a “truckman’s training rig” used in another state as a teaching aid for new fireman trainees. The wooden structure mimics the types of construction obstacles firemen would encounter when called upon to enter and ventilate a burning structure. After a few meetings and rough drawings, Mr. VanMarter and Mr. Moroney completed an original design for their own training rig.

Materials for the structure were provided by the Ocean County Fireman’s Association, which represents over 60 fire companies throughout Ocean County, all of whom train at the Center. Mr. Moroney and his students built the structure in sections at the OCVTS Brick Center on Chambers Bridge Road. The sections were then transported by the Ocean County Roads Department to the Fire Training Center and students worked on-site all day to finalize the structure. The rig consists of a ‘section of house’ which provides training to breach doorways, windows, reinforced rebar, and concrete block as well as a large section of roof which allows new recruits to learn procedures in a safe manner, closer to the ground.

Mr. VanMarter explained, “We have existing training structures but new trainees are 2 or 3 stories off the ground. This new rig

provides the opportunity to train at ground level and build confidence and then move to higher levels. The rig is designed so that groups of trainees can move from station-to-station and learn multiple objectives in one confined area. It will be a valuable asset to the Center.”

Instructor Sean Moroney commented, “It was a great way for the students to get real-world experience. They had to keep on schedule and work within a budget. They got to apply what we learned in class and they worked as a team to get things done.”



Left, students assembly sections of the training rig.

At right, a fireman trainee demonstrates how the training rig will be used.

OCVTS HOLDS APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School’s Apprenticeship Trades Certificate Awards Ceremony marked the end of a long four-year journey for forty-four men and women. The OCVTS Apprenticeship programs require students to attend 144 hours per year of trade-related classroom instruction while logging 2000 hours of on-the-job training with an employer who sponsors the student. OCVTS offers apprenticeship training for Electricity, Machine Trades, HVAC-R and Plumbing.

On May 25th family and friends gathered to celebrate as the apprenticeship graduates received their completion certificates and became journeymen in their trades.

During the ceremony OCVTS Adult Education Principal Frank Folinus presented Electricity Trades graduate James H. Smith, of Barnegat, with the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education Outstanding Apprenticeship Student Award for the overall highest grade point average of all apprenticeship graduates. Plumbing Trades graduate Christopher E. Gaylord, of Point Pleasant, received the Foundation’s Outstanding Student Award for second highest grade point average.



OCVTS Adult Education Principal Frank Folinus presents James Smith the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education Outstanding Apprenticeship Student Award for the overall highest grade point average of all apprenticeship graduates.

OCVTS HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL RECYCLE RALLY

Ocean County Vocational Technical School recently held its First Annual Recycle Rally at the Waretown Center on Wells Mills Road. Students were challenged to design and build a human-powered vehicle using recycled materials. The vehicle had to be able to maneuver through a race course and demonstrate its ability to turn and stop. Judging was based on innovation of their design, oral presentation of the design and construction process, safety features and finishing times on the course.

Students from the Small Engine Repair Program from the OCVTS Jackson Center and Automotive Servicing Program from Waretown each entered two vehicles. Materials used included bicycles, a wheelchair, a pedal boat, pipes and wood. Donned in all of the necessary safety gear, two-man teams maneuvered their vehicles through the course demonstrating their ability to make direction changes, including a K-turn and completing the course as quickly as possible. Students from several other programs were on hand to observe and cheer on the competitors.

The overall Grand Champion of the 1st Annual Recycle Rally was the Waretown Boatcar, (shown below) piloted by team members Matt Kortenhaus of Toms River and Andrew Leroy of Bayville, both from Pete Radford’s Auto Servicing Program.

OCVTS Principal John Biscardi commented, “I think it was a good showing for our first year. Now that students see what is involved and how much fun it can be, we are expecting a much bigger event next year.”



OCVTS STUDENTS RESTORE HISTORIC F4 PHANTOM JET

What is the best way to present the required curriculum for the Aviation Aerospace Technology Program at Ocean County Vocational Technical School and peek students' interest? OCVTS Aviation Instructor Mark Lamb came up with an interesting lesson plan for a chapter regarding repairs and maintenance of an aircraft's exterior. The Program is located on the Joint Base McGuire-Dix- Lakehurst and Mr. Lamb teamed up with the Navy Lakehurst Heritage Center to help in the restoration of an F4 Phantom jet.

According to a statement prepared by Mr. Lamb's students, "The F-4 has been on display for 10 years along the roadside on the base. It has been weather beaten and neglected, leaving the plane in disrepair. The US Navy donated the plane to the Navy Lakehurst Heritage Center. Students from the OCVTS Aviation Aerospace Technology program have helped with the restoration. Mark Lamb's afternoon session has been restoring the F-4 J to its former glory. We have been repairing and replacing sheet metal on the F-4J. We helped members of the Heritage Center mark the jet to look like the USS Constellation, which was part of an elite fighter squadron during the Vietnam War. All projects completed on the F-4J Phantom II have been in accordance with the Aviation Technology curriculum. Now that the restoration of the F-4J is complete, it will be towed back to its viewing spot at the airpark on the joint base and will be on display for the general public to appreciate."



According to Ron Montgomery, of Whiting, Curator for the Heritage Center and Restoration Coordinator, "We are planning a POW Remembrance Day in the Fall. This jet will be dedicated to the air crews lost in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. We are so happy with the final outcome. The students have been a great help in restoring this jet. We hope to work together on more projects in the future."

MATES STUDENTS SWEEP REGIONAL VIDEO CONTEST

Senior MATES students, Jeanne Stad and Matt Eisenschmied won the East Coast Regional Division of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) "Living on the Ocean Planet" 2011 National Video Contest. The theme this year was "Humans Response to Environmental Disasters."

"The videos have been a project in my Oceanography class for the past 2 years and then they are submitted to the national office in Washington DC for the NOSB national completion for judging. Excitingly enough, this has been the second year that

a MATES team has rivaled and won the region," explained MATES Science Instructor Tina Held. Congratulations to seniors Jeanne Stad and Matt Eisenschmied for their video "The Fragile Ocean" which won first place in the Mid-Atlantic Region, but unfortunately did not win at the national.

Additionally, MATES student teams also took Second and Third Place in the Mid-Atlantic Region competition for their videos "Tsunamis: Worldwide Catastrophes" and "Global Warming Warning."

OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Board of Chosen Freeholders

Joseph H. VicariDirector/OCVTS Liaison
Gerry P. LittleDeputy Director
John C. BartlettMember
John P. KellyMember
James F. LaceyMember

Board of Education

Nina AnuarioPresident
Stephen ScaturroVice President
Dr. Dennis R. CironoMember
Thomas J. DowdMember
Maureen StankowitzMember

Administration

William P. Hoey, Jr.Superintendent
Nancy Weber-Loeffert.Asst. Superintendent
Frank J. FrazeeBusiness Administrator
Mary Beatty-ShariskySupervisor, Toms River
John BiscardiVice Principal, Brick
Alison CarrollPrincipal, MATES
Kevin DineenPrincipal, Student Services
Frank FolinusPrincipal, Adult Education
Karen HomiekPrincipal, Lakehurst
Thomas McInerneyPrincipal, Jackson
Jo Ann PricePrincipal, Toms River, LPN
Christine SantasieriSupervisor, Lakehurst
Lynn SauerPrincipal, Brick
Dr. John WnekSupervisor, MATES
Lori YoungSupervisor, Curriculum/Grants
Lillian ZavattieriPrincipal, Waretown

This e-newsletter is published monthly by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School District. Comments and/or suggestions may be sent to Jean Sullivan, editor, at jsullivan@mail.ocvts.org.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Adult Education Office732.473.3100 x1000
CNA Information732.473.3100 x3135
High School Admissions732.473.3100 x3122
After High School Admissions ..732.473.3100 x3144
Academy Admissions732.473.3100 x3065
Practical Nursing Admissions ..732.473.3100 x3145
Cosmetology732.473.3100 x3128
Financial Aid732.473.3100 x3139

WWW.OCVTS.ORG