



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TECH TALK

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OCVTS STUDENTS PREPARE THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR OCEAN COUNTY FAMILIES IN NEED

Students and staff at the Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Brick Center once again took on the challenge to ensure that Ocean County families in need would enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. OCVTS Culinary Arts students prepared 2,000 Thanksgiving meals which were distributed through Ocean County social service agencies.

Fundraising efforts by Brick Center students, faculty and staff to collect food items and cash donations fund this annual community service project which began about 15 years ago. A grant awarded to the project from the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education helps purchase additional supplies.

Culinary Arts students from the Brick Center, under the direction of their Culinary Arts instructors, prepared and roasted over 136 turkeys, as well as preparing traditional side dishes including: mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, stuffing and gravy. Meals were packaged and distributed on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving to local social service agencies identified by the Ocean County Hunger Relief program, such as the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Preferred Behavioral Health, and Dotie's House.

When this community service project began about 38 meals were distributed. Over the years the demand has grown and with it the determination of the students and staff to help as many people as possible. (See additional photos on Page 2)



"Your goal should be just out of reach, but not out of sight."

~Denis Waitley

OCVTS CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS HELPING NEEDY FAMILIES



*What does it take to prepare
2,000 Thanksgiving meals?*

BY THE NUMBERS...

2000 lbs. of turkey

426 lbs. of potatoes

500 lbs. of stuffing

400 lbs. of yams

300 lbs. of green beans

50 gallons of gravy

300 holiday pies



OCVTS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY STUDENTS 'AUDITION' FOR BROADWAY

In addition to science, math, english and history, students at the Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Performing Arts Academy (PAA) fill their busy schedules with learning experiences in all aspects of the performance fields such as vocal training, dance, acting, technical theater, audio production, and set design. These students have chosen an educational path with a specific focus and while many will pursue their career goals in the entertainment field after high school; all PAA students benefit from specific demands of the curriculum.

Junior and senior PAA students recently traveled to New York City to attend a private workshop presented by renowned Broadway Producer Kenneth Davenport. Mr. Davenport has produced numerous shows including Kinky Boots, MacBeth, Thoroughly Modern Millie etc.

The workshop provided students with the opportunity to 'audition' for Mr. Davenport; to present themselves as they would for a college audition or for an actual casting call. Although the audition wasn't real, the nerves and jitters, the performances and the constructive critiques were very real. Mr. Davenport offered advice on everything from what to wear, choice of materials, preparation, and presentation techniques. He said, with every audition 'your job is to make an impression, to show who you are- your goal is not necessarily to get the job but to get the call back, because you made people stop and take notice.'

Mr. Davenport added, 'this group is by far the best group of young students I have worked with, you are all very talented. Any of you could audition for a part on Broadway and blend right in with your level of talent and professionalism. Your teachers are doing a great job in preparing you for your futures.'



*Broadway Producer
Kenneth Davenport
provided constructive
criticism to PAA students.*



OCVTS TO HOLD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

OCVTS will open its doors to prospective students and the general public for the Annual Open House to be held on February 6th. The Open House is an opportunity to tour the classrooms and workshops, talk to instructors and see what is involved in attending OCVTS programs.

The Open House coincides with the registration of new students for the next school year. OCVTS admission representatives visit local high schools and provide career training information to sophomores and juniors. Students are then encouraged to attend the open House and submit their applications for the programs they wish to study.

This year a special Information Session for high school seniors and adults interested in career training will be held just prior to the Open House. Guests will receive information about the new OCVTS Accelerated Training Programs which allow students to complete a training program in just one year. The featured programs include Cuisine on the Green, the new Ocean County Center for Culinary Arts; New Home Construction; and Twilight Automotive Technology and Twilight Cosmetology. Financial Aid and Job Placement information will be available.

For more information go to www.ocvts.org.

OCVTS STUDENTS RACE WELL AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE TECH PREP ROBOTICS CONTEST

OCVTS students earned multiple awards at the annual Tech Prep Robotics Competition held at Ocean County College.

Twenty-three high school and middle school students from throughout the county designed robotic vehicles using materials from standard kits and adhering to competition guidelines.

For the Design Challenge, prior to the competition, each team designs, builds and programs a vehicle to accomplish an assigned task in the fastest period of time. Once activated, the robotic vehicle in this Pre-Built Division must be able to accomplish the task without any remote operation from team members.

OCVTS Teams placed First and Fourth for the Design Challenge. Each team member received an individual \$500 OCC scholarship.

The second challenge of the competition required the teams to brainstorm, build and program a new vehicle on-site which had to travel along a curving black line from one end of the mat to the other. In order to succeed, the teams had to program sensors which would detect the black path. The fastest vehicles took the prizes.

A third place finish for Toms River OCVTS Teams for Robotics race earned each team member an individual \$125 OCC scholarship.



BEAT THE WINTER BLUES! REGISTER NOW FOR OCVTS ADULT EDUCATION EVENING CLASSES

The Adult Education Division of Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) is accepting registrations for Spring classes. Whether you are looking to train for a new career, learn new skills or just something fun to do, there are over 60 classes to choose from, including 7 all-new offerings! Evening classes are a great way to beat the winter blues! Get out and have some fun!

Programs of interest include: Guitar; Fitness and Fitness Certifications; Judo; Ballroom, Tap and Latin Dancing; Woodworking; Computer Skills; Marine Outboard Repair; Medical Administrative Assistant and a variety of one-night cooking seminars including the new theme-inspired Cooking Dinner Demonstrations.

You can register by mail, by phone or stop in the OCVTS Adult Education Office at 1299 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, from 9AM to 3PM, and also 6PM to 8PM, Monday through Thursday. The 40-page course listing was recently mailed to all homes in Ocean County. Course descriptions, class schedules and fees are also available on the OCVTS website, www.ocvts.org. or call the OCVTS Adult Education Office at 732.473.3100 x1000. Don't delay! Classes begin soon!

BUY TICKETS NOW FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHEF'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3

We invite you to join us for a spectacular evening of food and fun!

The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education will host the 18th Annual International Chef's Night Out on Monday, March 3rd at the Pine Belt Arena, Toms River from 6:00-9:00PM. Over 70 area restaurants, caterers, bakeries, specialty stores and beverage distributors are expected to participate. For the \$50 admission fee attendees may sample an extensive variety of sweet and savory delicacies as well as some of the area's fine wines and beverages.

Chef's Night Out is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Foundation. In addition to the magnificent food and beverage offerings there will be a 50/50 raffle, themed-gift basket raffles and door prizes. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education. The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education was established in 1994 to help ensure a quality education for the students of Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS). It was formed by a group of corporate and community leaders in Ocean County. The Foundation provides funding through scholarships for OCVTS students and grants which allows OCVTS instructors and staff to purchase equipment and materials to enhance their training curriculum.

18th Annual International Chef's Night Out



The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education invites you to **The Biggest Party in Ocean County!**
Monday, March 3, 2014

at the Pine Belt Arena, Toms River
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Contact Alicia Carney **732-286-5670 x 3212**
or Erica Harper **908-902-9970** for ticket information

TICKETS IN ADVANCE - \$50.00 PER PERSON
TICKETS AT DOOR - \$60.00 PER PERSON

NO SNOW DATE

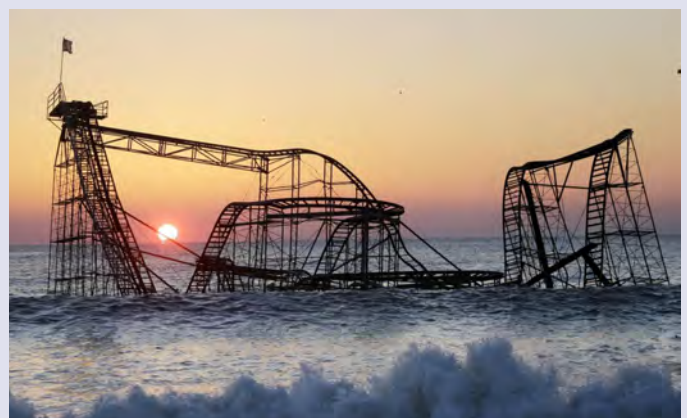
For more information or to purchase tickets call Alicia Carney at 732.286.5670 ext. 3212 or Erica Harper at 908.902.9970.

THE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PRESENTS A MOVING TALE *WAIST DEEP: SANDY STORIES*

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Performing Arts Academy presented an original performance of 'Waist Deep: Sandy Stories' at the Fine Arts Theater at Ocean County College, on October 22.

The play was created, written and was performed by the high school senior acting students of the Performing Arts Academy. This creative piece is based on interviews, news accounts, and personal recollections of the devastation of Hurricane Sandy – a remarkable reflection of the storm which forever changed the Jersey Shore.

The performance was free and donations were accepted for Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 25 SkillsUSA at Brick
- February 6.....Accelerated Training Info Session
- February 6..... OCVTS Open House
- Feb 27-Mar 1 PAA Presents 'Shrek'
- March 3Chef's Night Out



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The most beloved ogre on Earth is coming to the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood!

See Shrek, Fiona, Donkey and all their fairy tale friends as the OCVTS Performing Arts Academy presents Shrek the Musical!

On Thursday February 27th at 4PM there will be a Special Senior Citizen Matinee. Tickets are only \$13. and the ticket price includes a delicious box lunch, prepared by OCVTS Culinary Arts students, served prior to the show. Doors open at 1PM.

Friday, February 28th the performance is at 7PM. Tickets are \$19.

On Saturday, March 1 there are two performances, 2PM and 7PM. Tickets are \$19.

Prior to the 2PM Saturday matinee there is a Shrek Character Lunch from 12-1:30PM at the theater. Character Lunch tickets are sold separately. Tickets are \$20. For tickets call 732.730.5925 or go to www.strand.org

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