



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TECH TALK

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Plumbing Trades graduate Anthony Constantino, Lanoka Harbor, received the 2014 Bernice A. Dowd Memorial Scholarship.

OCVTS APPRENTICESHIP STUDENTS CELEBRATE FOUR-YEAR JOURNEY

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Apprenticeship Trades Certificate Awards Ceremony was held for 37 students who completed their four-year journey in their chosen trade. The OCVTS Apprenticeship programs require students to attend 576 hours of trade-related classroom instruction while logging 8,000 hours of on-the-job training with an employer who sponsors the student, over the course of four years. The ceremony celebrated the completion of apprenticeship training for students in Electricity, Machine Trades, HVAC-R, and Plumbing. OCVTS Adult Education Director Frank Folinus (pictured above left) presented the graduates with certificates of completion from Ocean County Vocational Technical School as well as the New Jersey Department of Labor.

Several students were recognized for their outstanding academics as well as on the job performance and received awards sponsored by the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education. OCVTS Board of Education Vice President and Foundation Trustee Stephen Scaturro presented the awards. They were: HVAC-R graduates Wesley Brandt, of Manahawkin and Paul Ring, of Bayville; and Plumbing graduate Sean Steuber, of Toms River. Plumbing Trades graduate Anthony Constantino, Lanoka Harbor, received the 2014 Bernice A. Dowd Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Association of New Jersey Apprenticeship Coordinators. Bernice Dowd was the OCVTS Principal of Adult Education and Apprenticeship Coordinator until her untimely passing in 2009.

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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
~Eleanor Roosevelt

CUSTOM WOODWORKING/CABINETMAKING HELPS PRESERVE HISTORY

A student in the Custom Woodworking/Cabinetmaking class in the OCVTS Jackson Center recently completed a custom display cabinet for the New Egypt Volunteer Fire Company. The oak and glass cabinet will be used to display vintage fire helmets dating back to the early 1900's.

Cabinetmaking student Chris Fiornto, of New Egypt who is a volunteer member of the fire company noticed that the helmets were being stored on a shelf in an office.

He began the design and construction of the cabinet in class last year and completed it just recently.

New Egypt Fire Chief Steve Morgan and President Ken Fredrich brought some of the vintage helmets to the Jackson Center when they came to accept the cabinet donation. Chief Morgan commented, "It is great to have this beautiful cabinet so that we can properly display pieces of history of our fire company."



Custom Cabinetmaking Instructor Rob Gonsalves and student Chris Fiornto present the display cabinet to New Egypt Fire Company President Ken Fredrich and Chief Steve Morgan.

ANNUAL HAIR CUT A THON HELPS LOCAL CHARITIES

OCVTS Twilight Cosmetology students from the Brick Center held not one, but two, Hair Cut A Thons this year to benefit local charities.

The students offer free haircuts and other services. All donations received during the two events were donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Autism Speaks.



OCVTS Practical Nursing student Moira Scholl and her daughter Delaney, of Lacey enjoy a little pampering by stylist Maura Lyons of Manahawkin at the June 16 Hair Cut a Thon to benefit local charities.

OCVTS RAISES SCHOLARSHIP MONEY THROUGH CHARITY CHALLENGE

The OceanFirst Charity Challenge was sponsored by the OceanFirst Foundation, which has invested more than \$25 million in the community and Jersey Shore nonprofits and schools to enrich lives in areas such as youth development and education, housing, improving the quality of life, health and wellness and the arts.

The online Charity Challenge kicked off on April 14th and along with 70+ other local organizations, OCVTS rallied their stakeholders to contribute funds to individual causes through the Crowdrise website. The monies raised during the challenge were targeted to fund scholarships; directly benefiting our students.

During the four-week challenge, TEAM OCVTS Scholarship Fund Challenge successfully raised over \$2000, which was awarded in scholarships to the following students: Brianna Wright, Culinary Arts, Brick Center; Cassandra Vella, Aviation Aerospace Technology, Jackson Center; Alexandria Calascibetta, Performing Arts Academy, Lakehurst Center; Leah Goldsberry, MATES; Stephen Purtell, Law and Public Safety, Waretown Center; and Carly Hand, Medical Skills & Related Health Careers, Toms River Center.

OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND NORTHERN OCEAN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOLD HOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) and Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity recently held the House Dedication Ceremony for the completed home construction project in Berkeley Township. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, organizations throughout Ocean County came together to provide assistance to the many residents and business owners in dire need. As a result of these efforts a partnership was formed by Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity and Ocean County Vocational Technical School. Habitat for Humanity saw a shift in the focus of their mission from building new dwellings to repairing existing homes. There was a need for a workforce to help with their new construction objectives. OCVTS recognized an urgent need for skilled construction workers who would help rebuild our communities.

Working together, the OCVTS New Home Construction Program was developed. This 10-month accelerated construction trades training program for adult students provides real-world experience and hands-on skills. The students, under rigorous supervision, built a 2-story house for a family selected by Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity.

The students received training in: extensive safety training, use of hand and power tools, blueprint reading, layout, industry-related mathematics, skills in framing, roofing, sheathing, siding, door and window installation, staircases, drywall installation, insulation, trim work, ceilings and floors. Students also received the 10-hour OSHA Hazard Recognition Training Program as well as CPR AED First Aid training.

The House Dedication Ceremony marked the completion of the project for OCVTS students and a new beginning for the selected Habitat family.



New Home Construction students pose with: (Back row left to right) Berkeley Township Mayor Carmen Amato, and Freeholder Director Joseph Vicari. Below, new homeowner Dianne Musela receives the key to her new home.



Students began construction in September 2013. Below is the completed home in June.



OCVTS STUDENTS HONORED AT SPECIAL FREEHOLDER CEREMONY

Eighty one Ocean County Vocational Technical School students were recently recognized by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their outstanding achievements during 2013-2014 competitions. The students had all won their respective contests which entitled them to advance to national competitions.

Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, liaison to OCVTS, presented each student with a certificate and commended them on their dedication and outstanding achievements. Receiving certificates were members of the following competition teams: Health Occupation Students of America Regional/State Awards; New Jersey State Envirothon; New Jersey FCCLA State Leadership Conference; National Junior Science Symposium; Delaware Valley Science Fair; New Jersey State Department of Education Recognition; National Ocean Sciences Bowl "Living on an Ocean Planet"; International Thespian Society New Jersey State Honors; New Jersey FFA Career Development Event; NJ Department of Environmental Protection Mapping Contest; and SkillsUSA New Jersey State Honors. All of the students honored will be traveling to national level competitions throughout the summer.



Freeholder Director presented certificates of achievement to student participants: (top row of photos) New Jersey FCCLA State Leadership Conference; and International Thespian Society New Jersey State Honors; (middle row) Health Occupation Students of America Regional/State Awards; and National Ocean Sciences Bowl "Living on an Ocean Planet" and left, SkillsUSA New Jersey State Honors.



MATES STUDENTS RELEASE TERRAPINS BACK TO THEIR HABITAT

Students from Project Terrapin at the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES) have been working with schools throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to promote stewardship and conservation of the northern diamondback terrapin. Terrapin hatchlings, hatched from nests in late summer and early fall on North Sedge Island, Barnegat Bay, which were raised by area elementary and middle school students were released as part of a head-start program conducted by Project Terrapin at Island Beach State Park, Berkeley Township, NJ.

Approximately 350 students who aided in raising these hatchlings participated in the event, which included natural resource education activities as well as the terrapin release.

Staff at Island Beach State Park, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, Jenkinson's Aquarium and Ocean County Parks – Cattus Island Park held numerous workshops and field activities throughout the day along with MATES students who are a part of Project Terrapin.



MATES students share their knowledge of diamondback terrapins and release them into the bay.



CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS SHOWCASE FOOD SCIENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY



Culinary Arts students and their instructors from the Brick Center traveled to Atlantic City to compete in the nation's only county vocational-technical school cook-off challenge.

The Cook-Off was held at Caesar's Atlantic City and was part of The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Annual Conference. Attendees included approximately 500 county freeholders, other county officials and vendors.

Culinary art students from county vocational-technical schools in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Hudson, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Warren counties were selected to compete for titles in taste, creativity, and food presentation. Each team consisted of 5-6 students and 2 staff members, and had to produce 400 samples of appetizers for the crowds and judges.

OCVTS students incorporated food chemistry into their display, showcasing several chemical reactions of ingredients which produced visual and textural effects along with delicious flavors.

OCVTS brought home two awards: the NJAC Judges Silver Award and the People's Choice Silver Award.



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF THREE INNOVATIVE CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

A special graduation ceremony was held for the adult completers of the three new one-year Accelerated Training Programs launched in September 2013. The event was held to recognize students that had successfully completed the following full-time Adult Education programs: New Home Construction, the Ocean County Center for Culinary Arts and Automotive Technology.

Ocean County Vocational Technical School recognized a trend in the increased enrollment of adult students interested in re-training and re-entering the workforce. OCVTS focused on the development of innovative approaches to address the unique needs of adult learners. Accelerated training programs and flexibility in class hours provide more opportunities for students. Career training was made possible for many students through funding from Federal Financial Aid and Veterans Benefits.

The New Home Construction Program is an accelerated approach to Construction Career Training designed to give students with no previous experience intensive training in all areas of the Carpentry trade. Fifteen students graduated from this community-based program. The students completed construction of a new two-story house, on-site in Ocean County, through a partnership with OCVTS and Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity.

Cuisine on the Green, the Ocean County Center for Culinary Arts Program is a full-time program, at the Atlantis Golf Course, Little Egg Harbor, and offers adult students the opportunity to pursue their career goals in the culinary profession. Students receive real-world experience in restaurant operations and culinary production techniques through the daily operation of the full-service restaurant, Cuisine on the Green, and banquet facility located on the premises. Curriculum includes classroom instruction, culinary skills training and working internships. Twelve students graduated and are ready for employment.

The Twilight Automotive Technology Program graduated 14 students from this fast-track program where they were introduced to major concepts and theories of automotive maintenance, service and repairs on modern automobiles. Students were instructed on shop safety and proper usage of tools and equipment, engine repair, engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, brakes, and steering and suspension.

Graduates and guests enjoyed food and beverages after the ceremony, which was sponsored in part by a grant from TD Bank.



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL HONORS GRADUATES

Over 970 students were recognized during graduation ceremonies at the six Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) 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.

OCVTS Board of Education members, as well as OCVTS Central Office Administration and several trustees from the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education attended the various ceremonies to present certificates and awards.

The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education awarded over \$55,000 in scholarships and outstanding student awards to graduates. Since it was formed in 1994, the Foundation has awarded over \$537,000 to students as well as funding grants in excess of \$490,000. These grants are awarded to OCVTS instructors to purchase equipment, tools and technology for their classrooms.

This year Ocean County Vocational Technical School graduates, shared-time and full-time, received scholarships and awards which totaled over \$5,849,805. 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.



*Above: The Graduation Ceremony for the Waretown Center began with the presentation of the flags by the Law & Public Safety Color Guard. Instructor Lou Gauvain presents his Automotive Technology graduates with their certificates.
Below: MATES graduates celebrate with the traditional tossing of the caps.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Education Registration..... July/August

Back to School.....September 3



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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