



# OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TECH TALK

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## OCVTS PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS CELEBRATE MILESTONE

Sixty-seven Practical Nursing students at Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) reached a milestone this past week. The students received the traditional nurse's cap at a ceremony which recognized the achievements and accomplishments in completing over 868 hours of training in the first half of the comprehensive nursing program

A practical nurse is trained to care for acute, sub-acute, convalescent and chronically ill patients under the direction of a registered nurse and/or licensed physician.

The current class is comprised of 54 female students and 13 male students, ranging in age from 19 to 54 years old. Many of the students are drawn to the nursing field looking to follow in the footsteps of family members or in search of a new and rewarding career while others have been inspired by the close interaction with medical professionals due to illness experienced by themselves or a loved one.

Forty percent of the program is devoted to classroom theory and laboratory. The remaining time is devoted to clinical experience, a vital part of training. OCVTS has established agreements with over a dozen local hospitals and health care facilities which provide valuable opportunities for students to gain experience and apply classroom theory. The clinical rotations also provide networking opportunities for employment after graduation.

Graduation is scheduled for July. At that time students will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for qualification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Last year, OCVTS nursing graduates attained a 94.44% pass rate for Nursing Licensure Exam, surpassing both the state average of 73% and the national average pass rate of 84.63%. OCVTS graduates boasted the highest pass rate in the state of New Jersey.

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“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

~ John Wesley

## CAREER EXPLORATION FOR LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

The OCVTS Law & Public Safety and Homeland Security programs offer a comprehensive training program for area high school students with a serious interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Located at the Ocean County Fire and First Aid Training Center, in Waretown New Jersey, students have access to a state-of-the-art training facility and benefit from the many law enforcement divisions who train here.

Recently agents from both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigative Unit (IRSCSU) visited the Waretown facility to speak to students about career opportunities beyond those of uniformed officers.

OCVTS Law & Public Safety Instructor Robert Voskanyan noted, “these students are the future of law enforcement. It is important for them to be aware of the multitude of careers available in this field. They need to understand the duties and responsibilities as well as the educational and physical requirements of their career choices.”

Special Agents Robert Glantz and Kevin Lumberg from the IRS spoke about the Criminal Investigative

Unit, which is comprised of about 2500 agents nationwide. They spoke about their duties, training, investigative techniques and their roles in crime prevention.

Special Agent Barbara Woodruff of the FBI then spoke about her career path and what it takes to become an FBI agent. She outlined many of the departments within the FBI which provide career opportunities for people with professional experience in fields such as science and technology, medical training, accounting, and forensics, just to name a few.



*Special Agents Glantz, Lumberg and Woodruff pose with Law and Public Safety students.*

## RECYCLE RALLY



*Students showcase their creativity as they race their vehicles during the 2014 Recycle Rally*

The annual Recycle Rally was recently held at the Waretown Center. According to event coordinator Principal John Biscardi, “The level of creativity was outstanding and it made judging very hard. The students competed with great sportsmanship and made the day a blast.”

The Recycle Rally challenge is to build a human-powered vehicle using recycled materials and to maneuver the vehicle around a pre-determined obstacle course without faults. Wearing safety helmets, elbow and knee pads students then race their vehicles through a course designed to put their ingenuity to the test. Vehicles are judged on Creative Design, Presentation of their creativity process and Fastest speed to finish the course.

Participants and spectators then enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the Waretown Culinary Arts and Life Skills Classes.

# OCVTS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PRODUCTION OF 'SHREK, THE MUSICAL' IS AN OGRE-SIZE SUCCESS!

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Performing Arts Academy (PAA) production of SHREK, THE MUSICAL, at the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood on February 27th and 28th and March 1st was an outstanding success.

*Shrek: The Musical* is a modern fairy tale. All of the characters are trapped by the idea of what they're "supposed" to be and how they're "supposed" to behave. It is a beautiful story about friendship, love, and fighting for what you want in your life!

The show was made possible through the generous support of several sponsors. OceanFirst Bank was the Marquee Sponsor, Act One was sponsored by the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education and Act Two was sponsored by R.C. Shea & Associates, of Toms River.

A special Senior Citizen Dress Rehearsal Matinee on Thursday, February 27th which included a box lunch, served prior to the show, prepared by OCVTS Culinary Arts students from the Brick Center was well attended. The Friday and Saturday performances were close to sold out shows!

A special Shrek & Friends Character Lunch was held prior to the 2PM matinee on Saturday March 1. The event, hosted to attract young people to the theater, included lunch, prepared by Culinary Arts students from the OCVTS Waretown Center, goodie bags and visits from Shrek and his fairy tale friends. The Gallery at the Strand was filled to capacity.



*Theater guests enjoyed a delicious box lunch, prepared by Culinary Arts students from the Brick Center, prior to the Senior Citizen Dress Rehearsal Matinee.*



*Shrek, Fiona and a host of characters joined young theater guests for an entertaining morning and buffet lunch.*



## OCVTS MATES STUDENTS HOPING TO STEER YOUNG DRIVERS TOWARD SAFE PRACTICES

Students from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (OCVTS MATES) are competing in the 'U Got Brains Champion School Program.' The Champion School Program is sponsored by The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. Funding is provided by The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, The Allstate Foundation and DriveSafer.

MATES is one of 63 New Jersey schools this year who have taken on the challenge of developing a safe driving campaign to educate young drivers and encourage safe driving practices. According to the website, [ugotbrains.com](http://ugotbrains.com) "The goal of this program is to partner with teens from schools across our state to raise awareness of teen driving safety and to reduce teen driving injuries and deaths. Car crashes are the #1 cause of death and disability in teens. In New Jersey, a teen crashes every 10 minutes and one teen dies each week on New Jersey's roads."

Each participating school team develops a public service campaign focusing on one particular safety aspect. The Champion Schools Program provides each team with a one thousand dollar stipend to use to develop educational and promotional materials to deliver their message.

MATES students have chosen "Focus on the Drive from the Passenger's Side". As a passenger, what can you do to ensure that you and the driver are focused

on safety? Their campaign includes surveys and presentations to younger students, a Public Service Announcement video, social media exposure, promotional T Shirts and special roadside signs which will be installed on OCVTS campuses.

The campaigns will be judged on criteria such as use of resources and media, measurable impact of their campaign and the sustainability of their message. Each school will present their campaign at the 4th Annual 'U Got Brains Champion Schools Program' Showcase & Awards Luncheon, held in June.

Winners of the challenge receive a driving simulator for their school as well as a cash grant to fund an 'After Prom' party as well as a school presentation about the dangers of distracted driving.



*MATES students are prepare their safe driving campaign, "Focus on the Drive from the Passenger's Side."*

## OCVTS STUDENTS COMPETE IN CARDBOARD CANOE RACE

Equipped with only cardboard, duct tape and shrink wrap, students entering the Cardboard Canoe race must construct a sea-worthy vessel that can not only stay afloat but race against other boats in a two-lap competition in the pool at Ocean County College. High school and middle school students from throughout Ocean County work for months on the designs of their boats and the paddle which propels them across the pool. Students are judged on their design, speed and the visual presentation which shows the creative process.

Students from the OCVTS Marine Trades Program from Toms River made a strong showing this year and just missed bringing home a trophy!





*Presents*

# Jersey Shore Car Show

## 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



Proceeds to benefit:  
Ocean County Vocational Technical Education Association  
Philanthropic Fund

Saturday, May 17, 2014

12:00 noon. – 6:00 p.m.

Hiering Ave., Seaside Heights, NJ

Registration 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

*(set-up by 11:00 a.m.)*

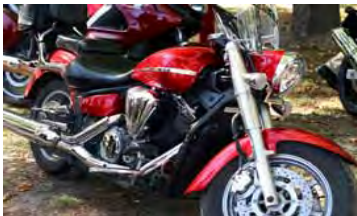
Trophy Ceremony 5:00 p.m.

Registration Fee \$20.00 in advance (Legacy Car Show Participants \$15.00)

Registration at Show \$25.00

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- PAA Vocal Showcase ..... May 2
- PAA Dance Showcases ..... May 9/14
- PAA Acting Showcases ..... May 15
- Apprentice Graduation ..... May 21
- Undecided Senior Open House ..... June 4
- Hair Cut a Thon ..... June 9 & 16
- Student Recognition Ceremony ..... June 10



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