



OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL TECH TALK

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OCVTS PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE CAPS IN TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

Sixty-two Practical Nursing students at Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) 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. Completion of the program and graduation is scheduled for July.

Upon graduation, 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 95.38% pass rate for Nursing Licensure Exam, surpassing both the state average of 66.79% and the national average pass rate of 82.16%. OCVTS graduates boasted the highest pass rate in the state of New Jersey.

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.

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.

The OCVTS Practical Nursing Program is approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the Department of Education. The program, located at the OCVTS Toms River Center, has a very competitive admissions process and class sizes are limited. It is the largest vocational technical-based nursing program in New Jersey.

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Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit.

-Mary Lou Retton

THE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PRESENTS 'SWEET CHARITY'

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Performing Arts Academy (PAA) presented 'Sweet Charity' at the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood on March 6th and 7th.



Sweet Charity is a story of love and the glorious adventures of Charity Hope Valentine! New York City comes alive in color and sound as you travel to the Fandango Club, the upscale Pompeii Club, Central Park, Times Square and Coney Island.

Despite the biggest snowfall of the season, the show did indeed go on! The Special Senior Citizen Matinee scheduled for Thursday March 5th was cancelled due to the projected forecasts. Traditionally, the matinee offers a discounted ticket price and includes a delicious boxed lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students from the OCVTS Brick Center.

Attendance for the remaining shows was definitely impacted by the storm's residual effects however the dedicated students from the Performing Arts Academy provided a stellar performance at each showing.

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CUISINE ON THE GREEN ANNOUNCES SLATE OF SUMMER DINNER DEMONSTRATIONS

Register online at www.cuisineonthegreen.com or call 609-296-2137

Demonstration dinners at Cuisine on the Green offer guests a fun, informative and delectable evening out. Each course of the themed dinner will be demonstrated live by one of our extraordinary chefs. A demonstration of the culinary techniques and explanation of the ingredients will be provided for each course. Guests then will receive plated servings as each course's demonstration concludes. Seating is limited. Full service bar available. Demonstration dinner dates are:

June 16th- A Night with Chef Johnny Grifo & Sinatra
Come to Cuisine on the Green to enjoy the vocal and culinary talents of John Grifo. Johnny will be demonstrating some of Frank Sinatra's favorite dishes while performing some of his most memorable musical masterpieces. This demonstration dinner will not only be pleasing to the pallet but this singing chef will be sure to delight the ear.

July 14th- Viking Village Seafood 101
Viking Village is a commercial seafood producer located on Long Beach Island. From its founding, in the 1920's, it has been recognized as a leader in the commercial fishing industry. Join our chefs as they dem-

onstrate methods to prepare and serve locally caught seafood.

August 4th- The Italian Grill

Authentic olive oil, fresh herbs, fresh vegetables, and delicious cuts of meat. The Italian Grill Demonstration Dinner will be sure to deliver a delightful twist to summer cuisine. Join us as our chefs demonstrate the key techniques of grilling the Italian way.

August 18th- Floribbean Cuisine

Florida cuisine has been influenced by cultures from all over the world. The most notable influences of Floribbean Cuisine come from countries in the Caribbean and Latin America such as: Haiti, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Brazil and Puerto Rico. This demonstration will place emphasis on the culinary fusion of Floribbean Cuisine.



OCVTS STUDENTS STAY AFLOAT AT ANNUAL CARDBOARD CANOE RACE



OCVTS Marine Trades students carefully boarded their vessels to compete in the annual Ocean County College Tech Prep Cardboard Canoe race. Students from area high schools and middle schools were challenged to construct a boat from cardboard, duct tape and shrink wrap which could not only maneuver the length of the Olympic size pool twice but complete the journey in the fastest times. Each team of boat builders was judged on design, construction and an oral presentation to the judges. Students then competed in

the pool to paddle the best times.

The competition incorporates many scientific theories and formulas such as water displacement, material strength, buoyancy/stability and load requirements. The undoing of many teams was not the boat design but rather the construction of the paddle used to propel the boats.

The OCVTS Team “No Problem”, came in 3rd in the High School Division. Each student received a \$125 scholarship to Ocean County College.

OCVTS WELDING STUDENT FORGES AHEAD TO EXCITING NEW CAREER

Lola Duallo is a student in the two-year Welding Program at Ocean County Vocational Technical School in Toms River. While Lola is not the only female in the welding program she is indeed unique. Ms. Duallo is the first female to be accepted into the Atlantic City Ironworkers Local Union 35 and for this 18-year-old from Manahawkin, that is quite a feat. Lola explains that she became interested in welding through a friend who had completed the OCVTS Welding Program and told her what a great opportunity it could be for her too.

When a representative from the Ironworkers Union came to talk to the welding classes about career opportunities, OCVTS Welding Instructor Mr. Jim Mansfield encouraged his students to submit their applications. Lola traveled to Atlantic City early one morning in April to stand in line to get her application. She then attended a session where she was interviewed and tested on her welding abilities. She

found that the welding certifications that she had earned with Mr. Mansfield exceeded their expectations. Lola was accepted into the Apprenticeship Program and will begin her training sometime this summer. She will complete the OCVTS Welding Program in June.

As far as advice to other young women who may be interested in non-traditional career paths, Lola said, “I’m sure it won’t always be easy, but this was something I really wanted to do. I just plan to work hard and do my best. I’m only 18 and there are so many opportunities for me, it’s really exciting.”



OCEAN COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION HOSTS 19TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHEF'S NIGHT OUT

Each year, the first Monday in March marks the Annual International Chef's Night Out, the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education. Dozens of area restaurants, caterers, bakeries and specialty shops gather to offer some of the greatest culinary delights under one roof.

This year thanks to great participation and good weather attendance was high; over 650 of people came out to sample the sweet and the savory offerings.

In addition to food sampling, guests voted for their favorite vendor, naming the People's Choice Awards.



People's Choice Award Winners: First Place - Blend on Main, Manasquan; Second Place - Social 37, Toms River; Third Place - Water's Edge, Bayville.



TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO A NEW CAREER!

OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL



ACCELERATED CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SPECIAL INFORMATION SESSION

- Receive detailed information about the accelerated training programs, speak with the instructors, hear from current students
- OCVTS Financial Aid Specialist will be available to discuss scholarships, grant programs, loans, Veterans Benefits and Unemployment Retraining funds
- Learn how OCVTS Job Placement Services works to connect OCVTS students/graduates with meaningful employment. Over 450 businesses advertise employment opportunities through OCVTS - over 850 job openings have been posted this year alone!
- On-the-spot registration! Admission representatives are available to assist with the application process

Take control of YOUR future!
Take the first step to a new career!

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your training
and get started in a
new career in just
one year!

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
CULINARY ARTS
COSMETOLOGY
PRACTICAL NURSING



THURSDAY MAY 28, 7-8PM

OCVTS Toms River Center, 1299 Old Freehold Road

CALL 732.473.3100 EXT. 3326 TO REGISTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Recycle Rally.....May 15
- Apprenticeship GraduationMay 19
- Adult Program Info SessionMay 28
- OCVTS Graduation Ceremonies..... June 22
- Practical Nursing Graduation..... July 2



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OCVTS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY END OF YEAR STUDENT SHOWCASES

All shows are at the Jay & Linda Grunin Center for the Arts, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ
 Tickets at the Door: \$8.00 general public; \$5.00 students (valid ID) Cash or check only

Performing Arts Academy Student Vocal Performance Concert

Friday May 1, 2015, 7:00 PM

Performing Arts Academy Student Dance Performance Concert

Friday May 8, 2015 7:00 PM

Performing Arts Academy Freshman Dance & Vocal Showcase

Tuesday, May 12th @ 7pm

Performing Arts Academy Freshman & Sophomore Acting Showcase

Thursday, May 14th @ 7PM

Details about each show are available at www.ocvts.org

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