

High School Activity Report

April 22, 2004

1. The Erie County Technical School will hold its annual In-house Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 14th in the AM and PM sessions. This Ceremony gives instructors an opportunity to recognize their student's achievement in the categories of classroom leadership, safety consciousness and outstanding work ethic.
2. Each year, the Erie County Technical School administration and staff work with six to eight community members to form the Perkins Participatory Planning Committee. This committee is responsible for the monitoring of the current year's plan implementation, and the development of the budget and objectives for the subsequent year's plan. The Carl D. Perkins Grant is a federal funding source that supports secondary vocational education.
3. Dr. Jackson, Mr. Sceiford and Mr. Donovan recently toured the Skill Center building to assess its suitability as a shelter in the event of the evacuation of the high school building. The Skill Center site has ample room and while furniture and seating may not be ideal, in some situations it may be an appropriate shelter alternative.
4. During the month of March two school safety drills were run. First, a drill was run to familiarize our students and staff on the procedure for shelter during a weather emergency. Second, a building lockdown drill was run to prepare for a situation requiring that we keep students from leaving the classrooms and/or an intruder entering our classrooms.
5. The 2003-04 Patrick R. Locco Award winner is David Meade, a senior from McDowell High School enrolled in the Plastics program. David will receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania and be honored at the annual MANP dinner in May. The other ECTS nominees this year were Brandon Balwick, also from McDowell, Vladimir Kuzyayev from Girard and Mike Visale from Harborcreek. The nominees will receive a \$100 savings bond.
6. The Erie County Technical School had three silver medal and one gold medal winner at the state Skills-USA competition. Second place winners were: Terry Swab (GM) in the Basic Health Care competition, Katie Caldwell (Ft. L.) in the Customer Service competition and Greg Keenan (NW) in the Electronics Applications event. Ashley Szall (Ft. L.) took first place in the Health Applications Portfolio competition. Ashley will travel to Kansas City, Missouri in June for the Skills-USA national competition.