

High School Activity Report

May 27, 2004

1. Erie County Technical School seniors are currently involved in orally presenting their Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated senior graduation projects. The project is a portfolio of evidence of preparedness for employment or further education. The portfolio, which is begun in the first year at ECTS, presents physical examples such as photos and successful assignments that will offer a future employer or educator specific examples of what the graduate has accomplished thus far in his/her field of study.
2. Attached, you will find a list of community service projects that our students and staff have performed during the 2003-04 school year. Each year, the ECTS administration will provide the Joint Operating Committee information regarding our community service contributions. We believe that it is important to teach our students the importance of giving back to the community and our technical programs present unique opportunities for high school students to serve others.
3. The Erie County Technical School annual Senior Awards ceremony (graduation) will take place at the Millcreek Intermediate High School Little Theater on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 PM. ECTS students do not technically “graduate” from their technical program, but the evening is structured very much like a high school graduation. There will be a special area at the front of the auditorium where Board members will have reserved seating. This year’s graduating class will be just over 260 students.
4. Each year at the ECTS senior awards ceremony, an outstanding senior is selected from each program. These 19 students are chosen based on such attributes as work ethic, attendance, skills in the program and positive attitude. The names of the outstanding seniors will be announced at the end of the ceremony on May 26th.
5. With the approval of the ECTS Joint Operating Committee, Mr. Hofmeister will accept a donation of industrial duty shelving from the Ridg-U-Rak Corporation. This generous gift is in response to Mr. Hofmeister’s initiative in contacting the company and expressing a need for his program.
6. In 1974 Mrs. Janice Sherman began her 30 year tenure with the Erie County Technical School. During those years, Mrs. Sherman, “Sherm” to many, touched the lives of nearly 800 young women and men as they prepared for the Cosmetology field. Under her leadership, Mrs. Sherman’s Cosmetology program has become an institution within our institution. Her care and guidance for the young people in her classes, her ability to stay technically current in and ever changing field and her positive spirit of volunteerism with the school will be greatly missed. We wish Sherm and her husband Larry a long and fruitful retirement.

Erie County Technical School – Community Service Projects **2003-2004**

Auto Body – Cleaning, buffing and waxing of cars for students, parents.

Auto Technology – Routine maintenance/repair on school vehicles, such as snow plows, dump truck, school car and fork lift.

Child Care – Child Care students prepare a child portfolio for each pre schooler in the Tech Tikes program. The portfolio contains typed observation (anecdotal records), art samples, writing samples, photos of the child working in the pre school and copies of pre school services at a very low cost to 36 families in the community.

Computer Programming – Mr. Hewitt organized student volunteers for Special Olympics bowling

Construction Trades – Construction Trades worked on the Fairview School Courtyard. They worked hand in hand with Mr. Logue, the principal.

Cosmetology – Cutting hair for senior citizens and autistic students from several schools.

Culinary Arts – Prepared 50 pumpkin pies for the food bank, and prepared the food for our Fall Fest open house.

Drafting and Design – Participated in two food bank drives (food collection and penny war). Also developed plans for a storage facility for PennDot.

Electrical Engineering – Took second place in the ECTS Food Drive.

Electronics – Students did general electronics repairs for ECTS such as : VCR's, meters in Auto Tech, overhead projectors, blood sugar monitor in Health, lighting for Electrical Engineering

Graphics – Second Harvest food drive, printing for St. Anthony's orphanages in India, Little People of America, North East Autism, Lions Club of Waterford. Also many projects for those with serious or terminal illnesses who need tickets for a benefit, etc.

Health Assistant – Each student must complete 20 hours of community service as a Health Assistant program course requirement. Recent examples are: volunteer work at local nursing homes, March of Dimes walk, volunteer work at local fire hall emergency units.

Metal Fabrication – Working on computer shelves for WQLN. Also producing parts for PennDOT. Another project was the lettering for the Summit township water department building.

Networking – Beach Clean up with the “Key Club 7” (Tom Kindle). Mr. Shreve also built sets for the Corry Area Schools Spring play.

Plastics Technology – Produced a large amount of Jr. Deputy Sheriff’s badges for Sgt. Amendola of the Erie County Sheriff’s department.

Skills USA - Food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank, Penny war for cash donation to Second Harvest Food Bank.