

High School Activity Report

April 27, 2006

1. On April 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2006, the Pennsylvania Department of Education sent a twelve member audit team to the Erie County Technical School to complete a Chapter 339 audit. At the exit meeting held on Wednesday, April 5th, 2006, Rob Brown expressed how impressed that she was with the enthusiasm that she witnessed within the staff and students. The ECTS will be given a written summary at a later date, but, overall, the commendations outnumbered the recommendations for improvement.
2. Lauren Thornton, a tenth grade Culinary Arts student from North East, has been selected to attend the third Youth Leadership of Western PA, Inc. Seminar which will be held May 19-21 at California University. The focus of the seminar is to give students more interactive opportunities with representatives from a variety of professional fields including business, education, law and communication. In addition, Lauren will have the opportunity to compete with other attendees for one of two \$500 scholarships which will be presented at an awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon.
3. Whitney Wagner, a senior Commercial Arts student from Harborcreek, has been chosen as this years ECTS "Best of the Best." Award winner. Whitney's picture will be added to the "We are the Best of the Best" 2005-2006 wall in the lobby-reception area of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education. In addition, Whitney's picture will be displayed throughout the year at various locations within the Department of Education. Congratulations to Whitney for this recognition.
4. Ms. Sandra Carr, ECTS professional development teacher, presented at a breakout session at this year's PAVA Symposium in Hershey, PA, on Friday, March 3rd, 2006. The title of her presentation was "Quality in the Classroom...and More!" The various presenters were evaluated at the end of their respective breakout sessions, and Mrs. Carr was rated as excellent by 83% of her audience and good by 13 % of her audience. Her rating was higher than all of the other presenters except for one. Special thanks go out to Ms. Carr for promoting the ECTS vision in such a positive way.
5. On Wednesday, April 26th, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., Jason Lindy, a senior drafting student from Northwestern, was honored as this year's winner of the Patrick R. Locco Memorial Scholarship Award from the Manufacturers' Association of Northwest Pennsylvania. I had the pleasure of attending a reception honoring Jason at the Manufacturer's Association Conference Center. Congratulations and good luck, Jason!