

High School Activity Report

March, 2009

Patrick R. Locco Award

On February 3, 2009 a committee from the Manufacturers & Business Association interviewed four of our students for the Patrick R. Locco Scholarship Award. The following students were interviewed: A.J.Wargo, Facility Maintenance, Fort LeBoeuf High School; Jason DiOrazio, Drafting & Design, North East High School; David Rhodes, Electronics, Union City High School; and Josh Keeler, Electronics, Northwestern High School. Each young man will receive a \$100.00 savings bond, and the entire group will be honored at the annual dinner of the Manufacturers & Business Association in June, 2009 which will feature former President Bush as the speaker. David Rhodes was the winner of the \$1000.00 scholarship and will be attending Penn State Behrend in the fall of 2009.

Pennsylvania High School Computer Fair

On February 27, 2009 Erie County Technical School and the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit # 5 hosted a local computer fair. Students from Seneca High School and ECTS participated in the competition.

Three students from Mr. Roach Hewitt's Computer Information Systems program placed first in the "Programming" competition. The three students are Mike Mangiaracina of Harbor Creek High School, Will Pitonyak of Harbor Creek High School and Zane Falon of General McLane High School.

The boys have been invited to the "State" Computer Fair which will be held at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on May 19th.

ROVA Leadership Conference

Patty Palo and our Drafting & Design instructor, Mariea Sargent accompanied six of our students from Erie County Technical School to the annual ROVA Leadership Conference held on Sunday, March 9th and Monday, March 10th at the McKeever Learning Center. The students were Kevin Raeke, Electrical Engineering, McDowell High School; Jenna Sargent, Early Childhood Ed, North East High School; Jayme Porter, Cosmetology, General McLane High School; Cassandra Rodrigues, Early Childhood Ed, General McLane High School; Sean Nekeloff, Metal Fabrication; and Lydia Altimus, Health Assistant, Harbor Creek High School.

The weekend for the group was sponsored by the Erie, Edinboro, and Wesleyville Rotary Clubs; the ROVA experience provides a positive training experience for potential leaders, and encourages the students to become leaders for their peers, schools, and communities.

OAC Dinner Meeting

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, Elaine Shaffer organized another successful Occupational Advisory Council dinner meeting. Of the 140 invited OAC guests, 129 members from the community joined our faculty for dinner and the advisory meeting. The evening was extremely beneficial to our instructors as they learned about the current industry standards and listened to suggestions for curriculum adjustments.

Up-Coming Dates of Interest:

- 3rd Quarter ends March 31, 2009
- NOCTI testing occurs in April, 2009.