

High School Activity Report November & December 2012

First Quarter Honors: The first quarter of the school was completed on October 31st. The Erie County Technical School recognizes three groups of outstanding students each quarter; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- HONOR ROLL: 24% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status.
- PERFECT ATTENDANCE: 32% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- DISTINGUISHED STUDENT: 10% of the students were recognized as Distinguished.

Each student received certificates in recognition of the honor. Pam Lasher again did a superb job organizing and creating the list and certificates.

Please see attached for your district students that were recognized.

Walk for Wishes: The 3rd Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Wednesday, October 31st. The event is a community fundraiser held to support the Make-A-Wish foundation and to grant a wish for an Erie County resident.

Mr. Tarasovitch, AGAIN, is beaming with ECTS pride because the students, faculty and friends of the Erie County Technical School raised \$6,763.81 which equates to granting 1.7 wishes! Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank Mrs. Carr, Mr. Craft, Skills USA and the National Honor Society for their support of this worthy project.

Early Childhood Education – “Be-Involved”: On Thursday, November 1, 2012, three seniors, Emily Loeffler (Fairview), Jessica Gdanetz (Fairview) and Casey Nelson (Seneca) from Early Childhood Education, accompanied by Ms. Erdman, presented their child portfolios to a class at Gannon University. They were invited to present by Dr. Robin Quick, an ECTS OAC member for Early Childhood Education. Dr. Quick had attended to OAC meeting in October and learned about the effort done by the students to accurately document the developmentally appropriate activities of the enrolled preschoolers of Tech Tikes Preschool. She was impressed with the work done and wanted the students to introduce the use of portfolios in preschool to her students enrolled in ECED 200 Early Language and Literacy Development.

These three students were chosen not only due to their confidence, knowledge, grades and ability to speak in front of a group, but also because Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education are planned as their future career goals. Ms. Erdman is very proud of Emily, Jessica and Casey. They were respectful, poised and professional in all they did. And from Dr. Quick, “Your students did great. Thank you again.”

Culinary Arts - "Be Welcoming and Be-Involved": Mr. Oakes, Mrs. Grossman, and four students of the Culinary Arts program displayed the Be-Attitudes of Welcoming and Involved when they hosted a life skills group of students from Mill Village Elementary on November 6th. Nicole Vosburgh (UNC), Dakota Lesher (NWS), Caitlynn Miller (UNC) and Michaela Smith (MCD) engaged our little guests with a lesson of "proper setting of a table" and "decorating turkey cookies."

Principal Meeting #2: On Wednesday, November 7th, the consortium of principals met to discuss and share information of value to each district. Mr. Tarasovitch informed the group of the "Low-Grade" and "Poor Attendance" issues, cyber-school student issues, and busing issues. The other items addressed were the Diploma Program initiatives, Keystone test scheduling and graduation rate interventions.

Recruitment/Visitations: The annual hectic days of visitations occurred in November. During a span of nine days and twelve sessions, the instructors and present ECTS students engaged the Erie County ninth grade students to display the opportunities that each lab provided. Lisa Sorensen did a superb job scheduling the visitations and supporting the instructors with the information.

November & December ECTS Pride Students: Please find attached the monthly recognition of the PRIDE Student of the month from each lab.

Open House for 9th Graders: The Erie County Technical School's doors were open for the 9th graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 29th.

Skills USA Leadership Conference: Mrs. Elaine Shaffer and Mrs. Sandy Carr escorted a group of students to the Skills USA Leadership Conference held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott on Thursday, December 6th. About 20 ECTS students participated in the conference which allowed the students to experience a variety of activities to encourage each of the students to become a positive influence in their school and community.

Kudos to Mr. Robert Craft and his Tourism and Hospitality students for their involvement of this conference; the THM program organized and supported the activities of the day.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports: The 2nd Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Thursday, December 6th. Jennifer Douglas did an outstanding job organizing and running the process so expediently.

Guidance Counselor Meeting: Mrs. Lisa Sorensen hosted the second quarter Erie County Guidance Counselor meeting on Tuesday, December 18th. Items that were addressed were grade and attendance issues, the 2 year program plan for recruitment, and semester start and change processes.

The counselors also were engaged with two special presentations; Emily Franco, an intern at FLB presented a report on “Eating Disorders” and Mike Jaruszewicz made a United Way presentations.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.