

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Curriculum

A DACUM Workshop for the Culinary Arts program was conducted on October 8th at the Transition Center. A group of local chefs joined our instructors to advise them on the competencies that are needed by local employers. The resulting DACUM Research Chart will be analyzed by our instructors for program improvement. The local panel members included:

- **Bud Dougherty**, Kitchen Manager, O'Charley's
- **Michael Farsace**, Owner and Chef, Mi Scuzi Ristorante Italiano
- **Chip Magalhaes**, CEC, CEPC, Senior Chef Instructor , Department of Hospitality Management , Mercyhurst University
- **Justin Tech-** Food Service Supervisor/Executive Chef, Fort LeBoeuf School District & Erie County Technical School

On October 16th, Dr. Jackson and Jan Kennerknecht presented a workshop for the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators in State College. The topic was analyzing NOCTI testing data to improve instruction on targeted NOCTI competencies. A group of about twenty CTE administrators, principals, instructors and testing coordinators attended the full day workshop. Robert Clark, Penn State professor who organized the event complimented ECTS for sharing with other CTE schools and "blazing the trail" in Pennsylvania NOCTI score improvement over the past eight years. The workshop was well received and we will provide continuing support upon request from other schools.

Literacy

Two of our instructors, Daniel Wilbur, Art and Design and Sam Steever, Automotive Technologies, along with our part time reading coach Robin Grimes attended a Literacy Training at Corry High School on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. The training was on MAX Teaching Reading Strategies and was offered through Corry High School and Career and Technical Center. A special thanks to Tony Miller, the principal at Corry High School and Technical Center for allowing our teachers to join their in-service training.

Special Education

Jan and Pat presented to the county counselors at the first Guidance Counselor Meeting on Friday, October 5, 2012. The topics included the Articulation agreements between the Erie County Technical School and many post secondary education institutions, the Passport 2 College opportunity and an update on placements of our students with special needs into our Career and Technical programs. We thanked the counselors for all of their support in placing our students with disabilities into the “right” programs and making this start to the school year so smooth.

Since the start of the school year, Jan and Pat attended over 50 IEP meetings.