

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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DACUM Workshops

A DACUM workshop was held on March 28th at the Ambassador Conference Center. A group of 11 industry professionals reviewed the PA Program of Study for Drafting, rated the importance of the tasks, and identified 17 additional tasks they felt were important locally. They also provided input on desired worker behaviors, current trends, future concerns and certifications. A copy of the Research Report is included with your board materials tonight.

NOCTI Testing

All online NOCTI testing has been completed, thanks to the assistance of Remle Moyak, our Instructional Aides and our IT staff. We are now in the process of conducting performance testing in each program. Industry members are serving as NOCTI evaluators as our seniors demonstrate their proficiency in their program skills. All NOCTI testing will be completed by May 2nd. Students who meet a benchmark score on their NOCTI online test are eligible for free college credits at over 1500 post-secondary schools across the nation. Of those schools, 2 are in Erie, 12 nearby, with a total of 69 across Pennsylvania.

Special Education

Jan and Pat are continuing to follow up with the students with disabilities who have enrolled into our Career and Technical programs for the 2014-2015 school year. Both Jan and Pat have met with students back at their home schools and in many cases at ECTS. A variety of meetings with parents are being held to answer questions about what these students will face when they start in their chosen program. The informational packet "Programs at a Glance" was developed to help both parents, home schools, and students identify the academic demands of all programs at ECTS. (See Supplemental Information)

Jan and Pat have attended or at least have given input for a total of 132 IEP meetings to date.

Literacy

The word for this past month is "Grit". Through our instructors Professional Learning Community(PLC) and through a variety of student writing prompts, we have challenged our students and faculty alike to help identify the skills they felt are most needed to be successful in life in whatever occupation you choose. The ability to work through a problem until complete and the drive to look at how the problem can be solved versus what the answer is were two of the top answers.