

## High School Activity Report November & December 2013

**First Quarter Honors:** The first quarter of the school was completed on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Erie County Technical School recognizes three groups of outstanding students each quarter; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- **HONOR ROLL:** 147 students; 19% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status.
- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** 231 students; 30% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENT:** 79 students; 10% of the students were recognized as Distinguished.

Each student received certificates in recognition of the honor. Peggy Hanson 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 4<sup>th</sup> Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Friday, November 1st. 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 \$6,076.39 which equates to granting 1.6 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.

**Principal Meeting #2:** On Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, and cyber-school student issues. The other items addressed were the Keystone test scheduling, Study Island Utilization, graduation requirements and guidance counselors responsibilities and caseload.

**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.

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

## **Early Childhood Education – “Be-Involved”:**

### **Early Childhood Education Students “Teach” Gannon Sophomores-2013**

For the second year in a row, Dr. Robin Quick, an Early Childhood Education Professor at Gannon University and a member of the ECTS Early Childhood Education OAC, invited students enrolled in ECE to Gannon to present their child portfolio projects. Those students included **Briana Koper--Senior at Wattsburg; Peyton Titus, Angie Artz, and Alisha Wagner-- Seniors at McDowell.** In late October the four students presented a brief lesson on documentation and how to compile a variety of developmentally appropriate observations. They also discussed the need for objectivity while observing and assessing preschoolers. They professionally shared the child portfolios from previous years and also showed the ones started for this school year. They confidently reviewed what made a good portfolio and explained the program’s expectations on writing, editing, and proof-reading any information included in the child’s portfolio. The college students were attentive to the planned presentation and even took notes on what was being conveyed. They asked questions and were quite impressed with the knowledge demonstrated by the four ECTS students. When the ECE students realized that the college students were taking notes, they expressed surprised, and then realized that what they were sharing had made a positive impact on the college students. They have a right to be proud of their presentation.



**Culinary Arts - "Be Welcoming and Be-Involved"**: Mr. Oakes, Ms. Kelly Sanders, and Lisa Bailey (NEA), Kennedy Henry (NWS), Kennedy Middleton (UNC), Selena Castorena (NEA), Tory Hadden (WBG), Shantel Roberts (WBG), Kaycee Craig (FVW) 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Nicole Vosburgh (UNC), Dakota Leshner (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."

**Open House for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**: The Erie County Technical School's doors were open for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. 28 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 a special presentation in the AM dealing with WIN, which is a career pathway program to assist the schools in guiding students in identifying their career path.

**Faculty Meeting**: A faculty meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the updated instructor observation process. Each instructor received their portfolio binder and a detailed guideline of the processes. The updated observation process is now aligned to PDE's expectations and the Charlotte Danielson's model.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.