

High School Activity Report

May 2014

ECE Community Service: On Sunday, April 27, 2014, more than 50 students and parents represented Team Tech Tikes and ECTS by participating in the annual March for Babies fundraising event for the March of Dimes. While it was a chilly day walking at Presque Isle State Park, most completed the 6.2 mile walk. The sunshine definitely helped.

As in the past, our team t-shirt was designed by an ECTS student. Heather Fortsch, a junior from McDowell and from Art and Design, created the front design for the shirts. Thanks, Heather.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this community service event. The money raised supports programs in the community that help moms have healthy, full term pregnancies and funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten babies. This year's team raised over \$800.00.

[See Attached Photo](#)

NOCTI Results: The 2014 seniors did an outstanding job with the NOCTI testing process. Fourteen programs had at least 70% of their seniors achieve the competent or advanced status. This year the Diversified Occupation Program was the only program that had 100% of their participants as advanced. Jan Kennerknecht will be reporting the results in her report.

NTHS Induction: On May 6th, the National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony was held at the Ambassador Banquet Center. The society, led by Mr. Bob Craft inducted 12 new members and honored 14 members of the previous year. Mr. Keith Kennedy, Senior Vice President of Information Technology, from Erie Insurance was the guest speaker. His message was "Choose your future because you will anyways."

Mr. Craft and Pam Lasher did an outstanding job in their organization of this event. THANK YOU to all the instructors and staff that attended, and a special thank you to the representatives from the home schools – Dr. Tracy (GHS superintendent), Mr. Hall (Millcreek superintendent), Mr. Foyle (FVR JOC member), Mr. Lutz (HBC JOC member), and Mr. Ogden (FLB JOC member).

I would like to recognize and thank Mr. Cerami, the North East Guidance Counselor, for attending and participating in our induction ceremony.

[See Attached List of 2013-14 Inductees](#)

End of the Year Conferences: The end of the year conferences were held on May 7th, 8th & 9th. The instructional staff presented their Professional Portfolios to Joe Tarasovitch and Dr. Jackson for review and then met with one of those administrators for their faculty EOY conference. The process for the faculty allows a collaborative interaction between the instructor and the administration to display and recognize outstanding educational practices, and to foster continual review for professional development.

"In-House" Awards: The annual student recognition from the individual programs will take place on Thursday, May 29th and Friday, May 30th. The instructors will honor students who

displayed LEADERSHIP, SAFETY, and WORK ETHIC during the school year. The deserving students will receive a certificate and an ECTS T-shirt in recognition of this accomplishment.

Pride Student of the Month: The April “PRIDE” student of the month names are attached. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to express his gratitude to the Home School Principals and Guidance Counselors for their support of this student recognition initiative – from showcasing the pictures at the Home Schools to rewarding the students with small gifts – this was just an outstanding program.

[See Attached List of April Students](#)

Senior Awards Ceremony: On Wednesday, May 28th the Erie County Technical School will be honoring approximately 240 students at the annual awards ceremony. The evening will begin at 7:00 pm at McDowell Intermediate High School, and you are cordially invited to attend.

Last Day for Students & Instructors: How time flies! Thursday, June 5th will be the final day for students and Friday, June 6th will be the last day for instructors.

Mr. Tarasovitch would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of the instructors, aides, clerical, maintenance, and administrative staff for their continual support of the mission of the Erie County Technical School.