

High School Activity Report

May 2015

ECE Community Service: On Sunday, April 26, 2015, 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 Penn State Behrend, all completed the 2.5 mile walk.

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

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.

NOCTI Results: The 2015 seniors did an outstanding job with the NOCTI testing process. Fifteen programs had at least 70% of their seniors achieve the competent or advanced status; 187 of our seniors were Competent or Advanced---that represents 89.9% of our population! 144 of the 187 were ADVANCED....69.2%

There were six programs that had 100% of their students in the Competent and Advanced categories: ADS, CNT, ECE, ELC, HEA, and DIV.

This year the Diversified Occupation Program was the only program that had 100% of their participants as advanced.

NTHS Induction: On May 6th, the National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony was held at the Erie County Technical School. The society, led by Joe Tarasovitch inducted 15 new members and honored 12 members of the previous year. Dr. Carolyn Masters Vice President and Provost of Gannon University was the guest speaker. Her message was "THINK BIG"!

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 – Mr. Foyle (FVR JOC member), Mr. Lutz (HBC JOC member), Mr. Ogden (FLB JOC member), Mr. Bucksbee (GMC JOC member), and Mr. Duda (WBG JOC Member).

[See Attached List of 2014-15 Inductees](#)

End of the Year Conferences: The end of the year conferences were held on May 11th, 13th & 14th. 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 28th and Friday, May 29th. 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 27th the Erie County Technical School honored approximately 255 students at the annual awards ceremony. The evening began at 7:00 pm at McDowell Intermediate High School, and was another great night recognizing technical education.

Last Day for Students & Instructors: How time flies! Thursday, June 4th will be the final day for students and Friday, June 5th 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.