

High School Activity Report

January 2016

National Technical Honor Society: On December 17th, the National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony was held at the Erie County Technical School. The society, led by Donna Erdman and Kelly Sanders inducted 7 new members and honored 14 members of the previous year.

Thank-You to all the instructors that attended and a special thank you to Mr. Jim Bucksbee (GMC JOC member) for attending this induction ceremony. (See attached list of 2015-16 Inductees.)

Delivering Holiday Baskets: A GREAT BIG “thank-you” to the Abiding Hope Lutheran Church’s continued generosity for providing 10 food boxes to ECTS for distribution to ten of our families. Ms. Anna Lee Cree, an instructional aide at ECTS is a member of the church, and her concern and love for our students has shown for the fourth consecutive year with her request to Abiding Hope Lutheran Church to consider our families.

Mr. Tarasovitch, Mrs. Sorensen, Mrs. Sargent, and Mrs. Shaffer distributed the food boxes across the county on Saturday, December 19th. Again, each of these employees experienced the joy of giving, and truly bringing a Merry Christmas to ten ECTS families.

Holiday Gift Cards: The Erie County Technical School family raised \$1350 for the annual Student Holiday Gift Cards which the Foundation generously matched us up to \$1000.

A total of 94 cards were distributed to students who were identified with the help of many sources. Lisa Sorensen, Joe Tarasovitch and Dr. Jackson could relate stories from recipients that would bring a smile to any scrooges face – THANK YOU to the Erie County Technical School family and friends for their continued support to this worthy project.

SOAR Presentation: Mrs. Remle Moyak conducted 3 presentations on Wednesday, January 13th to the seniors to inform them about the SOAR opportunities at many post-secondary institutions.

SOAR (Students Occupationally and Academically Ready) is a program connected to the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Program of Study initiative that connects secondary and post-secondary curriculums to support articulated agreements. Students graduating with the SOAR requirements have 3 years to take advantage of the post-secondary credit savings if they decide to attend a partnering institution.

End of the 1st Semester: The end of the semester was on Thursday, January 14th. The second quarter and semester grades were mailed to the Home Schools and to students’ homes on Tuesday, January 19th.

SkillsUSA Competition: Mrs. Sandy Carr, Mrs. Elaine Shaffer and Dr. Aldo Jackson chaperoned the students who were competing in the SkillsUSA district competitions. The district competitions were held on Friday, January 15th at the New Castle Technology Center. The Erie County Technical School had 35 students participate at the regional competition; 11 students received a Bronze medal, 4 students gained a Silver medal; and 4 students won the GOLD medal.

Mr. Tracey Massello and Mrs. Donna Erdman were also involved in the District competition, acting as advisors for the competitions.
(See attached list of the competitors and winners).

Third Principal Meeting: The Erie County Principals held their third meeting on Tuesday, January 19th. Joe Tarasovitch shared the second semester grades and any student issues with grades and attendance with each district.

December ECTS Pride Students: Please find attached the monthly recognition of the PRIDE Student of the month from each lab.