



Local 1589 • Erie County Technical School

Monthly Report to the Joint Operating Committee

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1. On behalf of the professional and classified staff, a sincere congratulations to new board chairman Mr. Andy Foyle. We look forward to working with Mr. Foyle and the JOC to sustain and improve the level of quality that has become the standard at ECTS.
2. Drafting and Design instructor Marica Sargent will complete her Vocational Education II requirements in May of 2016. Marica has been employed at ECTS for nearly 20 years and has been the full-time Drafting and Design instructor since 2007.
3. We recognize the Skills USA student competitors that participated in District 10 competitions on January 15th. Sandy Carr and Elaine Shaffer are the Skills USA advisors. Contest chairs for the District 10 competitions included our own Tracy Massello, Donna Erdman, Danielle Wilber, as well as Sandy and Elaine.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tracy Massello

Instructor, Facility Maintenance

After graduating from McDowell High School in 1975, Tracy worked as a building and grounds keeper for the Millcreek Parks and Recreation Department, thus beginning his life-long passion.

Tracy enrolled in classes at the Regional Skill Center (now RCTC) and studied pre-engineering at Gannon University.

From the Regional Skill Center he was hired by Erie Forge and Steel as a millwright apprentice and spent the next 18 years there, achieving the level of Certified Master Millwright.

At age 23, Tracy began his teaching career as an adult education instructor on the ECTS campus. In 1998 Tracy accepted a full-time position operating the Industrial Maintenance program at the Regional Skill Center and in 2001 started in his current position as the Facility Maintenance instructor. He continues to teach RCTC classes.

Tracy is an avid hunter and enjoys fishing and auto racing. He is a racing crew member for his nephew, Ken Zimmer, an ECTS graduate and service manager at Zimmer's Service Center. Ken's brother Keith, a graduate of the Culinary Arts program is a successful chef in Las Vegas.

According to Tracy, his dad, grandfather, and uncles are responsible for his love of motors, maintenance, and all things mechanical. With his expertise in maintenance, construction, and mechanics, Tracy has a multi-dimensional understanding of the value of technical education.

Tracy resides in Erie with his wife, JoAnne, Carmella the Wonder Dog, and his cat, Sophie.

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