

High School Activity Report November & December 2017

Unbelievable - Walk for Wishes: The 8th annual Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Friday, October 27th. The event is the Erie County Technical School's community fundraiser held to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and to grant a wish for an Erie County resident. Mr. Tarasovitch is astonished with the continued support of the students, faculty and friends of the Erie County Technical School who raised \$7,389.77, which equates to granting 1.75 wishes! Michael Slupski, a Transition Center student from the Harbor Creek HS, raised \$601.00; He was the highest student fundraiser. Ryan Smith from the Electrical Engineering Technology lab and from McDowell Intermediate High School raised \$315.00, and was the 2nd highest student fundraiser. ECTS is extremely proud of both students' efforts. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank Mr. Woodburn, Miss. Erdman and Mrs. Moyak, and the Skills USA and the National Honor Society for their support of this worthy project.

Please see the attached photo of the check presentation.

Pictures of the fundraising walk can be viewed on Facebook.

First Quarter Honors: The first quarter of the school year was completed on November 1st. The Erie County Technical School quarterly recognizes three groups of outstanding students; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- **HONOR ROLL:** 187 students; 25% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status. To achieve this status, the student must have a 95% grade point average.
- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** 222 students; 30% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENT:** 85 students; 11% of the students were recognized as Distinguished. To be a distinguished student, the student must achieve both honor roll and perfect attendance.

Each student received certificates in recognition of the honor. Peggy Hanson and Pam Lasher did a superb job of organizing and creating the list and certificates.

Please see the attached list for your district students that were recognized.

Community Minded/Faculty Be-Attitudes: On November 6th, Joe Tarasovitch and Mrs. Elaine Shaffer attended the Meadville Business and Professional Women's Group meeting to honor a request for a presentation addressing "non-traditional" employment opportunities for women. Mrs. Shaffer made the presentation to the organization that had over 25 women in attendance for their meeting. Elaine discussed the Erie County Technical School's "non-traditional" student activities that have been initiated over the past year, and also provided a history of our success stories.

Mr. Tarasovitch commends Mrs. Shaffer for her continued willingness to support the school's faculty Be-Attitudes: Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable and Be Involved, and her outstanding professionalism with representing the Erie County Technical School.

Principal Meeting #2: On Tuesday, November 7th, the consortium of principals met to discuss and share information of value to each district. At this meeting Mr. Tarasovitch conducted an open “Q & A” discussion addressing the Business Finance Math course, shared ECTS concerns of low grade and poor attendance issues with students. In addition, Mr. Michael Malthaner made a presentation about the Erie Rotary Club’s “ethics symposium” that will be held in March of 2018. Each school will be able to send 15 juniors to the engaging day.

Recruitment/Visitations: Natalie Fatica and Remle Moyak did a superb job hosting the freshman visitations that Lisa Sorensen previously scheduled. Again, the instructors did an outstanding job displaying the opportunities in their lab and at ECTS. During the span of 10 days and 11 sessions the instructors and current students engaged the Erie County 9th grade students with lab appropriate activities to display the opportunities of each program.

Philanthropy Recognition: The Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter recognized the Erie County Technical School as the “Outstanding Young Philanthropist” for the 2017 award recipients. Jan Stork of the Make-A-Wish Foundation nominated the school due to the outstanding efforts of the previous eight Walk-for-Wishes campaigns. On November 15th, Mr. Tarasovitch, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Moyak, Allyssa Dunmire, student President of the NTHS (HEA and McDowell HS) and McKenna Winiaczyk, student Secretary for the NTHS (CUA and Harbor Creek HS) attended the awards luncheon at the Lakeshore Country Club to share the ECTS story and receive the humbling award.

Please see the attached photos of the presentation.

Open House for 9th Graders: The Erie County Technical School’s doors were open for the 9th graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 16th. The evening had over 175 student and their parents walk through the school. The ECTS administration applauds the faculty with their “welcoming” approach to the informative evening.

Construction Trades and Precision Machining Technology - “Welcoming and Involved”: Mr. Dave Yanosko, Mr. Rob Suprynowicz and the students from Construction Trades and Precision Machining Technology programs displayed the Be-Attitudes of Welcoming and Involved when they supported the visitation of the life skills group of students from Mill Village Elementary on November 16th. Both the Construction Trades and Precision Machining Technology students worked hand in hand with the Mill Village Students to create bird houses and name tags as a remembrance of their day.

Please see the attached pictures of this outing.

Fun Times in Cosmetology: The Cosmetology Lab held a spa night fundraiser on October 24th from 4-8. The students performed manicures, pedicures, facials, and hairstyling for a minimum donation of \$10.00 per service. It was a great success at bringing in approximately \$2,700.00 toward funding for a future trip to the Chicago Hair show. The students and Mrs. Noonan also hosted another spa night Dec. 12th from 4-8. The results of the evening were not available as of the report.

Skills USA Leadership Conference: Mr. Michael Miller and Mr. Travis Woodburn escorted a group of students to the Skills USA Leadership Conference held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott on Thursday, December 7th. Approximately 10 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.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports: The 2nd Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Friday, December 8th.

Sharing a Bit of Cheer: Because the continued generosity and support of the Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, 5 ECTS families were provided Christmas food baskets. Lisa Sorensen and Mr. Tarasovitch divided the travel and delivery where each of them witnessed a true appreciation from the families that received this wonderful gift. A special thank you to Mrs. Analee Cree who is an Instructional Aide at ECTS and a member of the Abiding Hope Lutheran congregation; she has been the driving force for the past several years to acquiring the gift baskets.

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

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.