

High School Activity Report

May 2019

NOCTI Results: The 2019 seniors did an outstanding job with the NOCTI testing process. Approximately 210 students took the test. **One hundred percent** of students in Art and Design for Business, Computer Networking, Diversified Occupations, and Early Childhood Education **scored Advanced and earned PA Skills Certificates. Over 90%** of students in Auto Body Repair, Construction Trades and Cosmetology **scored Advanced and earned PA Skills Certificates. One hundred percent** of students in Electrical Engineering, Graphics Communication, and Health Assistant programs *scored Competent or Advanced on their NOCTI exam. Over 75%* of Students in the following labs *scored Advanced or Competent on their NOCTI's:* Automotive Technology, Computer Programming, Culinary Arts, Electronics, and Precision Machining.

Dinner with Instructor Event: The annual recruitment dinner was very successful with 139 “admitted” students attending the dinner with their family; the 139 students represented 45% of the student population admitted for the upcoming school year. Kudos to Lisa Sorensen for her planning and organization of this student/instructor engagement opportunity. This event has always been a superb way to bridge the new students with their selected program and the expectations for the upcoming school year.

Spadafor Scholarship: Ms. Spadafor, daughter of Arthur Hamilton Spadafor, chose the Erie County Technical School’s Electrical Engineering Technology program as a partner with an annual scholarship recognize a student, or students with funds for post-secondary education or for tool grants. The Arthur Hamilton Spadafor Scholarship has been established in memory of Ms. Spadafor’s father who had a great passion for electrical engineering and students at the Erie County Technical School. The Spadafor Scholarship will be an endowment scholarship that will be supported by the Erie Community Foundation annually. This year’s recipients of the grant funds are Tyler Hall from Seneca High School and Jason Bratt from Harbor Creek High School; each boy will receive \$500 allowance for tools to support their pursuit of electrical occupations. Please review the attached Spadafor Scholarship announcement.

Senior Meetings: On Friday, May 10th, Mr. Tarasovitch conducted “end-of-the-year” meetings for the seniors to prepare them for the activities that would occur at the end of May. The items addressed were the expectations for the senior awards practice session, picnic and the actual awards ceremony. The seniors also completed their “exit” survey that will provide information to the administration for the individual programs and an analysis of how the students perceived their ECTS experience.

Golden Apple Dinner: Mr. Tarasovitch attended the Golden Apple Awards dinner that was held on May 15th at Edinboro University. The dinner event was to honor and recognize all the educators in the Erie region that had been nominated during the 2018-19 school year - ECTS’s Kayla Noonan – Cosmetology instructor. The evening was great night that entertained and recognized great educators: Congratulations to Kayla Noonan!

End Of Year Conferences: The end of the year conferences with the instructional staff were held on May 15th, 17th & 20th. The instructors and the administration reviewed the Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities submissions, the PDE 82-1 form tabulations, and the final instructional rating for the 2018-19 school year. Joe Tarasovitch and Dr. Walker met with each instructor at the EOY conference. The process allowed a collaborative interaction between the instructor and the administration to display and recognize outstanding educational practices, and to foster continual review for professional development.

AYES Interviews: Six Automotive Technology junior students were engaged in the AYES interview process on Thursday, May 23rd. The interview process matches the students to potential automotive dealerships for cooperative education experiences. Mrs. Shaffer, Mr. Steever, and Mr. Walter work extremely hard to support the dealerships with the best-qualified ECTS apprentices. The partnerships of the students and the dealerships will be shared next month at the JOC meeting.

"In-House" Awards: The annual student recognition from the individual programs will take place on Friday, May 24th. 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 May "PRIDE" student of the month names are attached. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to express his gratitude to the Sending School Principals and Guidance Counselors for their support of this ECTS student recognition initiative – from displaying the pictures at the Sending Schools to rewarding the students with small gifts – this has been just an outstanding program to highlight OUR students at both schools.

Senior Awards Ceremony: On Wednesday, May 29th the Erie County Technical School will honor approximately 225 students at the annual awards ceremony. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM at McDowell Intermediate High School, please consider joining our school with recognizing the 50th graduating class.

Last Day for Students & Instructors: How time flies! Thursday, June 6th will be the final day for students and Friday, June 7th will be the last day for instructors. Mr. Tarasovitch thanks the instructors, instructional aides, clerical, maintenance, and administrative staff for their continual support of the mission of the Erie County Technical School.