

High School Activity Report

May 2020

Dinner with Instructor Event: The annual recruitment dinner that was scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020 has been tentatively re-scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020. The event will have a time frame of 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. 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. Kudos to Lisa Sorensen for her continued planning and organization of this student/instructor engagement opportunity. This event is a tentative plan depending on the COVID-19 protocol.

Professional Development for Instructors: The Erie County Technical School's instructors have been engaged in two rounds of Professional Development that were provided by "SafeSchools On-line Training". Mr. Tarasovitch investigated this opportunity and assigned applicable sessions that would be beneficial to the instructors. The first of the assignments were a collection of 8 sessions that focused on the "Instructor's Health and Well-being". The second round of assignments focused on "Managing Conflict and Classroom Management". The instructors will receive 6 hours of ACT 48 professional development hours for their completion.

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 Lucas Thomas from Union City High School and Chandler Sekanina from McDowell High School. Lucas Thomas will receive \$500 that will be applied to his education at Penn State Behrend and Chandler Sekanina will receive \$500 allowance for tools to support their pursuit of electrical occupations. Please review the attached Spadafor Scholarship announcement.

Senior Mailing: A mailing was forwarded to each senior to inform him or her of the "Virtual" senior awards ceremony that was shared on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Although this "virtual" ceremony was not what the ECTS staff wanted for the 2020 graduating class, it did provide an avenue for many of the staff to send their "best" wishes to these super seniors. In addition, each senior received another mailing that provided him or her a "keepsake" of an announcement of the ECTS graduating class of 2020.

End Of Year Conferences: The end of the year conferences with the instructional staff were held on May 15th, 18th & 20th. Joe Tarasovitch and Dr. Walker met with each instructor on-line to discuss the 2019-2020 school year. This school year's EOY 82 form assessment was drive by the COVID-19's ACT 13 requirements.

“In-House” Awards: The annual student recognition from the individual programs will take place upon the students return for the 2020-21 School Year. The instructors’ recognized 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.

Last Day for Students & Instructors: Wow, the 2019-20 school is one that will be remembered for quite some time. Mr. Tarasovitch thanks the instructors and instructional aides for their outstanding adaptation and cooperation implementing the Erie County Technical School’s “Continuity of Education Plan” and on-line instruction. Thursday, June 4th will be the final day for students to submit work and Friday, June 5th will be the last day for instructors. In addition, Mr. Tarasovitch shares his praise for the work from the clerical, maintenance, and administrative staff during the COVID-19 displacement; their continual support of the mission of the Erie County Technical School shined brightly!