
Erie County Technical School Director's Report April 2022

Roundabout

Work on the roundabout construction returned on April 4, 2022. The "Detour Phase" is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, May 2, 2022. Joe Tarasovitch and Del VonVolkenburg have been in communication with the Project Manager. Sending school transportation and ECTS community have been informed of the "Detour Phase" to continue a safe entry and exit from the campus.

Renovation Status

1. All personnel and program moves have been completed for the initial phase of the construction project.
2. The major demolition of the Business Office, High School Office, south gang Restrooms, and exterior wall on the southwest of the C-Wing has been completed.
3. The Business Office, High School Office, south gang Restrooms have started to be framed per the plans.
4. Steel delivery during the week of March 21st for the North addition arrived as scheduled. The construction plan to work on the North addition has taken place and is proceeding as planned.
5. Steel delivery for the South additions arrived on April 21st. The South additions will now proceed prior to the East addition - administrative offices as previously noted last month.
6. Demolition of the face of the building to prepare for the East addition - administrative offices began during the week of April 11th.

Recruitment and Retention

Mr. Tarasovitch joined Lisa Sorensen at each of the sending schools during the weeks of April 4th and 11th to greet the new enrollees for the 2022-23 school year. During each visit the students received information to prepare for their attendance at ECTS, an ECTS draw-bag, and a cookie. Mrs. Sorensen and the sending school guidance counselors did a fabulous job collaborating to ensure that the accepted students felt comfortable and special with their decision to attend ECTS.

Employee of the Month

Please allow me to announce the Erie County Technical School Employee for the month for March – Michele Garvey. Michele was uniquely nominated by a Professional Unit member and an administrative member, which is the first time that an employee's name was forwarded outside of the administration. Michele is completing only her second school year with the Erie County Technical School as the Transition Center instructor, but her presence has undeniably been noticed by many. Besides Michele's continued work to make the TRC a welcoming place for her students, she has continued to supply a welcoming environment for the RCI students and CDL students. Most recently, Michele has provided an extra effort to keep the "new" Skill Center guest/occupants – ADS, GRA and administration comfortable within the building. She has truly displayed all the Staff Be-Attitudes of: **Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable, Be Involved.**

ECTS Operations

1. Roundtable Military Presentation Day was held on March 30, 2022. Mary Foulkrod did a wonderful job organizing the day for the students and the military guest. Mrs. Foulkrod displayed great flexibility and leadership with using the Skill Center classrooms to ensure that the ECTS did not allow this student exploratory opportunity be disrupted due to the Building and Renovation project.
2. On March 8, 2022, Joe Tarasovitch and Julie Aiken conducted an Occupational Advisory Committee session for the Auto Body Repair major. Due to the retirement of the instructor and a long-term substitute, the administration organized the session.
3. On April 12, 2022, Sandy Carr, Alaina Litz – newly hired instructor, and Joe Tarasovitch conducted the initial Sports Therapy & Exercise Science (STS) Occupational Advisory Committee session. There was a wonderful turnout of members from post-secondary schools and professionals in the workforce to review the plans for the start-up of the STS major.
4. ECTS seniors have been engaged with the annual NOCTI assessment; on-line April 21 and 22; practical April 26 – 28.
5. The administration is preparing for a Perkins Stakeholder's Meeting and a Local Advisory Committee Meeting in early May.
6. The ECTS Graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Fort LeBoeuf High School. The Graduation Planning Committee has determined that the evening will have three separate presentations to ensure that the guest and students are safe with social distancing.
7. ECTS Comprehensive Plan
 - a. The ECTS is a Phase 3 school originally scheduled for 2021.
 - b. PDE revised their timeline for Comprehensive Planning moving our required submission to August of 2022.

Student Activity

1. SkillsUSA National Competition will be conducted in June of 2022. ECTS will have a competitor from the Cosmetology major due to Katie Franks "state" championship earned in Hershey on April 8, 2022.
2. Scott Webb – FMT instructor and his students supported the Make-A-Wish society with the drywalling and finishing of a young lady's clubhouse. Mr. Webb agreed to take on the request after Mr. Tarasovitch approached him about the task's alignment to his curriculum. KUDOS to the FMT students and Mr. Webb!