

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report August 2022

Employee of the Month – June and July

We are excited to be returning to school with a full complement of staff members, but the good work from the ECTS staff occurs all year-long. With that being said, we must catch-up with the Employee of the Month from June and July, and these employees should be recognized and appreciated by all. It gives me great pleasure to announce the June and July Erie County Technical Employee of the Month.

June's Employee of the Month was **Scott Webb**, our Facility Maintenance instructor. Scott's selection was due to his welcoming and willing attitude to accept Joe Tarasovitch's request to support the Make-A-Wish interior installation for a recipient's clubhouse. With the assistance of the FMT students, Scott completed the makeover for the clubhouse, displaying the BE-ATTITUDES of the Erie County Technical School in every way – **Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable, Be Involved**. Thank you, Scott!

July's Employee of the Month was **Pam Pence**, our former student services secretary and new high school secretary. Pam's selection was recommended by 2 Administrators and 1 Classified Unit member. Pam has truly embraced the transition of the secretarial roles. Pam has welcomed the wearing of several HATS during the summer months and has done so admirably. Pam - thank you for modeling the Staff Be-Attitudes of: **Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable, Be Involved**.

Transition Center Van Purchase

After months of following the Ford 10-Passenger Van status for the Transition Center transportation purchase, Mr. Tarasovitch received a call, followed by two emails (July 12th and 15th) announcing the cancellation of van from the Ford production line schedule. In addition, Ford announced that the production of 10-Passenger Vans would no longer be an option.

Building & Renovation Disruption:

Due to the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers – Local Union #2 picketing the entrance ways at ECTS, the building and renovation project was suspended for two days: July 19th and 20th. The loss of progress due to this situation has been estimated to be 5 days.

PACTA Conference:

The Educational Administrative team attended the Pennsylvania Career and Technical Administrative Conference (PACTA) in Penn State on July 26 – 28. The conference allowed for the administrators to collaborate with other CTC administrators and attend career educational sessions that provided insight to recognized best practices in CTE.

Wetland Delineation Report-Out:

The result from the Wetland Delineation was forwarded to Joe Tarasovitch on July 21, 2022. Mr. Jim Sturm – Project Manager from Atlas and Mr. Tarasovitch had a debriefing meeting on August 2, 2022, to review the findings of the report.

PAC Meeting:

Joe Tarasovitch hosted a Superintendents advisory meeting on Friday, August 5, 2022. The primary topics of discussion centered about the re-opening of the school.

1. Re-opening of the school.
2. Building and Renovation issues and adjustments.
3. Instructional employment changes and issues.
4. Wetland Delineation Report.

Erie Gives Day

ECTS participated in the annual Erie Gives Day conducted with the guidance of the Erie Community Foundation on August 9, 2022. Although the day did not find a windfall for donations for the ECTS Foundation, the Foundation did receive \$720.00, which was an increase of approximately \$200.00 from the 2021 campaign. Joe Tarasovitch will provide a personal thank you response to donors after the Erie Community Foundation shares the donors' names and addresses.

Pennsylvania Automotive Association Grant Award

The Erie County Technical School was the recipient of a \$2,000 grant from the PAA Foundation. The grant fund was a gift as an extension from Matt Clark from Humes Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram located in Waterford. The administration will apply this generous funding to the Automotive Technology program after a thorough review of program needs.

ECTS Operations

1. ECTS is still investigating the Skills Center bid process for the Cambridge Units, Elevator Modernization, and the Drinking Fountains. These projects have been approved using the ARP-ESSER funds.
2. Joe Tarasovitch and the Administrative Team have identified one area of focus for the 2022-23 Priority Action Plan. Formal Presentation of the Action Plan will be in September.
 - i. A continuation and completion of the on-line recruitment process using the SchoolMINT software application. This Priority Action Plan provide the ECTS a consistent presentation of the recruitment and communication activities with the community.

Student Activity

On July 7th, Mr. Tarasovitch spent a half a day traveling to four local automotive dealerships to visit the Automotive Technology students that were engaged with the AYES summer program: Sebastian Grace – Interstate Nissan; Josiah Grace – Bianchi Honda; Dominic Alberico - Gary Miller Chrysler; Jamison Walker – Interstate Mitsubishi. Each one of the AUT students worked 40 hours per week and will continue during the school year at the dealerships in the cooperative education program. Interesting fact – all four students were aligned with an ECTS graduate as their mentor.

