
**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
February 2023**

Partnerships to Support Student Knowledge:

The Erie County Technical School's **Health Assistant and Sports Therapy & Exercise Science programs** have developed a guest speaker partnership with Presbyterian Senior Living Center. This new partnership will entail monthly hour-long seminars that will take place at ECTS exploring different career options through interacting with current professionals in the medical field. Several medical topics will be covered in each scheduled seminar. There will be an opportunity for students in both the Health Assistant Program and the Sports Exercise Therapy Program to learn and engage in skill building activities with professionals. In addition, future possibilities from this new partnership are job shadowing experiences, field trips, internships, and Co-Op opportunities for these two programs as well as other ECTS programs. This partnership will continue into the next school year (2023 – 2024).

The **Transition Center** has started a partnership with the Home2Suite hotel located on Oliver Road. The partnership will provide the TRC students with the opportunity to acquire hotel industry working experiences. In addition, the Home2Suites management are interested in the possibilities of hiring capable students.

Employee of the Month:

The Erie County Technical School Administration is pleased to announce the January 2023 Employee for the Month – Mrs. Mary Foulkrod. Mrs. Foulkrod has been the school's Career Planning Coordinator for the past half dozen school years and has provided a positive and support career exploration program for our staff and students. In addition, Mrs. Foulkrod has provided the school with a friendly and safe environment for both the staff and students to connect to when needed.

The ECTS Administration REALLY appreciates Mary's many talents and hats she wears to model the Staff Be-Attitudes during her every day tasks and the unexpected crisis. Mrs. Foulkrod is an example for the **Be-Attitudes: Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable, Be Involved.**

Procedure 126:

The Erie County Technical School Administration presented the data for Procedure 126 to the Professional Unit during the February Faculty After School meeting. Mr. Tarasovitch shared the "Projected Enrollment" as of January 27, 2023, that included the possible incoming students. In addition, the Superintendents were presented the same data for a discussion purpose of the Procedure 126 process during the February PAC session. Procedure 126 for the 2023-24 school year has no program in the "Improvement Plan or At-Risk" status.

State Presentation:

Joe Tarasovitch was proud to have Sandy Carr represent the Erie County Technical School at the PACTA Symposium conducted in February at the Hershey Convention Center. Mr. Tarasovitch was requested to join Mrs. Jean Kelleher from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to present "best practices" for completing the CATS Program Approval Application, but informed Mrs. Kelleher that that Mrs. Carr was the leader of the process at ECTS. Sandy joined the panel and shared the school's processes and integration of the CTE360 platform that ECTS has championed with Sandy Carr's leadership.

ECTS Operations:

Jessica Garnica and Joe Tarasovitch will review all open grants for expenditures and possible re-allocation submissions.