
Erie County Technical School Director's Report April 2024

Local Advisory Committee & Perkins Meeting

The date has been changed for the LAC & Perkins Meetings, the new date is Friday, May 17, from 11am-1:30pm. We moved the meeting back two days from the 15th due to PDE scheduling a School Safety Conference in Erie on May 14-15 earlier this spring and a few of our staff will be attending the conference since it is local. There will be two meetings and lunch served for guiding the discussions around our school, our programs, and Perkins funding for 2024-2025.

New Student Orientation

ECTS will run New Student Orientation on August 21 at 6pm as a replacement event for not running dinner with your teacher in the spring. We are focusing on creating a great new student experience where each person feels supported and prepared to hit the ground running. Also, with hiring 5 new instructors this summer, we feel the new student orientation in August annually will be a better connector and more relevant for new students than a dinner in the spring.

NWPA School Leader Summit (April 19) & Legislative Trip (April 30)

The Superintendents and CTE Directors from NWPA gathered at Grove City College of Friday, April 19 for our annual Summit, we had over 70 School Leaders from Western PA. The list of speakers included Dr. Joseph Yun – an Artificial Intelligence expert from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Mumin – PA Secretary of Education, Dr. Smith – PASA Executive Director, and then there were other presentations from PASA, Knox Law, and PDE.

Representatives from the group will then go to Harrisburg on April 30 and meet with our state legislature on a list of relevant topics to NWPA education. The list includes Cyber-Charter Funding reform, Basic Education Funding, Special Education, Teacher Certification & shortages, CTE Certification problems and more.

Signing Day for ECTS Seniors (May 22 @ 12:30pm)

ECTS will host the Senior Signing Day for our graduates committing to take positions in the workforce or Military on Wednesday, May 22 at 12:30pm. The networking event will have businesses, military representatives, and parents, that are able join, partake in a ceremonial signing to commemorate the senior students transitioning to life after ECTS.

Senior Awards Ceremonies for ECTS Seniors (May 29)

Our senior awards ceremonies will be held at ECTS on May 29 in four separate sessions. There will be four sessions between 5pm and 8:30pm where 4-5 labs will be highlighted per session. A schedule will be published closer to the event with the times for students to report for their award session.

Student Spotlight

The following students were turned in for doing great work or displaying great leadership within their programs by their teachers. Below are some of the comments the teachers made about their students.



Zac Criswell (10th)

Electrical / Fairview

Zac is ALWAYS on task, eager to learn, and looking for their next project to complete. He has done great work in our lab redesign.



Adam Dylewski (10th)

Electrical / GM

Adam is also ALWAYS on task, eager to learn, and looking for their next project to complete. He has helped, greatly, with the lab redesign too.



Andrew Buchanan (12th)

Tourism&Hosp. / McDwl

Andrew just landed a great job at Roma's, something unheard of for their organization. They hired him on the spot during our THM lab aiding in their grand opening prep.



Angelina Caceres (12th)

Graphic Media / Girard

Angelina placed 2nd in the a North American photo contest hosted by Jostens that works with schools across the country. She won a prize and scored a feature in their magazine (her photo is below).



Jarek Smith

Comp.Networking / NW

Jarek works hard and is a dedicated team player, teaming up with Zach to diligently study and prep for the State Skills competition.



Zachary Pondo (11th)

Comp. Networking / NE

Zach works hard and is a dedicated team player, teaming up with Zach to diligently study and prep for the State Skills competition.



Hugh Wolcott (11th)

Prec. Machining / GM

Hugh is a leader in the classroom and recently swapped components and replaced parts to fix equipment in the lab, two lathes and a mill.



Kristin Colvin (12th)

Prec. Machining / Girard

Kristin is eager to help out with all projects and made a few items for community requests for replacement handles and fixing pots.

Angelina Caceres – 2nd Place, Portrait



Renovation Report

- Punch Lists continue to be worked on – doors, boilers, alarms, controls, and HVAC balancing issues.
- Perry will also do landscaping and paint the lockers in June.
- Mr. LaVerde, Chris Coughlin, and Mr. Taylor toured Custom Engineering & Gene Davis for putting together drawings for building a 2nd Welding Shop this week. We are looking to apply for grants to expand our programming in manufacturing.