

# SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

## Class of 2025



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025**  
Erie County Technical School  
8500 Oliver Rd, Erie, PA 16509

# ***Erie County Technical School Senior Awards Program***

***Theme: Ignite Your Potential***

***May 28, 2025***



Welcome ..... **Elijah McLaughlin, Junior**  
Early Childhood Education – General McLane High School  
**Jay Black, Junior**  
Graphic Media & Design – Harbor Creek High School

Senior Award Announcements ..... **Mrs. Julie Aiken, Principal**

Student Speaker\*

Senior Recognition\*

Congratulations to Class of 2025 ..... **Mr. Matthew LaVerde, Director**

Closing Remarks\* ..... **NTHS Senior Representative**

**\*See Following Page For Session Details**

## ***Erie County Technical School Awards Program***

**Group 1 (4:00pm)..... Cosmetology;**  
**Culinary, Baking & Pasty Arts;**  
**Diversified Occupations; Hospitality Management & Tourism**  
Student Speaker..... **Alixzandra Higby**  
Hospitality Management & Tourism – Union City H.S.  
NTHS Senior Representative ..... **Veronica Brewer**  
Cosmetology – Harbor Creek H.S.

**Group 2 (5:00pm)..... Computer Networking;**  
**Computer Programming; Early Childhood Education;**  
**Transition Center**  
Student Speaker..... **Helene Rerko**  
Early Childhood Education – Harbor Creek H.S.  
NTHS Senior Representative ..... **Helene Rerko**  
Early Childhood Education – Harbor Creek H.S.

**Group 3 (6:00pm)..... Art & Design For Business;**  
**Graphic Media & Design; Health Assistant;**  
**Sports Therapy & Exercise Science**  
Student Speaker..... **Sarah Rice**  
Art & Design for Business – General McLane H.S.  
NTHS Senior Representative ..... **Kody Miller**  
Art & Design For Business – Harbor Creek H.S.

**Group 4 (7:00pm)..... Automotive Body Repair;**  
**Automotive Technology; Electrical Engineering Technology;**  
**Emergency & Protective Services**  
Student Speaker..... **Coen Turri**  
Electrical Engineering Technology – North East H.S.  
NTHS Senior Representative ..... **Troy Barker**  
Electrical Engineering Technology – Harbor Creek H.S.

**Group 5 (8:00pm)..... Construction Trades;**  
**Drafting & Design Engineering;**  
**Facility Maintenance Technology;**  
**Metal Fabrication Technology; Precision Machining Technology**  
Student Speaker..... **Lincoln Turner**  
Metal Fabrication Technology – General McLane H.S.  
NTHS Senior Representative ..... **Dannica McChesney**  
Precision Machining Technology – Union City H.S.

**The Erie County Technical School serves the technical training  
needs of students from eleven Erie County school districts.**

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\*ECTS Superintendent of Record

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### ***ECTS Administrative and Support Staff***

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Mr. Ken Woodcock

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Equal Opportunity Educational Institution.*

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Ms. Lillian Shallenberger ..... Art & Design for Business  
Mr. Sam Steever ..... Automotive Body Repair  
Mr. Patrick Myers..... Automotive Technology  
Mr. Robb Rumbarger..... Automotive Technology  
Mr. Michael Miller ..... Computer Networking  
Mr. Jason Klins ..... Computer Programming  
Mr. Adam Trippi..... Construction Trades  
Mr. Scott Webb..... Construction Trades  
Mrs. Davonalee Carroll..... Cosmetology  
Mrs. Darlene Newell..... Cosmetology  
Mrs. Kelly Schoullis ..... Culinary, Baking & Pastry Arts  
Ms. Jessica Warren ..... Culinary, Baking & Pastry Arts  
Mrs. Mariea Sargent ..... Drafting & Design Engineering  
Ms. Kim Fox..... Early Childhood Education  
Ms. Nicole Zahniser..... Electrical Engineering Technology  
Mrs. Sara Victory..... Emergency & Protective Services  
Mr. Daniel Dawison..... Facility Maintenance Technology  
Mrs. Cara Vroman ..... Graphic Media & Design  
Mrs. Nicole Larson ..... Health Assistant  
Ms. Kelly McGrady ..... Health Assistant  
Ms. Morgan Larson ..... Hospitality Management & Tourism  
Mrs. Allison Marendt..... Mathematics  
Mr. Lyle Taylor ..... Metal Fabrication Technology  
Mrs. Hanni Nazario ..... Professional Skills  
Mr. Robert Supryniewicz..... Precision Machining Technology  
Mrs. Alaina Litz..... Sports Therapy & Exercise Science  
Mrs. Ashley Dawson ..... Transition Center

### ***Teaching Assistants***

Mrs. Amanda Brown  
Ms. Georgia Buchner  
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Mr. Austin Hartzell  
Ms. Chloe Imhoff  
Mrs. Melinda Jobczynski  
Ms. Mariah Loutzenhiser  
Mr. Miles Morton  
Mr. Anthony Paparelli  
Ms. Carolyn Rowicki  
Mr. Joel Schneid  
Mrs. Patricia Tech  
Ms. Kristin Weismiller

## ***LIST OF SENIORS BY PROGRAM – 4:00PM***

N – National Technical Honor Society Member

R – Rotary International Interact Club Member

S – SkillsUSA Member

### ***Cosmetology***

Kiera Allen ..... Iroquois  
Skylar Barton ..... Iroquois  
Veronica Brewer (N)..... Harbor Creek  
McKenzie Brower ..... Girard  
Taylor Bunce ..... Wattsburg  
McKenna Edwards ..... Wattsburg  
Kari Ester ..... Union City  
Carmel Frenn ..... Millcreek  
Makinly Hanson ..... North East  
Jane Hedlund ..... Harbor Creek  
Melanie Miller (R) ..... Fairview  
Jocelyne Morrow ..... Northwestern  
Cassia Myers ..... General McLane  
Kylie Snyder (S) ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Miranda Trapp ..... General McLane

### ***Culinary, Baking & Pastry Arts***

Hailee Allen ..... North East  
Brooke Ashley ..... Iroquois  
Selena Cortes ..... Millcreek  
Erika Hinkson ..... Union City  
Nevaeh Landis ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Braeden Lobdell ..... North East  
Kyle Lyons ..... North East  
Kamden McWilliams ..... Girard  
Aidan Moyer ..... Millcreek  
Noah Newcomer ..... General McLane  
Julia Panasenko ..... Fairview  
Emmy Parmenter ..... Wattsburg  
Isabella Percy ..... Wattsburg  
Hannah Shields ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Karter Spencer-Pett ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Mackenzie Stempka ..... North East  
Liam Thomas ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Ella Tompkins ..... Millcreek  
Mackenzie Trayer ..... Wattsburg

### ***Diversified Occupations***

Noah Arkley ..... Girard  
Tavian DeLeon ..... North East  
Christian Erickson ..... Iroquois  
Austin Gold ..... Iroquois  
Jonathan Hernandez ..... North East  
Aidan Hoopsick ..... Iroquois  
Caleb Quigley ..... North East  
Cameron Seaton ..... Fairview

### ***Hospitality Management & Tourism***

Desirae Brown ..... Union City  
Jade Duncan ..... North East  
Morgan Hatheway ..... Millcreek  
Alixzandra Higby (N) ..... Union City  
Lily Higby (N) ..... Union City  
Alexis Jenkins ..... Harbor Creek  
Alissa Leech ..... Union City  
Sydney Proper ..... Iroquois  
Harper Rilling ..... General McLane  
Lilliana Santana ..... Fairview  
Aeneva Shumac (N) ..... Wattsburg  
Gabriella Swearingen ..... Wattsburg  
Kendyl Wade ..... Union City  
Makayla Walker ..... Iroquois  
Savanna Walker ..... North East  
Maya Wright ..... Union City

“Believe in your infinite potential.  
Your only limitations are  
those you set upon yourself.”

*Roy T. Bennett*

## ***LIST OF SENIORS BY PROGRAM – 5:00PM***

N – National Technical Honor Society Member  
S – SkillsUSA Member

### ***Computer Networking***

Anthony Belousov (S) ..... Millcreek  
Kyre Felder-Carson ..... Iroquois  
Joshua Fish ..... Millcreek  
Jase Hutchison (N) ..... Northwestern  
Chase Leuschen..... Harbor Creek  
Carter Luthringer ..... Millcreek  
Noah Northway ..... North East  
Chase Patterson (S)..... Girard  
Zachary Pondo (N) ..... North East  
Cameron Richardson..... North East  
Almir Saracevic..... Millcreek  
Nathan Skelly ..... North East  
Jarek Smith (S)..... Northwestern  
Bill Zohos ..... Fairview

### ***Computer Programming***

Logan Bach..... Girard  
Sophie Burek..... North East  
Owen DiBacco ..... Fairview  
Weston Kilgas ..... North East  
Zachary Long ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Mason Melaragno (N) ..... Fairview  
Blaine Oler ..... Harbor Creek  
Walker Owens ..... Northwestern  
Liam Schroeck ..... Fairview  
Tanmay Sharma (N, S) ..... Fairview  
Sullivan Sherwood ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Francis Trigilio ..... Harbor Creek  
Isaac Trost ..... Millcreek  
Ryan Vrobel..... General McLane  
Collin Wimberly ..... Northwestern  
Nathan Woodring..... Harbor Creek  
Lukah Youngs ..... Iroquois

### ***Early Childhood Education***

Elizabeth Arndt ..... Millcreek  
Katrina Carver ..... Wattsburg  
Tessa Comi ..... Girard  
Emily Courson ..... General McLane  
Lecksus Ferguson..... Iroquois  
Grace Graffius ..... Millcreek  
Riley Maguire ..... Iroquois  
Kendra Ramey (S)..... Millcreek  
Helene Rerko (N)..... Harbor Creek  
Madelyn Roscinski ..... Union City  
Grace Swope ..... Millcreek  
Emma Trippi ..... Wattsburg

### ***Transition Center***

Christina Biletznikoff ..... Girard  
John Bizzarro ..... General McLane  
Michael Conley ..... Union City  
Malayna Hartman..... Union City  
Lee McAlister ..... Iroquois  
Marquan Moss ..... North East  
Jacob Oswalt ..... Iroquois  
Brianna Palazzotto..... North East  
Branon Shaw ..... Girard  
Jack Shreve..... Girard  
Autumn Smith ..... Girard  
Khloe Swanson ..... Fort LeBoeuf

“Surround yourself with people who ignite your soul.”

*Unknown*

## ***LIST OF SENIORS BY PROGRAM – 6:00PM***

N – National Technical Honor Society Member

R – Rotary International Interact Club Member

S – SkillsUSA Member

### ***Art & Design for Business***

Eva Belknap ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Alyssa Biebel (N, S) ..... Union City  
Jasmine Carr ..... Harbor Creek  
Sophia Cortes ..... Millcreek  
Luke Farley..... North East  
Addisyn Farr (S)..... Millcreek  
Rachel Ferraro ..... Union City  
Anell Foehner ..... General McLane  
Joshua Fowler.....Girard  
Kaiden Haines ..... Millcreek  
Dakota Hodge..... Northwestern  
Ava Learn ..... Harbor Creek  
Logan Maille (S)..... Millcreek  
Kody Miller (N) ..... Harbor Creek  
Sarah Rice (S)..... General McLane  
Oz Rosin ..... Northwestern  
Mikayla Rowlands..... Millcreek  
Pablo Santos..... General McLane  
Cara Shearer..... Union City  
Rhaelyn Skinner (N) .....Girard  
Chloe Starvaggi..... Wattsburg  
Carli Swyers (S) ..... Northwestern  
Joshua Wilson.....Girard  
Jack Yuhas (S) .....Girard

### ***Graphic Media & Design***

Alexis Biebel (N) ..... Union City  
Justin Eicher..... Harbor Creek  
Nathan Frantz ..... Iroquois  
Lia Henderson ..... North East  
Dominic Keys (S) ..... North East  
Isabella Leedham ..... North East  
Nathen Machinski .....Girard  
Mark McManus.....Fairview  
Destiny North ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Aiden Slater (N) ..... Millcreek  
Garrett Sparks..... Northwestern  
Victoria Stadler .....Fairview  
Dominic Stempka..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Derek Taylor (S)..... Millcreek  
Anthony Triana .....Girard  
Lucas Weiland ..... Millcreek

### ***Health Assistant***

Megan Bailey (N) ..... North East  
Kelsie Dieteman .....Girard  
Ranjita Gurung..... Millcreek  
Sejla Hadzic ..... North East  
Allison Kennerknecht..... Wattsburg  
Braya Kramer ..... Millcreek  
Millie Lloyd ..... Millcreek  
Beatrice McGill (S) ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Ahmed Salem (S)..... Millcreek  
Emma States ..... Millcreek  
Emma Thompson..... General McLane  
Katlyn Tuholski..... Wattsburg  
Olivia Youmans ..... Millcreek

### ***Sports Therapy & Exercise Science***

Sarah Adams ..... General McLane  
Olivia Beksell (N, S)..... Millcreek  
Giavana Casane ..... Millcreek  
Robert Chevalier (N)..... Fairview  
Alex Clark ..... General McLane  
Savanna Conroe (R)..... Iroquois  
Emma Heinlein ..... Millcreek  
Kelly Hinkler..... Millcreek  
Ryleigh Kinter (R)..... Harbor Creek  
Collin Mooney ..... Union City

“Continuous effort—not strength or  
intelligence—is the key to  
unlocking your potential.”

*Winston Churchill*

## ***LIST OF SENIORS BY PROGRAM – 7:00PM***

N – National Technical Honor Society Member

S – SkillsUSA Member

### ***Automotive Body Repair***

Ryan Adcock ..... North East  
Dylan Amboyer ..... Harbor Creek  
Eryn Bagley ..... North East  
Kody Birkmire ..... General McLane  
Elijah Carner ..... Wattsburg  
Dawsyn Crum ..... Union City  
Michael Greider ..... Iroquois  
Jaydin Hooper ..... Northwestern  
Erikka Miller ..... Union City  
Jacob Rand ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Alexander Sanders ..... Harbor Creek  
Brandy Smith ..... Wattsburg  
Nicholas Struzynski ..... Wattsburg  
Isaac Tripp ..... Union City  
Elijah Wilkinson ..... North East  
Maddilyn Wolfe-Wickramasinghe ..... General McLane

### ***Automotive Technology***

Zackary Allen ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Tyler Bessetti ..... North East  
Travis Birch ..... General McLane  
Elijah Chilcott ..... Harbor Creek  
Joel Davis ..... Harbor Creek  
Kody Etzel ..... General McLane  
James Farrar ..... Fairview  
Kami Faunce ..... Northwestern  
Shyanne Fenno ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Nicholas Fisher ..... Iroquois  
Joseph Galbraith ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Liam Gehrlein-Carpenter ..... Iroquois  
Emerson Harsin ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
George Hoag ..... Wattsburg  
Ayden King ..... Harbor Creek  
Theresa Maloney ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Aurora McDaniel ..... Iroquois  
Landon Meyner ..... Fairview  
Connor Nageli ..... Millcreek  
Logan Penton ..... Iroquois  
Damien Reisenweber ..... Girard  
Jordan Reyes ..... Millcreek  
Noah Saulsgiver ..... General McLane

Ashton Schmitt ..... Union City  
Anthony Scutella ..... Harbor Creek  
Bryce Smith ..... North East  
Miles Spellman ..... North East  
Joshua Stanbro ..... North East  
Waylon Steele ..... North East  
Logan Wolff ..... Girard

### ***Electrical Engineering Technology***

Troy Barker (N) ..... Harbor Creek  
Austen Curtze ..... Fairview  
Riley Horn ..... Girard  
Austin Mello ..... Northwestern  
Jesse Newara ..... North East  
Dale Roscinski ..... Union City  
Jared Schau ..... Harbor Creek  
Nickolas Szymanski ..... Wattsburg  
London Teribery ..... Millcreek  
Coen Turri ..... North East  
Kendra Winkler ..... Wattsburg  
Konner Yaworski ..... Fort LeBoeuf

### ***Emergency & Protective Services***

Olivia Eastman ..... Union City  
Bryson Hammond ..... North East  
Nico Young ..... Millcreek

“Your true potential is revealed  
when you stop comparing yourself to  
others and start believing in yourself.”

*Unknown*



## ***LIST OF SENIORS BY PROGRAM – 8:00PM***

N – National Technical Honor Society Member

S – SkillsUSA Member

### ***Construction Trades***

Kline Barnhart (N) ..... Millcreek  
Christopher Carlstrom ..... North East  
Alexander Covel ..... Iroquois  
Morgan Frontera (N) ..... Union City  
Caleb Gresh (N) ..... Fairview  
Wyatt Gula ..... Girard  
Carlos Herrera ..... Millcreek  
Braxton Johnson ..... Girard  
Gunner Keener ..... North East  
Brandon Myron ..... Fairview  
Caleb Peterson (S) ..... Fairview

### ***Drafting & Design Engineering***

Jaden Atkin ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Adyn Ayala ..... Iroquois  
Aidan Cooper ..... Millcreek  
Reilly Cronin ..... Millcreek  
Konnor Hamilton (S) ..... General McLane  
Max McClintock ..... Wattsburg  
Sabrina Ploss ..... Union City  
Kaedan Rist ..... General McLane  
Araiah Russell (N) ..... Millcreek  
Holden Siegler (N, S) ..... Fairview  
Mchensey Skinner ..... Wattsburg  
Tyler Wassell (S) ..... Iroquois  
Grace White ..... Millcreek

### ***Facility Maintenance Technology***

Drake Applequist ..... Union City  
Joseph Brennan ..... Wattsburg  
Kayden Brown ..... Iroquois  
Nicholas Curry ..... North East  
Cheyenne Eckart ..... Girard  
Carter Francisco ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Braydon George ..... Wattsburg  
Joshua Hirtzel (N) ..... North East  
Cohen Millspaw ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Gary Oler ..... Millcreek  
Mason Orelski ..... Fairview  
Logan Rohler ..... Girard  
Ethan Sisson ..... Northwestern  
Joshua Williams ..... General McLane

### ***Metal Fabrication Technology***

Christian Campbell-Stansberry ..... Girard  
Blake Harter (S) ..... Fort LeBoeuf  
Wyatt Junkins ..... General McLane  
Steven Klakamp ..... Union City  
Logan Kriess (S) ..... Girard  
Levi Neff ..... North East  
Leland Onuffer ..... Union City  
Bryce Reed ..... North East  
Connor Reinhart ..... Girard  
Nicholas Reisenauer (S) ..... Fairview  
Grace Sherman ..... Wattsburg  
Aidan Shuman ..... Union City  
Lincoln Turner (S) ..... General McLane

### ***Precision Machining Technology***

Roein Butts ..... Harbor Creek  
Jack Fritts ..... Fairview  
Colin Heaton ..... North East  
Christian Keiper ..... Union City  
Aiden Krepps ..... Fairview  
Gage Marshall ..... Fairview  
Dannica McChesney (N) ..... Union City  
Paul Prisyazhnyuk ..... Fairview  
Aiden Reinwald ..... General McLane  
Jordan Rotunda ..... North East  
Dameon Simmons ..... General McLane  
Hugh Wolcott ..... General McLane  
Owen Youngs ..... North East

“Don’t just follow your passion.  
Ignite it with purpose, and let it set the world ablaze.”

*Brendon Burchard*

## ***Senior Ceremony Award Descriptions***

### **Erie County Technical School Cords**

Green cords are awarded to Erie County Technical School seniors. The students will wear their cord during their commencement ceremonies to distinguish them as students concentrating in Career and Technical studies at the Erie County Technical School.

Gold cords are awarded to the Outstanding Senior in each program.

Purple cords are given to members of the National Technical Honor Society.

Blue cords are awarded by the Community Blood Bank in recognition of our senior distinguished donors. These seniors have donated blood at least four times during their time at ECTS.

Red and White cords are awarded to SkillsUSA State Champions.

### **Erie County Technical School Exemplary Student**

Students that achieve the status of “Distinguished Student” for each grading period of the year are awarded the Exemplary Student Award. Distinguished student status is earned by achieving perfect attendance and Honor Roll for the grading period. “Exemplary Students” represent approximately 1% of the school population.

### **Erie County Technical School Scholarship**

Several members of the class of 2025 will be the recipients of the Erie County Technical School Scholarships. Scholarships are co-sponsored annually by the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1589 and the Erie County Technical School Foundation. Each student will receive monetary awards to be used for furthering his or her education. To be eligible for this scholarship, senior students were required to complete an application, verify acceptance to a post-secondary institution, and answer several essay questions. A committee reviewed the applications and selected the recipients.

### **Christiansen Family Scholarships**

The Bruce and Linda Christiansen Family is awarding three \$500 scholarships this evening. An Electrical Engineering student will be awarded a scholarship in memory of the late Bruce Christiansen. Bruce was an electrician for Penelec/First Energy for 30 years and enjoyed being a mentor for new employees. Bruce and Linda’s daughters were both graduates of the Erie County Technical School. A scholarship will be awarded to a Culinary, Baking & Pastry Arts student in honor of their daughter Chelsea. Chelsea was a 2006 graduate of the Culinary Arts program. An Early Childhood Education student will receive a scholarship in honor of their daughter Kendra, a graduate of the 2008 Early Childhood Education class. Students were selected by their instructors based on character, service, and effort.

### **National Technical Honor Society**

“Success Favors The Prepared Mind” is the motto of the National Technical Honor Society. NTHS students enrolled at the Erie County Technical School have completed one year of their technical training, earned a grade of “B” in their technology area, and never received less than a “C” in any quarter of their home school subjects. Eligible students must complete an application and essay. In addition to the academic criteria, students are evaluated on attendance and leadership.

### **National Tooling & Machining Association**

National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) of Northwest Pennsylvania represents and supports the region's Tool & Die and Precision Machining industries. The NTMA has recognized the need for a sustainable workforce and has lent its support to a number of advanced manufacturing and technology based programs within our local school districts. Toward that end, the NTMA Education Foundation has established a program to help technical school students who are pursuing careers in manufacturing. Tonight, the Foundation is pleased to make two awards to qualified applicants from the Precision Machining Technology program.

### **Patrick R. Locco Memorial Award**

More than 40 years ago, the Manufacturer and Business Association created the Golden Watch Awards to recognize outstanding high school students who distinguished themselves in pursuit of technical and academic diploma. The awards have since been renamed the Patrick R. Locco Memorial Awards after the late Patrick R. Locco, Association Vice President from 1985 to 1994. The awards were named in his honor because he was a strong advocate of technical education. Students honored with this distinguished award attend and are recognized at the Manufacturer and Business Association's Annual Meeting. Awards of \$100 are presented to the nominees. One student is named the Patrick R. Locco recipient and is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to apply towards his or her advanced technical education. Additionally, the award recipient’s name is permanently inscribed on a plaque prominently displayed in the high school lobby, a constant reminder of encouragement for all students who will follow.

### **Pennsylvania Skills Certificate**

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate is a special award created by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to recognize high achievement by secondary technical education students. To earn the certificate, students must complete a state-approved career and technical education program at a satisfactory level, graduate from a Pennsylvania high school and demonstrate mastery of knowledge and skills required for an occupation by attaining advanced levels on both a written and a performance assessment. This certification will provide verification to employers, post-secondary schools, and the armed services that the student has attained superior competency. Students earning 70% on the written assessment may submit their certificates to over 1,500 post-secondary schools for college credit consideration.

### **Rotary International Interact Club**

The Interact Club brings together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of “Service Above Self”.

### **ROVA Leadership Grant**

Rotary District 7280 is the sponsor of the ROVA (Rotary Outstanding Vocational Awards) Leadership Grant presented to a senior that has shown outstanding leadership and excelled in their area of vocation while attending the Erie County Technical School. The senior will receive a \$300 award.

### **SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is a world-wide organization for career and technical students to actively compete on regional, state, and national, as well as international levels. Students compete in their technical trade areas and also study such topics as parliamentary procedures and leadership skills. Through the advisors’ guidance, students are encouraged to achieve personal and civic pride.

### **SOAR**

The mission of SOAR (Students Occupationally and Academically Ready) is to prepare students for college and careers in a diverse, high-performing workforce. In addition to completing all items on competency task lists, students must acquire a high school diploma, and earn a Pennsylvania Certificate of Competency or Pennsylvania Skills Certificate. Eligible participants are able to utilize SOAR credits at higher education institutions for up to four years following graduation.

### ***Special thanks and appreciation to...***

Invitation..... Graphic Communications  
Mrs. Cara Vroman, *Instructor*  
Lucas Weiland, *Team Leader*

Program ..... Graphic Communications  
Mrs. Cara Vroman, *Instructor*

Photography..... Tim Rohrbach  
*Rohrbach Photography*  
Art & Design For Business  
Ms. Lillian Shallenberger, *Instructor*

Senior Photo Presentation.....Mrs. Mariea Sargent, *Instructor*

Awards Program Committee .....Mrs. Julie Aiken  
Mrs. Sandy Carr  
Mrs. Davonalee Carroll  
Ms. Kim Fox  
Mrs. Mary Foulkrod  
Ms. Brittany Howell  
Mrs. Nicole Larson  
Mr. Matthew LaVerde  
Mrs. Nicole Larson  
Mrs. Alaina Litz  
Mrs. Allison Marendt  
Mr. Michael Miller  
Mrs. Hanni Nazario  
Mrs. Darlene Newell  
Mrs. Mariea Sargent  
Mrs. Lesa Scalise  
Mrs. Kelly Schoullis  
Mrs. Cara Vroman  
Mr. Scott Webb

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