ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Need a Job... Learn a Skill!
Message from the Superintendent

On behalf of the Ocean County Vocational Technical School and the Board of Education, I am pleased to present the 2011-2012 Annual Report. The pages of this report are a reflection of the growth and success of our students, staff, faculty and the district overall.

Since opening our doors in 1959, OCVTS has strived to meet the ever-changing needs of our surrounding communities. Over the years programs and services have been developed to keep pace with the technological advances and job-related skills of our global economy. We look to business and industry to understand trends so that we remain proactive in the education of our students to meet and exceed the expectations of their future employers. Our on-going partnerships with businesses throughout the county provide our students with valuable practical experience outside of their classrooms. In addition, we continue to develop articulation agreements with area colleges which provide a seamless transition for students to continue their education and further their success.

We are proud of the many accomplishments of the past year:
- MATES was once again named one of the country’s top high schools by US News and World Report.
- The winning of 59 medals, including 21 first place gold medals, 16 silver and 15 bronze at New Jersey SkillsUSA competitions and bringing home a gold medal in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning contest at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.
- This year Ocean County Vocational Technical School graduates, shared-time and full-time, received scholarships and awards which totaled over $5,234,576.

We recognize the Ocean County Vocational Technical Board of Education and the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their continued support and guidance.

Remember, Life’s a Journey...Better Get Good Directions. Ocean County Vocational Technical School can be part of your journey toward a successful and rewarding career.

William P. Hoey, Jr.
Superintendent
SkillsUSA is a national organization which provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. Students from OCVTS, as well as those from other New Jersey vocational and technical schools, compete in regional contests hosted annually at the OCVTS Brick Center. Hundreds of students, using the skills of their trades, compete for regional honors, and in some categories for preliminary state honors. Areas of competition include: Automotive/Motorcycle Service Technology, Culinary Arts, Construction Trades, Residential Wiring, Cosmetology, Photography, Marine Service, Electrical Trades and Web Design. Award winning students then advance to statewide competition followed by National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri held in June each year.

**SkillsUSA Gold Medal Recipients Recognized by Freeholders**

Fifteen Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) students, and their advisors, recently traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to compete in the 48th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. These students had qualified to attend the conference by earning First Place gold medals in their career area competitions at the 2012 SkillsUSA State Competitions which took place in Somerset, New Jersey, in May. Overall OCVTS won 52 medals at New Jersey SkillsUSA competition: 21 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze. SkillsUSA is a national organization which provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

Lakehurst resident Christopher Sorrentino who competed in the Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilation/Refrigeration competition brought home a Gold Medal; ranking him best in the nation for his skills and knowledge. Six other OCVTS students placed in the top ten for their respective areas of competition. OCVTS students who traveled to Kansas City include: (students listed with hometown and subject area) Ian McGrath, Seaside Heights, Automotive & Diesel Engine Technology; John Syers, Lacey, Welding; Keith Gesicki, West Creek, Welding; John Lynch, Warren Grove, Welding; Chris Sorrentino, Lakehurst, HVAC/R; Jessica Candrilli, Brick, Child Care Professions; David Giberson, Lacey, Plumbing; Darian Halifko, Little Egg Harbor, Aviation Aerospace Technology; Julianne Abrams, Lakewood, Photography; Jared Seals, Jackson, Motorsports Technology; Anthony Mele, Bayville, Electrical Trades; Cody Carmody, Brick, Computer Science; Tucker Weisleder, Point Pleasant Boro, Marine Trades; and Steven Fischer, Brick, Retail Store Operations and Ryan Giblin, Jackson, HVAC/R.

According to the SkillsUSA website, “Nearly 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students - all state contest winners - competed hands-on in 94 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.” In addition to competition there were workshops, seminars, industry trade shows and opportunities for students to take in the local sights.

All of the OCVTS New Jersey SkillsUSA Gold Medal recipients were recognized at the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting in June. Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, liaison to OCVTS, presented each student with a certificate and commended them on their dedication and outstanding achievements.

Students who received Gold Medals at New Jersey State SkillsUSA but did not travel to Kansas City and/or did not attend the Freeholders meeting include: Philip Bruce, Ocean Gate, Law & Public Safety; Tina Reed, Toms River, Culinary Arts; Uriel Resendiz, Lakewood, Collision Repair; Milton Cortina, Little Egg Harbor, Marine Trades; Steven Garvey, Lakehurst, Collision Repair.

**OCVTS Students Represent New Jersey at National SkillsUSA Competition**

The Division of Adult Education offered courses to Ocean County residents during the 2011-12 school year. These programs were offered during the day, twilight and evening. Students attended on a full-time or part-time basis. Programs include: apprenticeship training, certification and licensing preparation in Allied Health and trade areas, personal enrichment, vocational, avocational and cultural interests of the community. A total of 2,067 students were registered in the Adult Evening Programs offered at the Toms River, Brick, Lakehurst, Jackson and Waretown Centers.

Enrollment in apprenticeship programs during the 2011-12 school year was 253. Apprentices registered with the State of N.J. and U.S. Department of Labor numbered 197. Apprenticeship registration in Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC-R and Machine Trades was very strong.

In January, 2012 OCVTS Adult Education offered a new Medical Administrative Assistant Apprentice program that prepares students with the skills necessary to enter the medical workforce in doctors' offices, hospitals and other facilities. Specialized course content focused on medical terminology, forms and billing. This program is approved by the US Department of Labor. Upon completion of the program the students were eligible to apply for certifications from National Healthcare Association- (NHA) as a: Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist – CEHRS Certification in Medical Administrative Assistant – CMAA. We had 15 students complete the Electronic Health Records Specialist course in the spring 2012 semester. All who took the certification exam qualified to get their EHR certification. This course was a “module” in the new programs in the medical office area that we will be offering during the 2012-13 school year in our Adult Evening School.

In January 2012 OCVTS received certification from the National Healthcareer Association as an approved training site and was approved by the NHA to administer the National Certification Examinations for: Electronic Health Record Specialist and Medical Administrative Assistant.

Certification courses offered are in ASE Automotive, Black Seal Boiler Operator, Certified Dental Assistant, Dental Radiology, Health/Fitness Technology, Certified Nurse Aide, Water/Wastewater Operation, Automotive Technology and Welding Technology.

The OCVTS Adult Educational Fitness program at the Toms River Center offered participants weekday morning, afternoon and evening hours. The total number of participants during the 2011-12 school year was 72.

Through our facility usage program, programs are offered at OCVTS centers which include: Clean Ocean Action, Auto Service Excellence(ASE) testing, Ocean County School Nurse Association, Navy League Golf, NAV-FAC Safety Training, NCLEX Review Class (LPN), LPN Medication Calculation class, Epileptic Financial Advisor, MOESC Graduation, Pinelands Antique Engine Assoc., Pine Barrens Jamporee, Kaplan Test Prep (SAT). OCVTEA Car Show, National M.S. Society, PAA Entrance Exam, Public Employees Occupational Safety & Health Commission.

Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) recently held graduation ceremonies for the Practical Nursing program. 75 student nurses received diplomas for successfully completing the 11-month intensive Practical Nursing program. Families and friends gathered to applaud the graduates who persevered through the extremely challenging curriculum and demanding schedules and who completed the program. Several 2012 graduates received scholarships and recognition for outstanding achievements.

According to OCVTS Practical Nursing Principal JoAnn Price, “Our Nursing Program is considered one of the most comprehensive, intense and hardest practical nursing programs in the state. We pride ourselves in well exceeding the NJ State and National Licensing Exam pass rates. In recognition of outstanding academic excellence, the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education provides scholarships for the continuation of academic advancement.” Awards of Academic Excellence/Outstanding Student Awards were presented to: Sean Linnert, Waretown for maintaining the highest grade point average; Eva Grindberg, Jackson for maintaining the second highest average and Jenna Castlegrande, Toms River for maintaining the third highest grade point average throughout the program.

Several graduates excelled in both academics and the required clinical work experience at local medical facilities. Through the generosity of the nursing program’s clinical affiliates, Clinical Excellence Awards were presented to: Jeanne Donovan, of Brick; Nichole Gonzalez, of Toms River; Erica Lopez, of Toms River; Krystle O’Brien-Gieb, of Bayville; and Candice Vecchiarelli of Jackson.
OCVTS ENROLLMENT 2011-2012

High School and After-High School Programs

- Agricultural and Environmental Sciences ............................................................ 9
- Architectural/Engineering Design ..................................................................... 26
- Audio for Electronic Media ................................................................................. 73
- Automotive & Diesel Engine Technology ......................................................... 36
- Automotive Technology .................................................................................... 134
- Aviation Aerospace Technology ....................................................................... 25
- Building Construction Technology ................................................................. 33
- Child Care Professions .................................................................................... 43
- Collision Repair .............................................................................................. 43
- Computer Science ........................................................................................... 48
- Computer Service Repair ................................................................................ 17
- Cosmetology ..................................................................................................... 226
- Culinary Arts ..................................................................................................... 197
- Custom Cabinetmaking ................................................................................... 12
- Dental Assisting ............................................................................................... 45
- Electrical Trades ............................................................................................... 88
- Fashion Merchandising/Design ..................................................................... 33
- Graphic Design Technology ............................................................................. 102
- Health & Fitness Technology ........................................................................... 38
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration ............................ 47
- Homeland Security .......................................................................................... 15
- Law & Public Safety .......................................................................................... 75
- Marine & Environmental Sciences .................................................................. 9
- Marine Trades .................................................................................................... 21
- MATES ............................................................................................................ 240
- Medical Assistant ............................................................................................ 41
- Medical Skills and Related Health Careers .................................................... 42
- Motor Sports Technology ................................................................................... 27
- Performing Arts Academy ................................................................................. 206
- Plumbing ........................................................................................................... 25
- Practical Nursing .............................................................................................. 104
- Welding .............................................................................................................. 45

**TOTAL** ........................................................................................................... 2125

**Employment Orientation Programs**

- Introduction to Health Careers ....................................................................... 24
- Auto Body/Welding ......................................................................................... 24
- Auto Servicing .................................................................................................. 30
- Building Maintenance & Home Repair ............................................................ 23
- Cabinetmaking ................................................................................................. 13
- Construction Trades ......................................................................................... 24
- Introduction to Information Technology ............................................................ 24
- Culinary Essentials ............................................................................................ 24
- Hospitality/Basic Food Services ........................................................................ 24
- Introduction to Automotive Technology ......................................................... 24
- Introduction to Computer Hardware ................................................................. 12
- Introduction to Culinary Arts ............................................................................ 24
- Introduction to Employment Orientation .......................................................... 30
- Introduction to Greenscaping ......................................................................... 12
- Quick Print Graphics Services ......................................................................... 24
- Principles of Transportation Mechanics ............................................................ 12
- Retail Store Operations/Marketing ................................................................... 25
- Small Engine ..................................................................................................... 24
- Service Occupations ......................................................................................... 36

**TOTAL** ........................................................................................................... 433

**Adult Evening School** ..................................................................................... 2421

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT** .................................................................................. 4979

OCVTS BUDGET

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is the district’s largest source of financial support, providing 71% of the revenues appropriated for expenses. Additional revenue is secured through grants which allow the district to provide the best educational programs and services to the residents of Ocean County.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

- County .................................................................$17,364,646.00 ............ 69%
- State .................................................................$5,393,407.00 ............... 21%
- Tuition .............................................................$2,263,407.00 ............... 9%
- Miscellaneous ..................................................$186,773.00 ................. 1%

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

$25,418,608.00

**FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE GRANTS FOR 2011-2012:**

- Ocean County Detention Center ...............$426,767.00
- Perkins Secondary ........................................$372,043.00
- Perkins Secondary-Reserve .......................$59,486.00
- Perkins Post Secondary .............................$93,980.00
- IDEA-Basic ..................................................$160,329.00
- Title I .............................................................$161,382.00
- Title II .........................................................$18,861.00
- Apprenticeship Coordinator ......................$13,297.00
- OC Foundation for Vo-Tech .......................$7,266
- Safety Grant .................................................$6,331

**TOTAL GRANTS FOR 2011-2012**

$1,319,742.00

**SCHOOL COUNTS!**

All centers of the OCVTS district participated in the Schools Counts program which works to link student academic performance and attendance with employment opportunities.

The Schools Counts program was developed by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. The initiative awards certificates go to students who display the characteristics that make good employees. The certificates can be presented to potential employers with a job application or during an interview.

To earn the educational status, a student must achieve 95% or better attendance, make an average grade of C or better and take more courses than the minimum graduation requirements.

During the past year some 1128 OCVTS students qualified for certificates and 250 businesses in Ocean County signed on as partners in the project.

Christine Karaska, OCVTS Transition Specialist/Adult Special Need Specialist, coordinates the registration and participation in the program.
OCVTS students from the Hospitality/Basic Food Services Program at the OCVTS Waretown Center once again lent a helping hand to the Lacey Apple Festival. Under the direction of Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Jim O'Donnell the students washed, peeled and cut over 220 pounds of apples. Working alongside members of the Lacey Historical Society, who run the Apple Festival, the culinary students used the apples to make trays of apple crisp. The baked goods were to be sold at the festival both as individual servings and as two-pound pans to be enjoyed at home.

CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS GET 'TASTE OF HOME' COOKING

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Students from the Adult Culinary Arts Program had the opportunity to work alongside celebrity chef Eric Villegas at the 'Taste of Home Cooking Show' held at Branches Catering in West Long Branch, NJ. The show was part of a nationwide tour, sponsored by Reader's Digest’s Taste of Home cooking magazine, which boasts the largest circulation of any cooking magazine in the world. The event was presented by Town Square Media, who reached out to OCVTS for culinary student volunteers.

Chef Villegas commented, “I like to work with local volunteers during the cooking shows and I truly prefer to have students from local culinary programs. I loved these students! First and foremost these students presented themselves very well, they were skilled, knew to ask the right questions, were very efficient and we were able to have a good time while preparing for the show. This was a wonderful opportunity for students preparing to enter into the culinary field. They see a completely different side of the business.”

Each student was responsible for preparing all aspects of a recipe for the stage presentation. Students then joined Chef Villegas onstage while he was preparing their particular dish.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE

Agriculture and Environmental Science student Jordan Coughlin was selected to attend the World Food Prize and Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, held in October. At the Global Youth Institute, Jordan, along with other student delegates from around the country, presented and discussed their research papers with international experts and their peers, connected with other students from around the world, toured cutting-edge industrial and research facilities, and took part in symposium discussions with global leaders in science, industry and policy.

Jordan presented his paper on Nutritional Education to Improved Dietary Composition in Brazil, in front of a panel of three international experts and Olesungun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria.

The world Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing, without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs, the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

OCVTS STUDENTS SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The OCVTS Brick Center took part in the annual community service project, “Feed the Need.” Their goal was to prepare over 1,500 Thanksgiving meals for needy families throughout Ocean County.

Students from various programs organized fundraisers and holiday food drives. Faculty and staff reached out to local businesses for their support. Students and staff from throughout the district gave generously.

Through a grant awarded to the project from the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education, necessary supplies were purchased. Funding for this project was also made possible through donations made in memory of OCVTS Culinary Arts Instructor Josephine Vastano.

Meals were prepared and then distributed to local social service agencies identified by the Ocean County Hunger Relief program, such as the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Preferred Behavioral Health, and Dottie’s House.

This community service project began ten years ago when 38 meals were distributed. Over the years the demand has grown and with it the determination of the students and staff to help as many people as possible.

What does it take to prepare 1500 Thanksgiving meals?
BY THE NUMBERS...
2400 lbs. of turkey
400 lbs. of stuffing
500 lbs. of yams
400 lbs. of mashed potatoes
300 lbs. of green beans
50 gallons of gravy
250 lbs. of cranberry sauce

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR OCVTS AT ROBOTICS COMPETITION

OCVTS students walked away with multiple awards from the annual Tech Prep Robotics Competition held recently at Ocean County College. High school and middle school students from throughout the county designed robotic vehicles using materials from standard kits and adhering to competition guidelines.

Prior to the competition, each team designs, builds and programs a vehicle to accomplish an assigned task in the fastest period of time. Once activated, the robotic vehicle in this Pre-Built Division must be able to accomplish the task without any remote operation from team members.

The second challenge of the competition required the teams to brainstorm, build and program a new vehicle on-site which had to travel along a curving black line from one end of the mat to the other.

In order to succeed, the teams had to program sensors which would detect the black path. The fastest vehicles took the prizes.

The OCVTS Toms River Center entered two teams, comprised of students from the Introduction to Computer Hardware, Computer Science, and Computer Repair programs.

OCVTS Brick students from Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration classes entered several teams. Overall OCVTS teams won seven awards during the competition.

The Tech Prep, or Technical Preparation program, incorporates academically hands-on learning at the high school level with articulated curriculum links to Ocean County post secondary educational opportunities.

OCVTS HOSTS CAREER FAIR AT LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Students and instructors from 13 OCVTS programs participated in a career fair at Lakewood High School. According to Jim Lowda, OCVTS Admissions Representative, who coordinated the event, “Today’s career fair has exceeded all expectations. We hope that many of the students we spoke to today found a program that interests them and that they will choose to enroll.”

2011-2012 RETIREMENTS

Joann Blazier
Bookkeeper, 25 years
Fran Grossman
Secretary, 25 years
Lauren O'Donnell
Teacher of Employment Orientation
Retail Store Operations, 17 years
Anthony Pagano
Custodian, 23 years
Diann Doderer
Teacher of Allied Health, 18 years
Laurene O'Donnell
Teacher of Employment Orientation
Retail Store Operations, 17 years
Thomas Lanagan
Teacher of Physical Science, 10 years

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Six students from the OCVTS Fashion Merchandising/Design Program traveled to Orlando, Florida in July for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 2012 National Leadership Conference. The students, all members of the OCVTS Local FCCLA Chapter, earned medals in competition at the New Jersey State Conference, held in April which qualified them to compete at the national level. FCCLA is a national student organization focused on personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Brandie Kraft, of Lacey and Alyssa Bretweiser, of Toms River won in the FCCLA Chapter Showcase Event. Brooke Devlin, of Little Egg Harbor earned high honors in the Fashion Design Competition. Erica Franco, of Lakewood won top honors in Fashion Construction. Jennifer Persamans, of Barnegat won in the Job Interview category and Victoria Bealer presented her winning Advocacy Project; a thirty-page paper focused on the demise of American-made garments and products.

**CUSTOM CABINETMAKING STUDENTS TOUR VIKING YACHT**

Ocean County Vocational Technical School offers students career-related experience in the workplace through the cooperation of businesses and professionals throughout our communities. Partnership agreements with hundreds of businesses and organizations allow OCVTS students gain practical experience and advance their skills through initiatives such as Cooperative Education, apprenticeships, job shadowing and factory tours.

One of the longest standing partnerships in place is with Viking Yachts in New Gretna, New Jersey. The company which was founded in 1964 is a world leader in fiberglass yacht production. For forty years, Viking Yacht has been a strong supporter of OCVTS, providing employment opportunities for well over one hundred Cooperative Education students, as well as numerous graduates that have procured employment with the company in areas such as carpentry, cabinetmaking, electrical wiring, welding and research and development. Viking Yacht also supports many OCVTS programs by donating supplies and equipment, offering scholarship money, serving on the OCVTS General Advisory Committee and over the years has allowed over 4,000 students to tour their state-of-the-art facilities.

Students from the Custom Cabinetmaking Program toured Viking Yacht and saw first-hand how the skills they learn at OCVTS can lead to careers. Many of the students were impressed with the quality craftsmanship that is involved with the custom cabinetry and woodworking found in the luxury yachts. From a lumber supply that would rival a local warehouse store, to the state-of-the-art computerized equipment, to discussions with master craftsmen, the tour showed the building of a yacht from concept to completion.

**OCVTS APPRENTICESHIP AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**:

Cooperative Education Coordinator Frank Morelli says, “Viking Yacht has given countless students opportunities over the past forty years – from employment, to job awareness, to monetary support – without ever asking for anything in return.”

**ACKNOWLEDGING EXCELLENCE 2012**

The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational and Technical Education honored the 2012 recipients of the Acknowledging Excellence Awards at the annual dinner ceremony. Each year the Foundation honors an outstanding community partner, a retired educator and three OCVTS graduates.

This year the New Jersey Marine Trades Association (MTA/NJ) was recognized as their community partnership. The association has been involved with OCVTS’s Marine Trades Program for over twenty-five years. Their members have served on the OCVTS Marine Trades Advisory Committee and the OCVTS General Advisory Committee, offering guidance and professional expertise in course curriculum, equipment and industry trends, as well as offering scholarship opportunities to OCVTS Marine Trades students.

Accepting the award for the Association was Pat Salinas, MTA/NJ Board of Directors member (not in photo). Bobbie White-Burke of Toms River, was recognized as the retired OCVTS Educator. Mrs. White-Burke was instrumental in the development of new programs for students with special needs. Mrs. White-Burke remained devoted to special needs programs for the duration of her 27-year career in the district. She was known for her creative approach to building connections with each of her students and helping them perform to their individual potential.

Three successful graduates were also recognized. Toms River resident Jason Crispin of Toms River attended the OCVTS Culinary Arts program as a high school student in 1997 and as a graduate student in 1998. He went on to attend Ocean County College and then establish himself in the culinary field.

Five years ago Jason returned to OCVTS as an instructor for the Adult Education Evening Division and as an instructional aide for the daytime Adult Culinary Arts program. According to Jason, “I can honestly say I wouldn’t be where I am today without being a student at OCVTS first. I’m also thankful that for the last five years I have been able to work side by side as colleagues and co-workers, many of the same people that were so instrumental in preparing me for my career in the Culinary Arts and to have the ability to share my knowledge and passion for food with the next generation of culinary professionals.”

James DePonte of Brick graduated from the OCVTS Law & Public Safety Program in 2004. James had earned the New Jersey Police Training Commission Class I Special Law Enforcement Certification as part of the OCVTS curriculum and after graduation James was hired as a special police officer with the Belmar Police Department. He received an appointment to the Monmouth County Police Academy. James graduated from the Police Academy and in 2007 was hired as a full-time regular police officer with the Red Bank Police Department. James is presently assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. Mr. DePonte holds the distinction of being the very first Law & Public Safety graduate to be appointed as a full-time regular officer.

Jessica Krupa of Toms River graduated from the OCVTS Fashion Merchandising/Design program in 2004. After graduation Jessica went on to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City where she had many opportunities to study, compete and showcase her design talents abroad in locations such as Italy, France and Germany. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fashion Design specializing in Women’s Sportswear and then went on to immerse herself in the fashion world.

Jessica is now President and Designer of her own company JK Swimwear, LLC. Her swimwear was recently featured at Charleston Fashion Week, Charleston, South Carolina. Jessica was listed as a 2012 Featured Designer.
OCVTS HONORS BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

From left to right: Monmouth Ocean Development Council Executive Director Ben Waldron, OCVTS Board President Nina Anuario, Assistant Superintendent Nancy Weber-Loeffert, Patricia Mahlmann, James Mahlmann, Superintendent William Hoey and Ocean County Freeholder and OCVTS Liaison Joseph Vicari.

The OCVTS Board of Education honored James Mahlmann, owner of NetCetra LLC in Brick, as the OCVTS Business Partner of the Year. Mr. Mahlmann first got involved with the vocational school when he offered internship opportunities to several Computer Science students. The students gained valuable experience in web design and programming through NetCetra. Since then Mr. Mahlman has become a member of the OCVTS General Advisory Committee, the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education and has expanded his internship opportunities to include students from the Design and Visual Communication program also.

Ocean County Freeholder and OCVTS Liaison Joseph Vicari who attended the presentation commented, “business partners, like Mr. Mahlman and NetCetra are vital to the continued success of our students. They provide training and experience beyond the walls of our classrooms. These partnerships instill the values of good work ethic and enable our students to move forward. In this economy it takes more than basic skills to get a job; you need the competitive edge of real experience, you need to be motivated and you need confidence. We recognize NetCetra for their dedication to our students and thank you for your continued involvement in the district.”

James Mahlmann, of NetCetra, in Brick accepts the Business Partner of the Year recognition Award at the OCVTS January Board of Education meeting.

OCVTS RECEIVES HONOR FROM TOMS RIVER OCEAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce presented Ocean County Vocational Technical School with the Pinnacle Philanthropic Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership in Education.

The award was presented at the Woodlake Country Club in Lakewood. The luncheon began with flag salute and presentation of colors by the OCVTS Law & Public Safety Color Guard. Entertainment throughout the luncheon was provided by students from the OCVTS Performing Arts Academy who showcased a few highlights of the upcoming performance ‘A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.’

William P. Hoey, above center, accepted a plaque from Chamber Chairman Richard Krug and Chamber President Maureen Stankowitz. Mr. Hoey commented, “It is a great honor to receive this award. It is through partnerships with local businesses that Ocean County Vocational Technical School is able to provide internships, work experience and employment opportunities for our students. The Chamber of Commerce is a valuable resource for business growth and a tremendous asset to our school.”

OCVTS PASTRY ARTS STUDENTS WIN PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

The OCVTS Pastry Arts students took first place honors as the People’s Choice for their display of culinary delights at the 16th Annual International Chef’s Night Out sponsored by the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education.

This year over 50 area restaurants and vendors participated; with over 700 in attendance. For the $50 admission fee, guests sample an extensive variety of sweet and savory delicacies as well as some of the area’s fine wines and beverages. Guests could then cast their votes for their favorite foods and displays.

The OCVTS Pastry Arts program delighted guests with an assortment of petit fours, pastries, cakes and beautiful sugar art. Additional winners for the People’s Choice Awards included Saker ShopRite/World Class Patisserie and 709 Restaurant of Point Pleasant Beach.

In addition OCVTS Culinary Arts students from the Brick and Waretown Centers provided delectable assortments of Italian and French cuisines.

MATES STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR ENVIROTHON WIN

Students from the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES) were recognized during the Conservation Education Awards Ceremony, held at the State Museum Auditorium in Trenton, for the outstanding performance at the 2012 New Jersey Envirothon competition.

Led by MATES Science Instructors/Team Advisors Adam Sprague and David Werner, MATES Team #1 placed First Overall for the third year in a row and MATES Team #2 placed Second Overall. The teams were also recognized for the earning top honors in several of the individual test areas.

The Envirothon Competition is a dynamic hands-on environmental education program for high school students. Student teams explore natural resource related topics such as soils, forestry, aquatics, wildlife ecology and current environmental issues.

The Envirothon is sponsored by the NJ Department of Agriculture, the NJ State Soil Conservation Committee, the NJ Association of Conservation Districts, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the NJ Soil Conservation Districts.

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY’S THEATER AWARDS HONORS OCVTS PERFORMING ART ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL THEATER

‘Lend Me A Tenor’, the first collaborative theatrical presentation between Ocean County Vocational Technical School’s Performing Arts Academy and Ocean County College, received top honors at the Montclair State University’s College of the Arts 2011 Theatre Awards Presentation, honoring excellence in high school drama. The play received recognition for Outstanding Production of a Comedy.’ OCVTS Theater Instructor and Director Anthony Ciccitelli commented, “Of all the categories in which we were nominated this was the one that meant the most to me because it was all of us who made that production happen and were recognized for it. The students were treated to an absolutely fantastic celebration of encouragement from their host and presenters. It was clear their intention was to celebrate the work from schools all across New Jersey.”

During the ceremony a video montage of the production process as well as clips of the show were shown. Several Performing Arts Academy students had the opportunity to perform two scenes from the show on stage at the Montclair State University Theater.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

OCVTS salutes the teachers who were honored at the annual Ocean County Teachers’ Governor’s Recognition ceremony. They were: Cosmetology Instructor Barbara Stewart, Toms River Center; Science Instructor Tiffany Seeley, Lakehurst Center; Social Studies Instructor William Hegerich, MATES; Theresa Pulvano, Waretown Center; Life Skills Instructor Sharon Giannantonio, Jackson Center; and Fashion Merchandising/Design Instructor Edwina Williams, Brick Center.

Trista Altstadt, Related Academics Instructor was named Non-Certified Support Staff of the Year. Plumbing Instructor Lori Miceli and Theater Instructor Laura Grand-Hill were named New Teachers of the Year and Cosmetology Instructor Barbara Stewart, from the Toms River Center, was named District Teacher of the Year.
SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School District continues to offer students career-related experience in the workplace through the cooperation of businesses and professionals throughout our communities. Our partners bring students into the workplace to gain practical experience and advance their skills. Students gain vital experience through several initiatives such as the Cooperative Education Program, apprenticeships and job shadowing. OCVTS strives to prepare skilled and motivated students who meet the needs of Ocean County’s ever-changing workforce and encourage new businesses to open their doors to endless possibilities.

ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS
NAVAIR at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Lab Volt Engineering Corporation
Kimball Medical Center
First Energy
NJ Air National Guard
Ocean Beauty Supply
Six Flags Great Adventure
Verizon Wireless
Wakefern
Marriott Corporation
Community Medical Center
Ocean County College
Ocean County Library
Jersey State Controls
Beachcomber Hair Stylists
Brick MUA
New Jersey Natural Gas Alternate Fuel Project
Ocean County Risk Management
AmerGen, Lacey
Viking Yacht
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BRIICK CENTER

OBJECTIVE #1: Staff at the Brick Center will participate in curriculum mapping in-services and workshops. These workshops will assist the instructors in setting up curriculum maps and developing lessons for their students which will help to enhance student learning and comprehension of material. By June 30th, 2012 all shared time instructors at the Brick Center will have successfully developed and completed a curriculum map for their specific course of study.

RESULTS: The staff at the Brick Center attended designated meetings on curriculum mapping and worked closely with Supervisor of Curriculum and Grants, Lori Young, to ensure that these maps met all requirements. This objective was successfully completed with 100% of all staff successfully completing and submitting a curriculum map for her/his program of instruction.

OBJECTIVE #2: Brick Center staff will participate in in-services and workshops addressing the current Harrassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) legislation as required by the state of New Jersey. By June 30th, 2012 90% of shared-time students enrolled at the Brick Center will participate in an anti-bullying activity obtaining a grade of 85% or higher in order to heighten student awareness of bullying, the new HIB legislation, and state required initiatives.

RESULTS: This objective was attained with 100% of all students successfully completing an anti-bullying activity or project and attaining a grade of 85% or higher. Staff were provided an in-service on HIB legislation and students were shown a video presentation on HIB at the beginning of the school year. In addition, staff reviewed this information in class with the students and also developed lessons, activities, and projects that reinforced their knowledge and awareness of HIB.

JACKSON CENTER

OBJECTIVE #1: By June, 2012 85% of the students at the Jackson Center will have participated in an anti-bullying activity in order to heighten student awareness of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) its consequences, and the new NJ Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. Student achievement of performance objectives will be measured by teacher designed assessment tools, with students obtaining a grade of 85% or better.

RESULTS: During the 2011-12 school year every program in the Jackson Center participated in at least one anti-bullying activity in order to heighten student awareness of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) its consequences, and the new NJ Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. Overall, 94% of the entire population at the Jackson Center participated in and achieved at least 85% on anti-bullying activities during the 2011-12 school year.

OBJECTIVE #2: By June, 2012 100% of the instructors at the Jackson center will have participated in curriculum mapping workshops and in-services and will have completed curriculum maps for their instructional programs. This will provide real information to analyze curriculum, instruction, and assessment, with the goal of improving curriculum delivery and student learning, comprehension, and retention over time.

RESULTS: During the 2011-12 school year 100% of the instructors at the Jackson Center participated in curriculum mapping workshops and successfully completed curriculum maps for their instructional programs. They attended workshops under the direction of Lori Young, Curriculum Director for the district, and met individually with her on an as-needed basis.

LAKEHURST CENTER

OBJECTIVE #1: By June of the 2011-2012 school year, all share-time students at the Lakehurst Center will participate in an interdisciplinary project to promote their programs (Aviation and Audio Recording) by creating a 30 second to 1 minute video PSA (Public Service Announcement). Through surveys and parent discussions, increased knowledge in technology is foremost in stated requests for student success. Final video were graded by a rubric designed by the technology teacher.

RESULTS: Students in the Aviation and Audio Recording programs used technology to create (video) commercials which promoted their respective vocational programs. Students were introduced to basic concepts of marketing and advertising. Working in teams of 3-4, students brainstormed, used story boards and wrote scripts prior to filming their short commercial. Students were given direct instruction on video editing software using Roxio Videowave.

OBJECTIVE 2: By June of the school year, 2011-2012, the teaching staff of the Lakehurst Center will increase the number and types of communication with parents/guardians. Students will benefit from this building objective through the positive effects of parent/teacher.

RESULTS: The lines of communication were strong throughout the year. One of the key ingredients to a child’s success in school is parent communication. In this age of technology, the Lakehurst staff took advantage of this most valuable tool, e-mail.

MARINE ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

OBJECTIVE #1: By June 30, 2012 100% of the MATES students will have participated in an activity incorporating the school’s mission and belief statements. To optimize the success and achievement of our students, it is imperative that each student has an awareness and understanding of what the main mission and educational beliefs we share as a community.

RESULTS: All objectives listed in Objective #1 were successfully attained. 100% of the students participated in this objective. To achieve this objective, the instructional staff created activities in each course that incorporated the MATES mission/belief statements. Teachers submitted the assignment provided to the students and the results of the students’ activities for documentation.

OBJECTIVE #2: By June 30, 2012, 100% of the MATES staff will participate in in-services and workshops addressing the current HIB legislation as required by the state of New Jersey. 100% of the MATES students will participate in an anti-bullying program in order to heighten student awareness of bullying, the new HIB legislation, and state required initiatives. Student pre and post school year surveys will provide necessary feedback regarding the effectiveness of their experience.

RESULTS: All objectives listed in Objective #2 were successfully attained. 100% of the students participated in this objective. To achieve this objective, the staff was trained by the appointed HIB specialist in preparation for the school year. An interactive presentation was created and the necessary HIB law information was then presented to the students, which included a survey. Pre and post survey results were shared with all stakeholders at the end of the year.

TOMS RIVER CENTER

OBJECTIVE #1: During SY11-12 staff at the Toms River Center will participate in workshops and in-services to assist them in setting up curriculum maps and developing lessons for their students utilizing this educational process. By June 30, 2012 all shared-time instructors at the Toms River Center will have successfully developed and completed a curriculum map for their specific course of study.

RESULTS: The TR Center faculty worked closely under the guidance of Lori Young in developing and attempting completion of their specific curriculum map. TR Center achieved an 85% completion, although TR Center had hoped to achieve 100% completion.

OBJECTIVE #2: During SY 11-12 the Toms River Center will participate in workshops and in-services addressing the current HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) legislation as required by the State of NJ. By June 30, 2012, 90% of shared time students enrolled in the Toms River Center will participate in an anti-bullying activity obtaining a grade of 85% or higher in order to increase student awareness of bullying.

RESULTS: All objectives listed in Objective #2 were successfully attained. The TR Center faculty and staff included HIB information in their lesson plans and did indeed have students actively engage in activities supporting the HIB legislation.

OBJECTIVE #3: During the SY 11-12, the Toms River Center will participate in career exploration for our students by addressing the interview process and resume writing. By June 30, 2012 100% of share-time completers enrolled at the Toms River Center will participate in a mock interview and prepare a resume as part of the Professional Development Program and SkillsUSA.

RESULTS: All objectives listed in Objective #3 were successfully attained. Through the efforts of the Applied Academic instructors, TR Center was successful in guiding and assisting the share-time completers to develop their resumes and enhance their interview skills.

WARETOWN CENTER

OBJECTIVE #1: During SY11-12 staff at the Waretown Center will participate in curriculum mapping in-services and workshops. By June 30th, 2012 all shared time instructors at the Waretown Center will have successfully developed and completed a curriculum map or portions of one for their specific course of study.

RESULTS: The staff at the Waretown Center attended designated meetings on curriculum mapping and worked closely with Supervisor of Curriculum and Grants, Lori Young, to ensure that these maps met all requirements. This objective was successfully completed with 100% of all staff successfully completing and submitting a curriculum map.

OBJECTIVE #2: During SY 11-12, Waretown Center staff will participate in in-services and workshops addressing the current HIB legislation as required by the state of New Jersey. By June 30th, 2012 90% of shared-time students enrolled at the Waretown Center will participate in an anti-bullying activity obtaining a grade of 85% or higher.

RESULTS: Staff were provided an in-service on HIB legislation and students were shown a video presentation on HIB at the beginning of the school year. Staff also developed lessons, activities, and projects that reinforced their knowledge and awareness of HIB. This objective was attained with 90% of all students successfully completing an anti-bullying activity or project and attaining a grade of 85% or higher.
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**16th Annual International Chef’s Night Out**

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The Cita Foundation  
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Wallace Contracting  
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709  
Atlantic Bar & Grill  
Capone’s Gourmet Pizza & Pasta Trattoria  
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**Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education**

The Ocean County Foundation for Vocational Technical Education is a non-profit organization dedicated to help ensure a quality education for students of the Ocean County Vocational Technical School. It is our mission to augment, supplement and complement the programs of the Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools through the attraction of private resources for the exclusive benefit of its students and staff. The Educational Foundation was formed by a group of community leaders in Ocean County. The Foundation is independent of, though fully supported by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School District.

**13th Annual Golf Outing**

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Jersey Shore Lawn & Sprinkler  
Realtime Information Technology  
New Jersey Natural Gas Company  
Ocean First Foundation  
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Conner Strong & Buckelew  
Strober-Wright Roofing  
Wallace Bros.  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Yessuto Pizzeria & Restaurant  
Brown & Brown  
The Office Restaurant & Lounge  
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National Fence Systems  
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New Jersey School Boards Insurance Group  
Old School Services  
United Water of Toms River  
Gateway Toyota  
Yzezi Associates, Inc.  
Nustat Bros., Inc.  
OCVTS Chef Ian Smith, Culinary Arts Instructor  
OCVTS  
PineRidge Golf Course

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**Chef’s Night Out**

Jennifer McEwan, of Brick, above left, won $6,755. Ms. McEwan accepted the ‘big check’ at the March Foundation meeting and commented, “I am a hospice nurse and I have returned to school to become a Nurse Practitioner. This money will certainly come in handy.”

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**From 1994 to June 2012 the Foundation has awarded **$426,000.00 in scholarships to OCVTS students and $470,704.62 in grants to teachers and programs."