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OCVTS CELEBRATES NATIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

February of each year is recognized as National Career and Technical Education Month. Schools throughout the country celebrate the positive impact of career and technical education by highlighting the skills and accomplishments of CTE students. Ocean County Vocational Technical School, which has been offering innovative CTE programs since 1959, showcased its career ready-college ready spectrum of programs.

The kick-off event involved regional SkillsUSA competitions. SkillsUSA is a national organization which provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. To enhance public awareness and attract more visitors to competition day, OCVTS hosted Career Discovery Day. Students presented hands-on, interactive activities focusing on specific skills such as decorating cupcakes with airbrush techniques; video production with a green screen, or creating t-shirt designs. Visitors were guided to the different activity centers by way of their ‘Career Passport’. Each activity center was a ‘destination’ and visitors received a passport stamp for each activity completed. Passports could be submitted for prizes at the end of the day. One major objective of this day was to attract younger students in order to raise their awareness of career and technical education options and resources. Visitors also could watch OCVTS students during their SkillsUSA competitions. The top finishers in each competition will advance to the New Jersey State SkillsUSA Conference held in May. Attendance continues to increase each year for this family-fun event.

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.

~Anthony J. D’Angelo
Next on the calendar was the OCVTS District Open House. OCVTS centers opened their doors for an evening of career exploration and information-gathering. An extensive multi-media promotional plan encouraged attendance of both the general public as well as students who had submitted applications for next year’s classes. Students and their families had the opportunity to visit the OCVTS centers, speak with instructors, tour the facilities and gather the information needed to make meaningful decisions about their futures.

The Health Occupations Students of America – Future Health Professional (HOSA) Regional competition was held on February 5. Thirty five students from the OCVTS Medical Assisting, Medical Skills and Related Health Careers and the Dental Assisting Programs competed to test their knowledge in Medical Assisting Skills; Dental Science; and Interviewing and Writing Skills. Nine students finished in the top 5 of their competition areas including two First Place and three Second Place winners, who now advance to the HOSA International Leadership Conference to be held later this year.

The month of February ended on a magical note as the OCVTS Performing Arts Academy presented Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood. The five performances were filled to capacity, thrilling audiences both young and old. The production included the collaboration of many OCVTS programs, staff and students. Elaborate, Broadway-worthy sets were constructed by the OCVTS Custom Woodworking and Design Program. The Design and Visual Communications produced the 100-page playbill, as well as posters and flyers to promote the shows. To enhance the theatrical experience, OCVTS hosted a special senior citizen matinee performance, which included a light lunch, prepared by the OCVTS Culinary Arts students from the Brick Center, served prior to the show. A Character Luncheon, hosted prior to the weekend matinee, delighted dozens of young princesses and princes along with their families. A kid-friendly buffet lunch was prepared by the OCVTS Journey into Culinary Arts students from the Waretown Center. OCVTS Cosmetology students provided face painting and students from the Service Occupations classes provided assistance throughout the event. The Beauty and the Beast characters made appearances for photos during the event.
The Performing Arts Academy presented Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood. The story of a privileged priest who falls under a spell that imprisons him in the body of a beast. His servants are also cursed to become the objects they take care of in the castle. They are all doomed unless the Prince can find true love…

The Special Senior Citizen Matinee performance on February 22nd included a delicious boxed lunch prepared by the OCVTS Culinary Arts students from Brick. Close to 250 guests attended.

On Saturday, February 24th a special Beauty and the Beast Character Luncheon provided dozens of little princes, princesses, and their families, a fun-filled celebration prior to the 2PM matinee. The Journey to Culinary Arts Program prepared a delicious buffet lunch, the Pastry Arts program provided princess-worthy desserts, Twilight Cosmetology students were on-hand for face painting and a Meet and Greet with cast members made this a memorable event. Attendance at the weekend performances were sold out. The magnificent sets were built by the OCVTS Custom Wordworking/Cabinetmaking program.

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is based upon the book by Linda Woolverton; music by Alan Menken; lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

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Beauty and the Beast characters entertained special lunch guests prior to the Saturday matinee performance.
All proceeds to benefit the students of The Ocean County Vocational School.

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PAA Acting Showcase .................. April 22/May 10
PAA Vocal Showcase .................. April 29/May 12
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