OCVTS HOSTS OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) opened its doors and hosted several events for prospective students, their families and the general public. In conjunction with the annual regional SkillsUSA competitions held at the end of January, OCVTS launched a new Career Discovery Day. The event, held at the OCVTS Brick Center, included many hands-on career exploration activities as well as an up close look at the many of the career and technical education programs and services available to students and adults. The Career Passport Game encouraged visitors to participate in a variety of activities throughout the building, earning passport stamps along the way. Food, prizes, and giveaways made this a day of fun for the whole family.

SkillsUSA areas of competition included: Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Architecture, Automotive Technology, Construction Trades, Photography, Website Design and Computer Technology. Student competitors who scored highest in their program competitions will then eligible to advance to the New Jersey SkillsUSA Competition held in May.

February 6th marked the annual district-wide Open House. Staff and students were on hand in every classroom and workshop to discuss and demonstrate the skills and activities involved in each program. That same evening a Special Career Training Information Session was held at the Toms River Center. This session focused on the Adult Accelerated Training opportunities such as Twilight Automotive technology, Culinary Arts at Cuisine on the Green, New Home construction, Cosmetology and Practical Nursing. Financial Aid and Job Placement Services representatives were also on hand to discuss the services available to all students.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
~Eleanor Roosevelt
The Regional SkillsUSA Competition allows students to showcase their skills and creativity.

January 24, 2015
OCVTS Discovery Day was an event designed to introduce students of all ages and their families to the many possibilities of career and technical education. With over 30 career programs OCVTS offers the skills, knowledge and hands-on experience that can launch a student’s meaningful career or give them a jumpstart to more advanced training after high school. Many OCVTS programs offer college credits which can be transferred to a large network of affiliated colleges, universities and trade schools. Instructors and current students provided very creative activities which demonstrated skills of their program in a fun way.
Students from the OCVTS Center for Culinary Arts, Cuisine on the Green, demonstrated several quick and easy recipes during the 2015 Women’s Expo sponsored by Greater Media NJ/WJRZ Radio and held at the Pine Belt Arena in Toms River.

Two students, Agnes Cushing-Ruby and Erika Kovack, prepared a nutritious vegetable appetizer with a creamy dip as well as White Bean Soup with Truffle Oil on the main stage, while explaining to the audience the step by step procedures to create each dish.

Samples, prepared ahead of time were then provided at the OCVTS display table on the Expo floor. In addition to the tasty samples, event guests received information about Cuisine on the Green as well as all of the programs and services available sat OCVTS.

Ray Soehngen, of Brick, is owner and president of Broadway Ray, LLC. He has provided charter bus tours to the New York theater district for over a decade. ‘Broadway Ray,’ as he is affectionately known, is a retiree of General Electric and through the GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program he is able to partner with non-profit organizations such as the Ocean County Vocational Technical School’s Performing Arts Academy’s (PAA) Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) to help with fundraising efforts. The Foundation will donate matching funds thereby doubling fundraising dollars.

The PAA PTSO hosted a bus trip to see ‘Aladdin’ on Sunday January 25th. This trip sold out in just one week; filling two buses. The PTSO raised $3000 from this bus trip and Broadway Ray, through the GE Foundation matched those funds.

At the January OCVTS Board of Education meeting, Broadway Ray Photo, center) presented PTSO officers with a check for $6000. The PAA PTSO has partnered with Broadway Ray for several years and the overall fundraising efforts total over $34,000. The money raised goes towards scholarships for PAA students and also to help defray costs for competitions and field trips which are so important in the students’ training.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Chef’s Night Out ........................................ March 2
PAA Presents Sweet Charity ........ March 5, 6, 7
Adult Program Information Session.....May 28

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Cuisine on the Green at Atlantis
OCEAN COUNTY CENTER FOR CULINARY ARTS

Check our website for full menu, upcoming events and entertainment schedule
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