



DCTS

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FIND YOUR DIRECTION

The Right Choice

By Mr. Flamini, Assistant Director

The decision to attend a career and technical school such as DCTS involves important discussions between students, parents, and school staff. Questions such as "what types of careers interest me?", "how do my skills relate to a career?", and "what does the job market look like in the future?" should be taken into consideration.

A new survey of parents and students conducted by Advance CTE, a national career and technical education advocacy group, yielded several interesting results:

- CTE parents and students were more than two times more likely than prospective parents and students to report being "very satisfied" with their overall school experience.

- Ninety percent of CTE parents reported being satisfied with their child's "ability to learn real-world skills" versus roughly half of prospective parents.
- CTE students are more likely than non-CTE students to have a plan after high school.
- Over 90 percent of all students (and parents) surveyed agree that it is important to find a career they are passionate about.

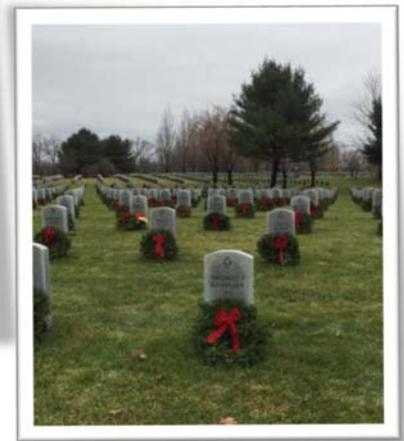
In the short time I have served as Assistant Director at DCTS, I have observed amazing accomplishments from our student body of over 1,000 students. Here is a small snapshot of what I have observed. We have 32 cooperative education students who leave DCTS every day for paid employment in their profession. We have 19 students working on their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential. We have Information

Systems Technology students completing the same coursework that adult students at HACC complete. On a daily basis, I see students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 who are highly motivated, fully engaged in learning, and taking ownership and pride in their program area.

Whether your student's path after graduation involves post-secondary education or a direct transition into the workforce, DCTS is truly the right choice. Thank you for choosing us! As we accept applications for the 2019-2020 school year, help us spread the word about the incredible students, teachers, and opportunities at DCTS. For additional information, please visit us at www.dcts.org and follow us on Facebook, search for Dauphin County Technical School.

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, December 15, Joseph Smullen and Jason Thomas, Diesel Technology and Cooperative Education seniors, joined volunteers at Wreaths Across America - Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, which was one of 1,400 locations nationwide, to participate in wreath-laying as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. These students worked with volunteers to place 40,000 wreaths at the graves of those who have served our country. This event was designed to Remember, Honor, and Teach. Joe and Jason are members of Troop 27 West Hanover Township.



Annual Master of the Rafter

On Tuesday, November 20, Mr. Carroll's Carpentry students held the 30th annual "Master of the Rafter" competition. Students had to calculate and layout a 16 foot rafter. Rafter layouts were judged for speed and accuracy. On the NOCTI exam, students are given 20 minutes for this task. The times below will give you an indication of how amazing their performances really were. Here are the top 4 finishers:

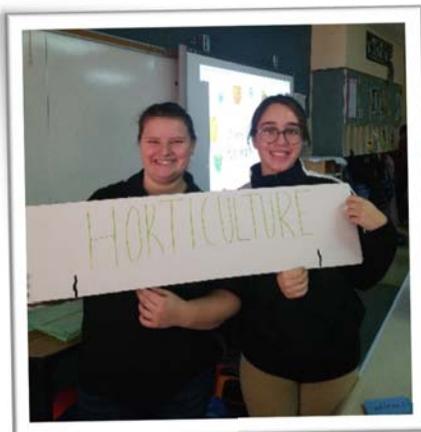
- 4th place: Jorge Calderon 1minute 51 seconds with 0/16th inch of error
- 3rd place: Hailey Black 1 minute 32 seconds with 0/16th inch of error
- 2nd place: Kyle Renn 1 minute 27 seconds with 3/16th inch of error
- 1st place: Jamil Karim* 1 minute 18 seconds with 0/16th inch of error

**Jamil has earned the title: Master of the Rafter*



DCTS Student Ambassadors

On December 3, student ambassadors travelled to Paxtonia Elementary School to lead small group career awareness sessions with the fifth grade class. The elementary students enjoyed presentations from two members of the DCTS Normality Zero robotics team, Sheldon Pink and Kathryn Petrilla; Horticulture with Polina Rosas and Azure Graham, Building Construction Technology with Dalia Matos and Letrele Roberts, and Cosmetology with Serena Tankersley.



Central Penn College Visit

On December 18, students from the Criminal Justice/Police Science and Medical Assistant programs visited Central Penn College. Students from these programs who are interested in post-secondary education in their fields of study had the opportunity to tour programs related to Criminal Justice and Police Science, as well as the Medical Assistant and Healthcare-related fields. Students learned about various educational attainment opportunities such as Bachelor of Science degree programs, Associate in Applied Science degree programs, Associate in Science, and postsecondary certificate programs.



Students of the Month

9th Grade – Hunter Yohn, Graphic Arts

Hunter's home school is Lower Dauphin. He enjoys drawing, creating artwork, and playing video games. Hunter's future plan is to become a game designer.



10th Grade – Tyler Mixon, Electrical Construction & Maintenance

Tyler's home school is Central Dauphin East. He enjoys riding his bike, playing soccer, and going to the movies. Tyler is a member of SkillsUSA and volunteers at a soup kitchen. His future plan is to become an electrician.



11th Grade – Tyler Harker, Veterinary Assistant

Tyler's home school is Halifax. He enjoys watching tv, reading, playing videogames, and playing card games. Tyler participates in Jazz Band, Concert Band, Marching Band (Field Major), and DCTS Musicals. He is also a member of SkillsUSA, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. Tyler spends time volunteering at various church activities and community activities (Relay for Life). His future plans are to attend Cornell University for Animal Science and then enroll into the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.



12th Grade – Alexis Knowles, Veterinary Assistant

Alexis' home school is Central Dauphin. She enjoys working with animals and spending time with family and friends. Alexis is the Vice President of FFA, a Student Ambassador, and a member of the DCTS Theatre program. She works at Waggin Tails Pet Camp and volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House. Alexis' future plan is to become a Veterinary Technician/Nurse.



Wolverine Bowling

On December 15, the Wolverine bowling squad finished in 4th place out of 40 teams at the Snow Roller Showdown in Lancaster. During the event, Mackenzie Dundore and Desiree Dent earned All-Star honors for their outstanding performances on the lanes. After round one, the Wolverines were in 5th place. In the quarterfinals, the Wolverines scored a come-from-behind upset victory over fourth seed Oley Valley. In the semifinal match, the Wolverines were barely outscored by first-seeded Elizabethtown. Congratulations Mackenzie Dundore, Desiree Dent, AJ Wolford, Brent Bieber, and Joey Kieffer for their outstanding performance!

On December 13, the Wolverines defeated the Crusaders of Bishop McDevitt two games to one. Improving their record to 11-4, the Wolverines sit only two games behind Central Dauphin for first place. Leading the way in scoring, Desiree Dent rolled a 223 and Brent Bieber bowled a 220.

In JV action, the Wolverines earned their first three point win of the season. Congratulations to Noah Chronister, Quintin Ross, and Brett Beatty for bowling games above their average!

On December 6, the Varsity Wolverines dominated the Panthers of East Pennsboro to win by almost 600 pins. A big shout out goes to AJ Wolford for a 256 — his best game of the season!

On the JV side, the Wolverines winning ways continued. The JV squad scored their first win of the season against Bishop McDevitt. Congratulations to Autumn Yingling and Harrison Sellers for rolling their best games of the season!



Thank you - Stanley Black & Decker

On November 27, Nick Damato from Stanley Black & Decker demonstrated the latest tools from DeWalt to the Construction Academy.



Announcements

DCTS BLOOD DRIVE

On December 17, the Health Careers and Medical Assistant students held a blood drive to benefit the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The drive was successful in collecting 31 pints of blood from 43 participants!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Do you need help with Academics? Are your grades not where you would like them to be? After School Tutoring is available.

Tuesdays & Thursdays in Room 2102

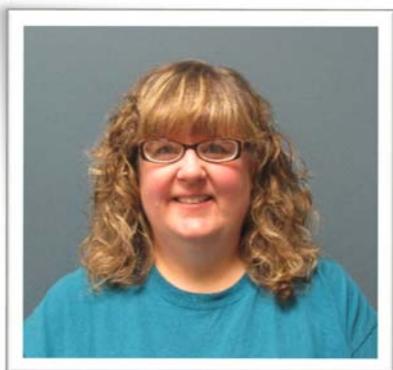
From 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

POWERSCHOOL PORTAL

To monitor your student's progress on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, check out Parent PowerSchool Portal on the dcts.org website under Student Resources.

CHANGE IN POSITION

Please welcome Paula Grumbling. Paula recently hung up her apron in the DCTS Cafeteria and joined the Para Educators. She is currently assisting students in Horticulture and Criminal Justice/Police Science.



SAVE THE DATE

- DCTS Education Foundation Talent Show – Feb. 1
- Spring Musical – Apr. 5-7
- NHS Induction – Mid April
- NTHS Induction – Mid April
- Spring Dinner & Silent Auction – Apr. 26
- Industry Partner Appreciation Banquet – May 16
- Senior Awards – May 23
- Graduation – June 5 (Farm Show Complex)

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION

On December 18, Collin Rullo spoke to the Middletown Area School Board about his experiences at Dauphin County Technical School, including the skills that he has learned, the opportunities that he has gained, and the positive impact that DCTS made on his life. Collin is a senior in the Carpentry program and a Student Ambassador. He represented DCTS along with Dr. Grimm and Mrs. Noll.



NO SCHOOL

- December 24 to January 1 (Winter Holiday)
- January 21 (Martin Luther King Day)
- February 18 (President's Day)
- March 1 (In-Service Day/Parent Conferences)
- April 12 (In-Service Day)
- April 18 to April 22 (Spring Holiday)
- May 1 (NOCTI – 12th grade only)
- May 27 (Memorial Day)

ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Take a look at the web site – www.dcts.org – adult education link – to get detailed information on the course offerings beginning in January 2019.

Do you or someone you know have an interest in HVAC-R? The Adult and Continuing Education evening program will be offering an HVAC-R course on Mondays and Wednesdays from February 25 – March 23 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The course will prepare you to take the EPA state exam to become a cfc/refrigerant handler. The cost is \$475 plus \$25 for the exam.

Call 717-652-3170 x 7437 for more information and/or to register.

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