



SUMMER 2018

Tools of the Trade

A Message from the Director



After an unusually cool spring, summer is finally upon us. Here at the Center for Career Services, we are taking a few moments to reflect on the school year that has just ended. To say that it was a successful one is really an understatement.

This year, we had more students passing industry exams than ever before, and their performance in competitions like HOSA-Future Health Professionals and SkillsUSA was definitely something to be proud of.

In fact, four of our students, two from the EMT Program, and two from the Veterinary Science Program, made it to the HOSA Nationals in Dallas last month, and while they didn't come back winners, the experience was a life-changing one for them.

The work that all of our students completed throughout the year and the lessons they learned are among our proudest moments. All of that is evident in the quarterly awards they received, in the way they stepped up to the plate to participate in various projects, the respect they showed their instructors and the camaraderie they developed with each other.

We are especially proud of the promotional video students in our TV/Video Production Program completed this past year titled, "The Key to Your Success." The premise for the video is that enrollment in any of our career and technical education programs can provide students with the key to their own success.

The students took the concept and creatively integrated it into a four-minute video that shows them passing along a large wooden key from one to the other. It also includes footage of the kinds of skills that each of them acquires on their two-year journey.

As is the case each year, our Recognition Ceremony at the County Center is the culmination of our students' and teachers' efforts. Without a dedicated staff and the cooperation of our partnering school districts, we would be unable to provide the kind of quality career and technical education that we have become known for.

We wish you all a restful summer and hope that the incoming seniors among you will be ready to take on the challenges that the next school year brings. We look forward to seeing everyone on campus in September.

Sincerely,

Dahlia A. Jackson
 Director, Southern Westchester BOCES
 Center for Career Services

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Graduates from the Nursing Assistant Program pictured with instructor Alyson Keane.

Career Services Center Celebrates Student Achievements with Recognition Ceremony



It was a proud moment for teachers and administrators at the Center for Career Services in Valhalla as 282 students marched across the Westchester County Center stage in White Plains June 14 to accept their certificates, evidence that they had successfully completed two years of career and technical education at the Center.

Prior to the three-hour ceremony, the students and their teachers gathered in a room off to the side of the main arena, taking celebratory photos, as well as getting last-minute instructions for the ceremony.

In her opening remarks, Center Director Dahlia Jackson cited the 168 technical endorsements that students in various programs had earned, as well as the successful completion of their CTE exams.

Salutatorian Darren Tripicchio, a graduate of the TV/Video Production Program and a senior at Harrison High School, credited teachers at the Center for playing a very important role in their achievements.

"It is now our turn to take that encouragement, along with the tools we have gained over the last two years at BOCES, and use it to shape our future," he said.

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Career Services Center Recognition Ceremony



The staff of the Center for Career Services pictured at the annual Recognition Ceremony.



The graduates are all smiles just before walking out on to the County Center stage.

Cosmetology grads pictured with instructor Laura Mirabel.

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Darren, along with other students in the TV/ Video Production Program, was responsible for making a special video titled, "The Key to Your Success," which was showcased on several large screens in the County Center.

Guest speaker John Mercurio, a 2013 graduate of the Security, Law and Policing Program, described his decision to attend the BOCES program as "taking a shot in the dark not knowing that this would be the best decision of my entire life and career." John, now a nurse at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, added that the real-life experience he gained from attending the BOCES program was invaluable.

He urged the graduates to be ambitious. "Anything is possible for you. There is no limit to how far you can go," he told them.

As is customary each year, the TV/Video Production Program debuted its signature video, "Student Voices," a compilation of clips from students in various programs who speak about their experiences at the Center.

The event included the presentation of various student awards, including the Recognition of Excellence Award from Looseleaf Law Publications, Inc. to Security, Law and Policing graduate Shania Louis.

The award was presented to Shania by the program's instructor, Ray Sulla.

Principal Jim Matera presented a number of other special awards to students from various programs. They included the following:

The Secondary Day Career and Technical Education Program Award, **Cydnei Adamson**, New Rochelle High School; Outstanding Student in the Introduction to Career and Technical Education Program, **Donald Fuentes-Rios**, Rye Neck High School; the Donald B. Barbieri Memorial Award, **Carla Chi**, Harrison High School; the De Paul Stallkamp Memorial Award, **Megan Brown**, White Plains High School; the John Harley Memorial Award, **Melissa Resendiz**, New Rochelle High School; the John Rembling Memorial Award, **Gregory Gaudio**, New Rochelle High School; the Ray Oddo Memorial Award, **Donald Fuentes-Rios**, Rye Neck High School; the Dr. Colleen Murray Scholarship Award, **Maya Guagnini**, Rye Neck High School; the Ruth Bullwinkel Memorial Award, **Julianna Portante**, Eastchester High School; the Stock Award for Culinary Excellence, **Aislynn Flores**, Sleepy Hollow High School; the Elaine Barsich Award, **Kobe Butler**, Alexander Hamilton High School, the Elmsford School District; the Margaret Antonecchia Memorial Award, **Bruce Avendano**, Woodlands High School, the Greenburgh School District; the Heath L. Linker Scholarship Award, **Angela DeFrancesco**, Westlake High School, the Mount Pleasant Central School District; the Dree Atkins Memorial Award, **Sophie Munoz**, Scarsdale High School; and the Ollie Clark Award, **Raul Velazquez**, New Rochelle High School.

Recognition Awards for "Best in Program" included the following:
Animal Science – **John Elkamp**, Scarsdale High School; Architecture & Interior Design – **Elizabeth Fuerte-Villa**, New Rochelle High School; Auto Body & Detailing –

Donald Fuentes-Rios, Rye Neck High School; Automotive Technology – **Olliver Rivera**, White Plains High School (Peter Schwartzott, instructor); Automotive Technology – **Emmanuel Gonzalez**, Port Chester High School (Scott Nelson, instructor); Automotive Trades & Maintenance – **Omar Lopez**, New Rochelle High School; Baking, Food & Retail Service – **Megan Brown**, White Plains High School; CISMAA – **Emily Jimenez**, Hastings High School; Collision Technology – **Joseph Guagliardi**, Blind Brook High School, the Rye School District; Commercial Art – **Cydnei Adamson**, New Rochelle High School; Construction/Plumbing – **Ian Spruck-Andrews**, Westlake High School, the Mount Pleasant School District; Cosmetology – **Fathima Roshan**, White Plains High School (Theresa Galitello, instructor); Cosmetology – **Amy Calandro**, Eastchester High School (Laura Mirabel, instructor); Culinary Arts – **Taneasha Odom-Perrineau**, New Rochelle High School; Electrical Construction – **Oscar Diaz Reyes** – Pleasantville High School; Emergency Medical Services – **Melissa Pizzol**, Sleepy Hollow High School; Fashion Design/Merchandising – **Anakere Barajas**, New Rochelle High School; General Maintenance Assistant – **Michael McMorrow**, Woodlands High School, the Greenburgh School District; Nursing Assistant – **Nargis Ahmed**, New Rochelle High School; Pre-Engineering – **Dajel Duggins**, New Rochelle High School; Office Skills & Occupations – **Matthew Kriegal**, Ardsley High School; Security, Law & Policing – **Shania Louis**, New Rochelle High School; Sound Production – **Floyd Fields**, New Rochelle High School; TV/Video Production – **Roman Danyluk**, Irvington High School.

Becoming a Veterinarian, a Dream of Animal Science Student



From a very young age, Juliette Suarez was crazy about animals. She remembers coming home from school as a kindergartener and then rushing to her living room to catch her favorite shows on the Animal Planet TV channel.

Today, Juliette is a junior at New Rochelle High School and a student in the BOCES Animal Science Program at the Center for Career Services.

It's clear that her love for animals is as passionate as ever.

In April, the 17-year-old competed in the state HOSA-Future Health Professionals (formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America) competition and came away with second place in the veterinary science category.

The purpose of HOSA is to develop leadership and technical skills in students who are studying the health fields.

Juliette, who was recently elected HOSA State President, a job that will require her to oversee an organization of about 200,000 members, said the BOCES program has been a life-changer for her.

"This program has made me love animals even more than I did before," said Juliette, who already has her eyes set on college and is hoping to attend either Stony Brook University or SUNY Delhi. Her ultimate goal, however, is to attend veterinary school.

Juliette knows it won't be easy. She already has a full academic schedule and she works part-time as a head waitress at the VIP Country Club in New Rochelle every weekend.

Despite the hectic schedule, she realizes that all the hard work will pay off one day.

She's grateful to animal science teacher Michael D'Abruzzo for his guidance and support.

"He is the best teacher," she said. "He is always very compassionate and caring."

Mr. D'Abruzzo said Juliette is following her passion and is determined to "be the best she can be for all the right reasons."

"She adores animals and has made it very clear to me through her words and actions that she is going to make a positive impact in this field during her lifetime," he added. "This is not the last time people will read about her accomplishments."



Juliette pictured with the class rabbit "Thumper."

Students Win First, Second Place Medals at HOSA Competition



There was smiles all round as students from the Animal Science and Emergency Medical Services programs returned to campus this past spring having secured one first and four second-place medals at the HOSA State Conference.

The following students received awards:

First Place, Emergency Medical Technician Exam: Gregory Gaudio and Montserrat Contreras of New Rochelle High School.

Second Place, Emergency Medical Technician Exam: Patrick Rosario of Rye Lake High School and Melissa Resendez of New Rochelle High School.

Second Place, First Aid/CPR: Rhyle McSpedon of Eastchester High School and Montserrat Contreras of New Rochelle High School.

Second Place, Animal Science: Juliette Suarez, New Rochelle High School.

Second Place, Medical Reading: Madelyn Espada, Woodlands High School, Greenburgh Central School District.



The contingent from BOCES pictured at the HOSA competition.

CENTER'S FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA REVEALS CHANGING TRENDS THROUGH THE DECADES



From the waist-curving corset dresses of the Edwardian Era to the splatter dresses of the 1990s and beyond, the Center for Career Services' Fashion Show, held May 24th, was not only a testament to the evolutionary fashion trends of the last century but also to the talent and creativity of current and past students of the Fashion Design/Merchandising Program.

The project, which occurs every second year, was organized by fashion teacher Carmen Galiano and included the collaborative efforts of students from several programs who completed a myriad of tasks to make the show a success.

They included setting up the stage, making the runway, creating the music selection for the show, designing the pamphlet, doing the models' hair and makeup, videotaping the event and baking delicious snacks for all to enjoy, including muffins, pastries and waffles covered with a maple syrup and bacon-flavored topping.

Students and teachers from all programs on campus filed into the conference room in Building D to watch the extravaganza, cheering and clapping as each fashion model strutted down the runway.

Social worker Eileen Yip, a former model, ran several modeling workshops prior to the event and was close by to offer her expertise.

In addition to creations from the current class, several former students also submitted their own designs. They included Yasmin Cisneros, Sharon Jiminez, Jonzu Jones, Juan Novoa and Osh Williams.

Students worked for months on their garments, including the design and the sewing.

"Fashion history is an important and required unit of study for all fashion students," explained Ms. Galiano. "It demonstrates how fashion is a reflection



Instructor Carmen Galiano, 2nd from left, pictured with the designers and alums of the fashion program.

of the time period and also its cyclical nature. By understanding these concepts, designers and merchandisers can better predict the fashions of the future and if or when to repeat any trends of the past. To be successful in fashion, timing is everything!"

On the following page are the names of the garments that were displayed and the students who designed them, as well as photos of the models as they took their final walk down the catwalk.

Center for Career Services Hosts Another Successful Car Show



Despite the unseasonably cool weather, the June 3 Car Show, which is now an annual tradition at the Center for Career Services, still attracted several diehard vintage car enthusiasts and others interested in learning more about this interesting hobby.

The competitive event, which is sponsored by the Rock 'n' Rods Car Club of Yonkers, included a number of older cars but some new ones, too.

Stu Becker was there with his 1953 Chevy, which he said was featured in the upcoming Martin Scorsese film "The Irishman." Mr. Becker is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and regularly rents out that car and other vintage vehicles as movie props.

Drawing a lot of attention was an airbrushed Suzuki 2001 motorcycle and a 2002 Chevy truck, also airbrushed. Both are owned by Junior Rivera, who was busily shining them before the competition.

A 1971 Nova, a Don Yenko tribute car in honor of the late racecar driver, was proudly being displayed by owner Bud Jones. The dark silver vehicle has a custom body and a beefed-up 350 horsepower engine thanks to Mr. Jones's efforts.

There were several "street rod" cars on display at the event, including a 1936 Ford Coupe, owned by Blaise Timpone. Such cars are often called "hot rods" and are typically old, classic American cars with large engines, which are then modified for today's roads. Mr. Timpone explained that he had replaced the original motor with a larger one, updated the suspension, renovated the interior and

installed power windows, among other updates.

A 1996 Corvette owned by Joseph Amedeo was also on display. Mr. Amedeo said his collector edition car is one of 244 made at the time.

Other vehicles entered into the competition included a 1961 Chevy Impala, a 1926 produce truck and a 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo, among others.

Several teachers, students and other staff volunteered for the daylong event. Students from the Cosmetology Program were on hand to do face painting and manicures, while others manned tables and helped serve food. Two students from the TV/Video Production Program captured the entire event.



Cosmetology students with instructor Yolanda Lopez, second from left, at the car show where they offered nail and face painting services.



One of the many cool-looking vintage cars on display at the annual Car Show.



Center Director Dahlia Jackson pictured with campus maintenance workers.



1910s

1900s Edwardian Period

- Corset dress by Yasmin Cisneros, Class of 2016
- Hourglass dress by Juan Novoa, Class of 2013

1910s Industrial Revolution by Dylan Ciriclio

- Men's tweed suit jacket, pant
- Fortuny Delphos gown

1920s: The Roaring 20s by Malaika Nasimok

- Black Flapper cowl dress
- 3-piece pinstripe menswear suit for women

1930s Hollywood Glamour by Jaquan Herring

- Beige satin halter dress
- Brown tweed vest, pant outfit

1940s World War II by Tyler Kersten

- Olive army dress
- Military beige shirt, pant outfit

1950s Happy Days

- Marilyn Monroe dress by Sharon Jimenez, Class of 2012
- Red prom dress by Anakaren Barajas
- Black denim James Dean 2-piece Moto outfit

1960s Mod Look

- Audrey Hepburn dress by Carrie Smith, Class of 2012
- Color-blocked "Twiggy" shift dress by Stephen Cunza and West Side Story linen shirt and shorts set

1970s Hippie to Disco

- Green tie dye maxi dress by Matthew Carrella and light denim leisure suit zip jacket and tie dye t-shirt
- Disco diva white dress by Jonzu Jones, Class of 2012
- Punk look styled outfit

1980s Yuppie Extravaganza

- Rapper look styled outfit
- Lavender power dress by John Smith and pinstripe linen Miami Vice suit

1990s Splatter group by Osh Williams, Class of 2012

- Black splatter dress
- Pink print color block outfit



1920s



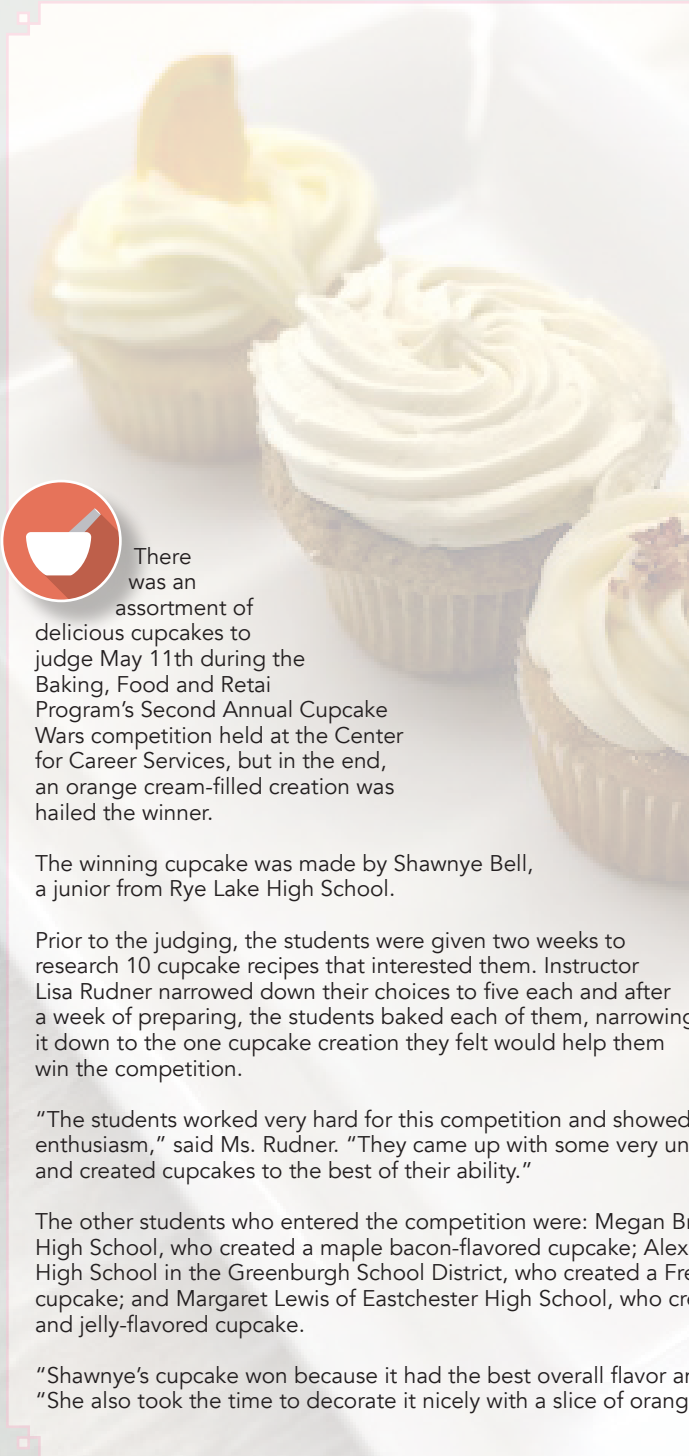
1950s



1980s

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BAKING PROGRAM HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL "CUPCAKE WARS"



There was an assortment of delicious cupcakes to judge May 11th during the Baking, Food and Retail Program's Second Annual Cupcake Wars competition held at the Center for Career Services, but in the end, an orange cream-filled creation was hailed the winner.

The winning cupcake was made by Shawnye Bell, a junior from Rye Lake High School.

Prior to the judging, the students were given two weeks to research 10 cupcake recipes that interested them. Instructor Lisa Rudner narrowed down their choices to five each and after a week of preparing, the students baked each of them, narrowing it down to the one cupcake creation they felt would help them win the competition.

"The students worked very hard for this competition and showed great enthusiasm," said Ms. Rudner. "They came up with some very unique flavors and created cupcakes to the best of their ability."

The other students who entered the competition were: Megan Brown of White Plains High School, who created a maple bacon-flavored cupcake; Alexis Johnson of Woodlands High School in the Greenburgh School District, who created a French toast streusel-flavored cupcake; and Margaret Lewis of Eastchester High School, who created a peanut butter and jelly-flavored cupcake.

"Shawnye's cupcake won because it had the best overall flavor and texture.," Ms. Rudner said. "She also took the time to decorate it nicely with a slice of orange on top."



Students who participated in the Bakery Program's Cupcake Wars competition, including winner Shawnye Bell, second from left.



Leonie Jones, a stylist at Twisted Bangz Salon in Eastchester, talks to students about careers in the beauty industry.

Center for Career Services Hosts First Annual Career Fair



Scores of students filed through the Building D conference room May 9 hoping to gain valuable insight into near-time job opportunities as well as

advice on future careers from employers participating in the Center for Career Services' first annual Career Fair.

The event was organized by Work-Based Learning Coordinator Evangelo Michas.

A number of tables were set up throughout the room, with representatives from 13 companies ready and available to answer students' questions.

Some of them included Able Health Care Service, Inc., Atlantic Bank, the Flik Hospitality Group, Mavis Discount Tires, Personal Touch Home Care, Roto-Rooter, Sam's Club, Securitas USA, ShopRite, Tedesco Auto Body, Inc. in New Rochelle, Twisted Bangz Salon in Eastchester and more.

Sheila McDougald-Davis, an occupational analyst in the New York State Department of Labor, said many students don't realize the depth of job and career-related information that the department provides, including opportunities in both the public and private sector.

Students huddled around her table asking various questions. She told them that there are many jobs available for pre-college students, positions that require only a high school diploma or GED. She urged them to

log on to the department's website to find further information.

Ms. McDougald-Davis, who frequently attends college job fairs, was particularly excited to showcase the many career opportunities available to the BOCES students.

"If we can get the word out earlier before they even step into college, that would be a great help," she said.

David Amthor, a training/hiring manager at Roto-Rooter in Mamaroneck, said he was interested in meeting students who are currently in plumbing/construction industry programs at the Center.

Qualified candidates who get jobs at Roto-Rooter are immediately enrolled in its 13-week paid training initiative, he explained.

The career opportunities that Roto-Rooter provides its employees are definitely worthwhile, he added, with many technicians making up to six figures a year.

Nelson Rivera of Securitas USA was busy handing out applications to several students from the Security, Law & Policing Program who were interested in working as security guards at locations throughout the tri-state area.

One student asked about the company's starting salaries. Mr. Rivera responded, "The more experience you have, the easier

it is to qualify for a job at a higher rate."

Many of the company's career opportunities are ideal for college students, he said. Jobs are available in Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Dutchess counties through the Securitas office in White Plains. Opportunities in the Bronx and Manhattan are processed through its New York City-based office, he said.

Several students were attracted to the Twisted Bangz Salon table where Leonie Jones, a hair designer/natural enthusiast, was braiding a mannequin's hair. Both she and salon owner Frank James Dibrino said that continuing education is important in the cosmetology industry.

"This is a very viable profession that has a lot of benefits and a lot of rewards," said Mr. Dibrino. "If you get into the right salon, you must take advantage of everything the industry has to offer."

John Castagnetti, a business partner in the Christopher Noland Salon & Beauty Spa in Greenwich, Conn., said the beauty business, like any other career, can be demanding.

"You have to be willing to learn and to work hard," he said.

Mr. Michas said he was pleased with the turnout. "The Career Fair was a huge success," he said. "And it was a great way for our students to network with local businesses and to secure employment."

Thirty-Five Students Inducted to National Technical Honor Society



It was an evening to celebrate as 35 students from various programs at the Center for Career Services were inducted to the National Technical Honor Society May 10.

Students were required to maintain an 88 percent average or better in their career and technical education classes throughout the year, have a 95 percent attendance rate and be involved in school and/or community service before they were given the chance to become members.

Earlier in the year, the students applied for membership to the NTHS, providing recommendations while also detailing the community service they had completed. A committee of teachers reviewed the applications and selected the final group.

This year's inductees included:

Westlake High School

Angela DeFrancesco, Cosmetology Program, Jacob Petfield, Automotive Technology Program, and Jake Buglione, Construction/Plumbing Program.

Pleasantville High School

Anthony DiGilio, Sound Production Program, and McKayla Mulvaney, Animal Science Program.

New Rochelle High School

Araceli Cortez, and Michelle Angulo, Animal

Science Program; Citlalli Ochoa, Architecture & Interior Design Program, Fatima Juarez, Kimberly Barajas and Truitte Askew, Nurse Assistant Program, Floyd Fields, Sound Production Program, Cydnei Adamson, Jada Joyner and Journee Rodgers, Commercial Art Program, Luis Rodriguez, Electrical Construction Program, Montserrat Contreras, Emergency Medical Services Program, Shania Louis, Security, Law & Policing Program.

Port Chester High School

Darien Rodriguez, Construction/Plumbing Program, Rhaven Black, Architecture/Interior Design Program, and Tania Rengifo, Animal Science Program.

Eastchester High School

Emily Calandro, Madison Jones, Nicolette Anello, Cosmetology Program, Jewel Nelson, Culinary Arts Program, and Robert Heinzinger, Construction/Plumbing Program.

Harrison High School

Francesca Forgione, Commercial Art Program.

Valhalla High School

Gianna Bencivengo, Pre-Engineering Program, Paul Ingrassia, Sound Production



Four of the 35 students who were inducted to the National Technical Honor Society pictured above just minutes before the ceremony.

Program, and Ximena Zarate, Culinary Arts Program.

Sleepy Hollow High School

Jasmine Pena, Cosmetology Program.

Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School, Elmsford School District

Megumi Imaizumi and Shyla Edwards, Animal Science Program.

White Plains High School

Raiza Farfan, Architecture/Interior Design Program,

Rye Neck High School

Sydney Bisceglia, Sound Production Program.

Students Receive Awards at Local Scholastic Achievement Dinner



On May 16, two students from the Center for Career Services were honored for their academic achievements during the 53rd Annual Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner.

The awards ceremony, sponsored by the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents, honors students each year from across the region.

The BOCES students, Elizabeth Fuerte-Villa from New Rochelle High School, a student in the Architecture and Interior Design Program, and Megumi Imaizumi of Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School, a student in the Animal Science Program, were among the scores of deserving high-schoolers to receive accolades.

Megumi had the honor of introducing the

guest speaker, Travis Allen, the president and founder of the iSchool Initiative. At the end of the speech, she received a standing ovation from the audience.

The LHSS represents 73 school districts and four BOCES in a region that includes Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties.

The late Dr. Carroll F. Johnson was superintendent of the White Plains School District for 15 years. He was also a senior consultant to the National School Boards Association and conducted over 150 searches for school superintendents across the country.

In 2004, the organization honored Dr. Johnson by renaming the scholastic achievement dinner in his name.



Megumi Imaizumi, left, and Elizabeth Fuerte-Villa pictured at the Carroll F. Johnson Achievement Dinner.

CARPENTRY STUDENT SHINES AT SKILLS USA COMPETITION



When Robert Heinzinger first considered attending the BOCES Construction/Plumbing Program at the Center for Career Services, he never thought he could win a silver medal in basic carpentry at the SkillsUSA competition in upstate New York two years later.

The SkillsUSA competition that Robert competed in was just one of many held during the spring to test students' skills in a variety of trades.

Robert's mother, Theresa, said he initially considered attending BOCES so he could fulfill his high school math requirements. Robert looked at the educational choices available to him at the Center and gravitated towards carpentry, which is taught by Richie Thomas.

"Out of all the options available to him, the one he swayed to the most was carpentry and plumbing," she recalled. Both she and her husband, owners of Lunde's Deli in Tuckahoe, are "very hands-on" and do many construction-related projects themselves. She said they were thrilled that he chose that particular BOCES program.

In Mr. Thomas' carpentry classroom, Robert, a senior at Eastchester High School, has been quick to learn. "He's very, very bright," said Mr. Thomas. "You tell him

how to do something the first time and he gets it done."

During the daylong competition, Robert was required to make a dog house from a blueprint. Over a period of several hours, Mr. Thomas said he measured and cut the wood, sanded it and then put it together to create the house, complete with a shingled roof. "He did a great job," said Mr. Thomas, who watched Robert as he diligently worked through the project.

Mrs. Heinzinger-Lunde is grateful for the experience that BOCES provided her son.

"In life, everything we learn is a stepping stone, like stones to building a strong foundation," she said. "Robert's journey through life will be very diversified with lots of different experiences," she added.

Mrs. Heinzinger-Lunde said that Robert always strives for perfection and is very humble. "Even though he won a silver medal, he actually says he should have done better." While others want Robert to be excited about his win, Mrs. Heinzinger-Lunde said, "That's not Robbie."

The family is thrilled, however, by his success. "To place second above all of the other students who were competing, I can't say enough about how incredible his win was," she said.



Robert Heinzinger pictured with the medal he earned at the SkillsUSA competition.

Students Learn from Field Trip to Award-Winning Sound Studio



Students from the Sound Production and TV/Video Production programs took a field trip to the Alchemy Post Sound Studios in Peekskill recently to experience what it's like to work in an Emmy Award-winning premiere Foley studio.

Legendary Foley artist Leslie Bloome, who is a member of the BOCES Craft Committee, and Foley mixer Ryan Collison were on hand to provide what Sound Production instructor Sean Harty described as a "thrilling experience for our students."

The BOCES group took a tour of the studio where technicians create the Foley or live sound effects that are put into videos and other media. Alchemy Post's clients include Netflix and HBO. Their credits include work in the television, film, documentary, video game and live events industries.

"It was incredible to see how focused the students were and all of the questions they asked," added Mr. Harty. "The engineers were impressed with their questions and what the students have learned so far and the students themselves were excited to get a hands-on view of the Foley process."

The term is named after sound-effects artist Jack Donovan Foley, who was famous for his development of everyday sound effects that are routinely added to films, videos and other media in post-production. Examples include the swishing of clothing, footsteps, squeaky doors and breaking glass.

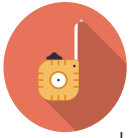
At the end of their visit, the students asked for tips and suggestions on how they could apply for internships as a way of getting into the industry.

"It was a great experience for the students and I can't wait for them to go back next year," Mr. Harty said.



Students from the Sound Production Program pictured at the Alchemy Sound Studio.

Students Collaborate on Creative Exit Project



For seniors graduating June 14, the chance to engage in a collaborative exit project that combines the skills they've

learned in the Cosmetology and Architecture & Interior Design/3D Art programs was an exciting prospect.

Pairs of students in both programs were given a make-believe budget of \$100,000 to create their dream beauty salons. The cosmetology students were expected to first create storyboards and/or mood boards visualizing their wishes for the salon and to include as many details as possible.

They were also required to complete a checklist provided by the instructors in both programs. Students had to answer questions pertaining to the type of business they wanted (a sole proprietorship or a

partnership), the name of the proposed business, its location, the types of services it might offer, how many stylist stations it might have and more.



Cosmetology students look over a mood board they created for the collaborative project.

Each salon design was required to have 10 chairs, a definitive color scheme for the walls and the floor, as well as furniture and equipment.

One student's mood board included images of an eyebrow waxing chair costing \$63.55, makeup drawers costing \$169.95, in addition to pictures of other types of furniture one might find in a salon, including sinks, massage tables, makeup chairs and reception area tables.

Students in the Architecture Program took the storyboards and mood boards that were created by the cosmetology students and created sophisticated designs using AutoCAD.

Instructor Christine Ireland said the project went very well despite the fact that this was the first year both programs had worked together on such a project.

Commercial Art Student Receives Honorable Mention in Art Contest



Sophie Munoz, a student in the Commercial Art Program and a senior at Scarsdale High School, was one of three students from the Hudson Valley region to receive an Honorable Mention in the fourth annual eSchoolData Login Page Art Contest.

Approximately 60 entries were received from students in schools throughout Rockland, Westchester and Putnam counties.

Separate contests were held in Suffolk and Nassau counties, as well as in western and northeastern New York.

This year's contest challenged students to illustrate how the principals and esthetics of art are incorporated into and reflected in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The winners were chosen by the company's

Twitter and Facebook followers.

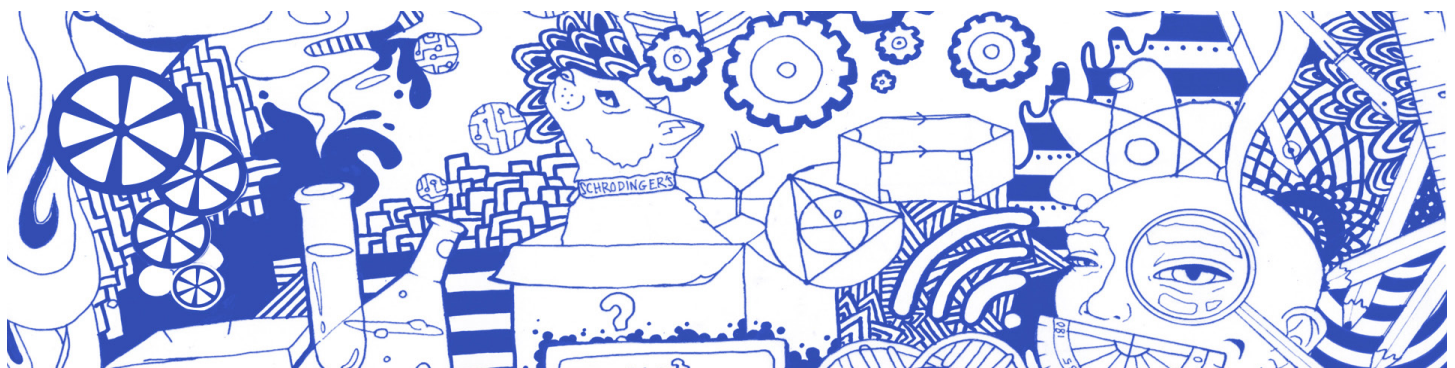
Sophie's entry illustrated a mixture of line drawing that depicted the various fields of science, technology, engineering and math, explained Damian Powers, the commercial art instructor.

"Sophie worked very hard on her illustration, and it obviously shows," he said. "Sophie is an extremely talented artist, designer and illustrator. I am incredibly proud to have had her in my class for the past two years."

eSchool Data, a student management system used by schools in New York State, Pennsylvania and Virginia, created the art contest as a unique way to give back to school districts and the surrounding community. It also adds to students' art portfolios, allowing them to claim publishing credit for their work when applying to college art programs.



Sophie Munoz pictured with her award-winning drawing.





Ashley Cermele-DiMatteo, sixth from right, pictured with cosmetology students during a return trip to the campus. Also in the photo is instructor Yolanda Lopez on the left in the front row.

COSMETOLOGY ALUM RETURNS TO THE CLASSROOM



What started out as an interest in makeup while she was a teen quickly turned into a deep passion for Ashley Cermele-DiMatteo when she enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at the Center for Career Services 14 years ago.

A 2006 graduate of the program, Ms. Cermele-DiMatteo is now a successful salon owner in her native Tuckahoe.

She returned to the classroom in May to talk to students about carving out a career for themselves in the beauty business and was accompanied by two of her staff, Gabriella Mancini and Ana Capriano.

"It was awesome to speak to the girls," she said. "They were interested and asked a lot of questions."

Her success since leaving BOCES is a combination of business savvy and hard work.

Determined to learn more, she enrolled in Make-up Designory, a Soho-based school that teaches the fundamentals of make-up artistry and prepares students for careers in fashion, entertainment and the retail cosmetic industry.

In addition to the New York State cosmetology license that she received when

she graduated from the BOCES program, Ms. Cermele-DiMatteo, a Tuckahoe High School graduate, was, after six months of study in the Manhattan School, armed with a make-up certification that allowed her to start her own freelance business.

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After working for various companies, she established Ashley Lauren Makeup Services, a beauty service that took her into clients' homes.

In 2016, she took the leap to open up a brick and mortar store located on Fisher Avenue in Tuckahoe. Ms. Cermele-DiMatteo describes her business, The Ashley Lauren Beauty Lounge, as a full-service hair salon and make-up studio. It attracts clients from all across Westchester.

In addition, she runs a bridal hair and make-up service from the salon and also

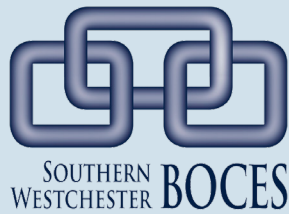
brings her services across the country. In the past, she and her team have traveled to Las Vegas, the Bahamas and other popular wedding destinations.

"I absolutely love what I do, and I couldn't dream of doing anything else besides this," said this 2017 Wunderkinds award-winner, an initiative from Westchester Magazine that honors the youngest, most successful professionals making a difference in Westchester's business community.

Both Ms. Cermele-DiMatteo and her salon staff have been recognized multiple times by the magazine. In 2014, she was named "Best Make-up Artist," in 2017, the salon won "Best Wedding Hair" and "Best Make-up" awards, and this year, the "Best Wedding Hair" award again.

Grateful for what a BOCES education provided her, Ms. Cermele-DiMatteo said she was thrilled to meet its current crop of students. She is also mindful of the difficulty that young grads experience in securing salon jobs. While she was there, she interviewed several of them, hiring two girls from the program.

Looking back on her time in the Cosmetology Program, she said, "BOCES gave me the fundamentals and the basics needed to grow in the beauty industry and I am very grateful for that."



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Center Staff Help Promote CTE Programs at White Plains ComicFest



Artists, collectors, gaming enthusiasts and representatives from the Center for Career Services

were among the many people to attend the Fourth Annual White Plains ComicFest May 12.

Principal Jim Matera and instructors Christine Ireland and Damian Powers set up a table in the Galleria shopping mall for the all-day festival celebrating all things pop culture.

The idea was to spread the word about the Center's many career and technical education programs for local high school students.

For the occasion, Mr. Matera dressed up as Batman, Ms. Ireland was the Batman character Poison Ivy, and Mr. Powers dressed up as Captain America.



Principal Jim Matera and instructors Christine Ireland and Damian Powers dress up in costume for the annual White Plains Comic Fest.

Students in the Cosmetology Program, accompanied by cosmetology instructors Theresa Galitello and Laura Mirabel, were on hand to paint the faces of children who stopped by the booth.

There were many activities taking place throughout the day, including video gaming tournaments,

digital animation workshops, the chance for participants to create their own comic strips and more.

Center for Career Services Recognizes Fourth Quarter Exemplary Students



The Center for Career Services rounded off a very successful school year with two special awards ceremonies June 7 to honor its "Students of the Fourth Quarter."

Thirty-eight students in both the morning and afternoon programs were chosen not only for their high grades but also for their persistence, their near-perfect attendance, positive attitude and work ethic, willingness to help others, and involvement in class.

The morning event took place in the dining room of Building I. Breakfast, which was prepared by students in the Culinary Arts Program, included eggs, bacon, rice, bagels and other treats. Several parents were in attendance, in addition to the students receiving the awards.

Before handing out the certificates, Darren Trippicchio of Harrison High School and a graduate of the TV/Video Production Program, provided an introduction to the video, "The Key to Your Success."

"This is something we worked on for the entire year," said Darren. "It incorporated every program on campus."

The students created the promotional video as an entry for the SkillsUSA competition. It highlighted the many programs available at the campus and how graduation from any one of them could provide the key to a student's success.

The Fourth Quarter winners included: Jeffrey Fernandes of Byram Hill High School; Tyler Kersten and Aaron Young of Dobbs

Ferry High School; Emily Calandro, Rhyle McSpedon and Jowel Nelson of Eastchester High School; Leslie Pizarro of Alexander Hamilton High School in the Elmsford Union Free School District; Adan Arroyo, Bruce Avendano and Kahmel Hill of Woodlands High School in the Greenburgh School District; Francesca



Students attending various morning CTE programs pictured after receiving their Fourth Quarter awards.

Forgione of Harrison High School; Imron Hatim and Michael Maguire of Hastings High School; Joe Reale of Mamaroneck High School; Jamari Burford and Dynastie Vassell of Mt. Vernon High School; Michelle Angulo, Truitte Askew, Alejandro Beccera, Marc Gonzalez, Haley-Lamont Taylor, Maria M. Hernandez, Jhenne Joseph, Shania Louis, Virginia Meuse, Tyler Montgomery, Taneesha Odom-Perrineau and Miguel Rainey of New Rochelle High School; Tania Morocho and Keenan Rios of Port Chester High School; Alyssa Rainaldi of Rye Neck High School; Sophie Munoz of Scarsdale High School; Noemi Ramos of Sleepy Hollow High School; Mike Goircelya and Paul Ingrassia of Valhalla High School; Fathima Roshan and Daniela Rosi of White Plains High School and D'Shawn Daniels of the Yonkers School District.