

# **Seacoast School of Technology Students Win State Awards**

## **DECA, FBLA, HOSA and SkillsUSA Members Attend Annual State Conferences and Conventions**

Early Spring has been a busy time at the Seacoast School of Technology as members of DECA, FBLA, HOSA and SkillsUSA attended their state Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) conferences and competitions. The Sheraton Tara in Nashua hosted the DECA State Career Development Conference and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Occupations Students of America Conference. The Center of New Hampshire in Manchester was the site of the FBLA event, while numerous sites around the state hosted the 2007 SkillsUSA competitions.

Sixteen SST students and their Marketing Education teacher/advisor Robert Bailey attended the DECA State Career Development Conference and won numerous awards and recognitions. Students winning statewide honors included seniors Anton Capria, Exeter and Lily Hayes, Epping. Mr. Capria took top honors statewide and was awarded three 1<sup>st</sup> Place Medals and three Certificates of Competency in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing event. Ms. Hayes placed 3<sup>rd</sup> statewide and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medal and two Certificates of Competency in this event. Mr. Capria is now eligible to represent New Hampshire at the International DECA Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida April 27 – May 2. SST Marketing Education II student Matt Coffey, Exeter, will also travel to Orlando to attend the Senior Leadership Development Workshop. A DECA 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medal and two Certificates of Competency in Quick Serve Restaurant Management were awarded to Matt Law, Sanborn. Certificates of Competency were awarded to Jessica Cain, Exeter, Apparel and Accessories; Ryan Higgins, Sanborn, Automotive Services Marketing; Candice Castro, Winnacunnet, Marketing Management; Eric Owens, Raymond, Business Services Marketing; Corrina Sawyer, Epping, Full Service Restaurant Management; and Renna Muhieddin, Winnacunnet, Sports and Entertainment Marketing. This year's DECA Conference brought together over 480 students from 20 New Hampshire High Schools. DECA is an Association of Marketing Education students that helps develop careers in Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship.

Three SST students took top honors in the annual SkillsUSA competitions held throughout the state. In Building Construction Technology, Christopher Bolduc, Exeter, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the state and also took top honors in the written exam. SST's Jason Martel, Exeter, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Jeff Belanger, Sanborn, finished 5<sup>th</sup>. The Automotive Technology competition saw two SST students honored. Senior Erik Woss, Exeter, was awarded the silver medal for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the state, while classmate Jeff Plue, Exeter, took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place bronze medal. In Culinary Arts, SST was awarded the top three honors in the Food & Beverage Service event. Cristina Barbaresi, Newmarket, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the state,

with classmates Jaime Field, Winnacunnet, and Janelle Jordan, Exeter, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. In the Baking event, Caitlin Johnson, Newmarket, took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors. In the Hot Foods competition, Cindi Cooke, Exeter, placed 6<sup>th</sup>, with Louise Long, Newmarket, placing 9<sup>th</sup>. SST's third first place winner was Andrew Tompkins from Winnacunnet. Andrew placed 1<sup>st</sup> statewide in the SkillsUSA Job Skills Demonstration event. In Job Interview, Caitlin Demers from Sanborn Regional placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and earned a silver medal. In Welding Technology, SST students Corey Sadler, Epping, and Michael Ordway, Epping placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively. Mr. Bolduc, Ms. Barbaresi, and Mr. Tompkins are now eligible to attend the SkillsUSA National Competition to be held in Kansas City, Missouri in June. SST SkillsUSA teacher/advisors are Robert Nienhouse and Gerry Sears, Automotive Service Technology, Jonathan Theberge, Welding, Ben Gerkin, Building Construction Technology and James Collins, Culinary Arts. SkillsUSA has embraced the slogan "Champions at Work" and is a national partnership of students, teachers, and industry professionals working together to ensure that America has a high performance workforce.

Eight Digital Communications students and SST teacher Kristine Groleau attended the FBLA Spring Leadership Conference in Manchester. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is an association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. Students taking home honors included Robert Nickerson and Carl Malm from Sanborn. Their Multimedia Presentation finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. In the Business Graphics event, SST Digital Communications student Angela Case, Exeter, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Jennifer Walstad, Great Bay eLearning Charter School, taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Twenty-two SST Health Sciences and Technologies students competed and celebrated with over 300 other students at the annual Health Occupations Students of America State Convention. Three SST students earned top honors in state. Jessica Lennon, Raymond, placed first in the Job Interview event and the team of Ashley Dolan, Sanborn, and Becky Putnam, Sanborn, took home first place medals in the Health Education Project competition. Other HOSA award winners included Melissa Bennet, Raymond, Speaking Skills, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Kalley Caputo, Epping, and Amy Deschambeault, Exeter, Career Health Display, 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Alyssa Buonopane, Epping and Jenn Cantu, Epping, Health Education Project, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Jessica Pelley, Exeter, Career Health Display, 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Bronwyn Sullivan, Exeter, Dental Terminology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Becky Toomire, Epping, Medical Terminology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; and Ellie Platte, Exeter, Medical Photography, 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Alyssa Buonopane, Epping, was elected to serve as the HOSA State Secretary for 2007-08. Current HOSA State Secretary Ellie Platte, Exeter, will be a candidate for National HOSA this summer and was also named the Outstanding HOSA Officer for 2006-07. Students placing in the top three statewide are now eligible to represent New Hampshire at the HOSA Nationals in Orlando, Florida in June. The HOSA advisor at SST is Health Sciences and Technologies teacher Linda Cutler. HOSA is a national student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.