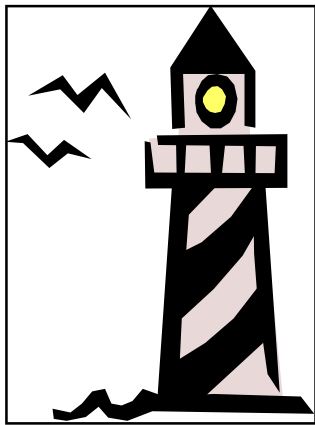

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Skills For A Lifetime

*Good Luck
To All
CTSO
Members
At State
Conferences*

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS ATTEND SST?

In February the students and staff at SST devoted a lot of time to Career Fair Days where we highlighted the programs and advantages SST offers to students. Over 800 students from the region visited SST to explore which programs they might choose to attend next year. And every year I am always reminded by the students and recent alumni who participate in these days of the outstanding accomplishments and perspectives of our students. The staff at SST is always heartened to see the impact that SST has had on our students – both in the short run and longer term. The SST students who represented their programs were impressive and spoke passionately about their accomplishments and demonstrated their competence as our visitors toured our programs.

They included: **David Cote, Tim Vincent, Steve Cote and Patrick Farrell from Auto Collision; Louis Burrows, Rick Germain, Devon Schoppmeyer and Anthony Chirichiello from Auto Tech; Stacy Miller, Ryan Keith, Heather Gilbert and Brittney Gibbemeyer from Animal & Plant Science; Lindsey Walsh, Matt Kramer, Gabe Sargeant and Ryan Oldfield from Biotechnology; Paul Lanouette, Mandy McCarthy, Jeff Cote and Ed Finn from Building Construction; Ryan Rouff, Mike Ficara, Tony Yang and Nick Stadig from Computers & Networking; Christina Hedglin, Nick Houghton, Josh Cirilo and Travis Gagnon from Computer Programming; Danielle Berube, Ashley Brindamour, Aaron Plouffe and Adam Blomeke from Culinary Arts; Angel Baillargeon, April Mansfield, Liz Sanford and Stephanie LeRoy from Early Childhood Education; Allison Bierschied, Thyme Catinchi and Susie Simpson from Health Sciences; Mike Jones, Katlynn Poulin, Josh Piotrowski and Eric Ewing from Marketing; Mike Chaisson, Trevor Kemp, John Rounds and Jason Cook from Welding.**

We were also pleased to welcome back several young alumni. They have taken their experiences at SST, used their portfolios and internships and implemented the career plans they developed at SST. One young alumna who graciously consented to give up two days of work to join SST Career Fair Days was Angela Yemma who attended SST from 1996-98, was the Outstanding Student in the Marketing Education program and DECA member and was an equally outstanding student at Winnacunnet High School. She was determined to go to college, but knew she would have to work at the same time to make it happen. She completed an Associates Degree program and last summer earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Today she is an Associate Buyer for Pier One and continues to advance her career. She is one of many examples of SST graduates who have gone to college, gained work experience and obtained lucrative and exciting jobs. Current students have the same opportunities – especially if they take advantage of all the opportunities at SST.

Nancy Pierce, Principal

SST INDUCTS 45 SENIORS INTO NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, January 31 forty-five students were inducted into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society (NVTHS). Many parents and family members attended the induction along with the SST first year students. NVTHS members have achieved a minimum academic average of 85 in their technical program at SST for six quarters, demonstrated a serious career interest, have demonstrated professional behavior at SST and home schools and have made significant contributions to the life of the school at SST. SST is proud to award the silver mantel this year to the following students: Auto Collision: David Cote, Matthew Verhelle, Timothy Vincent; Auto Technology: Graham Berry, Louis Burrows, Ben Burt, Brian Lynch; Animal & Plant Science: Ryan Keith, Zach Pawnell; Biotechnology: Nick Bauer, Mary Grace, Erica Sycz, Lindsay Walsh; Building Construction: Christopher Call, Paul Lanouette, Ben Sanderson; Computers and Networking: Joshua Bean, Stephen Kolacz, Ryan Rouff; Marketing Education: Shannon Booth, Marlena Cahill, Michael Jones, Jeff McGaw, Katlynn Poulin, Vicki Smith; Early Childhood Education: Angelique Baillargeon, Michele George, Jennifer Nickerson, Sherri Veinot; Culinary Arts: Sean Benson, Danielle Berube, Ashley Brindamour, Nathan Piercey, Melissa Shennett, Autumn Tangen; Welding & Power Mechanics: Matthew Jackson, Trevor Kemp, Matthew Lapointe, Jeremy Peterson; Health Sciences & Technologies: Allison Bierschied, Thyme Catinchi, Kelly Day, Karen Ibbitson, Karen Low, Meghan Merrill. All Honor Society members will wear the NVTHS silver sash at the SST Certificate Ceremony and graduations at their home schools. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES – HOW MANY HAS YOUR STUDENT ACHIEVED?

The SST faculty, in collaboration with their colleagues across the state, have developed as part of each curriculum a set of competencies or standards that each student in that program must achieve over the course of two years. At this time of year the teachers are evaluating student work and determining how many competencies students have passed. Half of the technical competencies are particular to each program. For example, Automotive Technology students are expected to pass competencies in Fundamentals, Brakes, Engine Performance and Repair, Electrical Systems, Steering and Suspension. In Marketing students must pass competencies in Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Communication, Professional Development, Distribution, Financing, Marketing, Product/Service Management and Selling.

In addition the SST staff has developed a set of core competencies that all students must complete – in all programs. This set of skills is important for success in college, workplace, family and life. Skills like decision-making and problem solving, self-management, communication, ability to work with others, information use, safety, career development, attendance, employability skills, ethical and legal responsibilities are included in this group. Below is a copy of the Core Competency Profile. Much of the work that students do in the Career and Technical Student Organizations like DECA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and Skills USA/VICA are opportunities for students to develop and practice those skills. We encourage all students to participate in these activities for that reason.

Teachers have been reviewing with your sons and daughters how many of these competencies they have achieved, which competencies they need to continue to develop, and which ones need special work and attention. All second year students will receive at the SST Certificate Ceremony on Monday, June 2nd, a Certificate for the successful completion of the program, his or her portfolio, as well as a list of these competencies and your student's achievement. We expect each student to complete at least 90% of these competencies by the end of two years in the program. Ask your daughter or son how many of these they have completed so far and encourage them to focus on their completion by the end of the year. These competencies certify the skills your son or daughter has learned and achieved and will be important for future success. Competency development is how we measure those skills. Make sure your child is skilled when he or she graduates!

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

- **DECA – 16 Marketing** students attended the NH DECA Conference in Nashua from March 5-7. They took tests in marketing and math skills and competed in various role-playing competitions. Students who placed first in the state will be eligible to represent NH at DECA Nationals in Orlando in April.
- **FFA – 34 Animal & Plant Science, Welding and Technology Careers** students will be attending the NH FFA Convention at North Conway April 10-12. Students will compete in events from Forestry to Floral Design to Job Interview and Public Speaking. Workshops and special programs honoring outstanding achievements and contributions to agriculture in NH will also be presented. FFA students will also compete in the Interscholastics on March 20th at UNH. State winners will attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY in November.

- **FCCLA/HERO – 22 Early Childhood Education** students will attend the NH FCCLA/HERO Convention in Bartlett, NH April 9-11. They are preparing for events that will enhance their job readiness and technical skills including: Illustrated Talk Focus on Children, Chapter Showcase, Storytelling, Job Interview, Career Investigation, Applied Technology, State Display and Problem Solving. State winners will attend nationals in Philadelphia in July.
- **HOSA – 26 Health Sciences & Technologies** students will attend the NH HOSA Convention at Mt. Ascutney, VT from April 2-4. State winners will attend the National HOSA Conference in June in Atlanta, GA.
- **Skills USA/VICA – 30 Automotive, Auto Collision, Building Construction, Culinary Arts, Welding and Computers & Networking** students will all compete this year at a variety of sites throughout NH on March 28-29. The awards ceremony will take place at Concord HS on April 5. State winners will attend the National VICA Convention in Kansas City, MO in June.

SCHOLARSHIPS – TIME TO APPLY IS NOW!!!

Lack of money or financial resources is no reason not to attend college! On January 10th Principal Nancy Pierce conducted a Scholarship Workshop for all seniors interested in attending college. She told the seniors that every year there are many opportunities for SST students to apply for and receive financial aid – but in order to be eligible students must apply! In order to qualify for most scholarships students must complete the FAFSA form (available at all Guidance Departments). Students should begin by completing the scholarship forms at the college they plan to attend. In addition, in each high school there are local scholarships awarded in June that are specially set aside for students who participate in technical programs, which include all SST programs. The applications for these scholarships must be completed immediately – Exeter and Winnacunnet’s are due **April 1**; others will be due later. Applications and further information are available at home school Guidance Offices. SST also has scholarships dedicated to its students. In order to be eligible students must submit their portfolios and a letter stating how they will use the money. Other details about the application are available in the SST office. SST Scholarship Applications are due on **April 16**. Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Bruno, Student Services Counselor are ready to help any student (and their parents) who need help with financial aid application forms.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday, June 2 – 5:30 p.m. – SST Certificate Ceremony
Coop Middle School – Thomas G. Meehan Auditorium - Stratham**

We want every senior and second-year program completer and his/her family to join us in this special day!

OTHER DATES

**Friday, March 21st – NO SCHOOL – SST In-Service Day
Friday, April 4th – 3rd quarter ends**