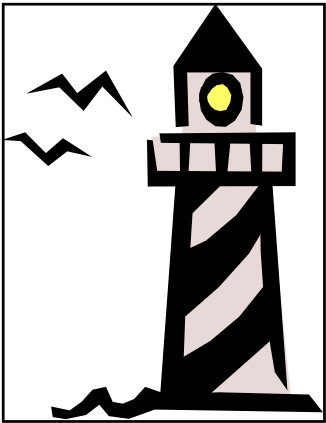

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SST 25TH YEAR GALA CELEBRATION

On May 5, 2005 at 6 pm the Seacoast School of Technology will celebrate its 25th year with a Gala Celebration at the Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket with a buffet dinner and special program commemorating its first 25 years. The buffet will be catered by the SST Culinary Arts students under the leadership of Jim Collins, SST Culinary Arts instructor. The cost of the dinner will be \$35 and the proceeds will benefit the SST Scholarship Fund. The Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT) founded the SST Scholarship Fund eight years ago and has supported many SST graduates as they pursued post-secondary educational goals. This gala seeks to enhance that fund to support many future graduates.

SST is welcoming all of its current parents and alumni who have graduated over the last 25 years to join in this gala celebration. In addition, all school, business, and community members of the six high schools that send students to SST – Epping, Exeter, Newmarket, Raymond, Sanborn Regional, and Winnacunnet Cooperative – are cordially invited to attend. Alumni and community members are encouraged to call or e-mail SST to be sent an invitation.

The program will include a brief history of SST over the years as well as its most recent developments and hopes for the future. Alumni and students will be part of the celebration along with some special awards for outstanding contributions to the school. SST looks forward to celebrating the many achievements of its students and school and sharing that with the community.

Nancy Pierce, Principal

To receive an invitation: e-mail bschrempf@sau16.org or call 603.775.8461

SST STUDENTS STAR DURING CAREER FAIR DAYS

Every year in February the students and staff at the Seacoast School of Technology devote a great deal of time to Career Fair Days where we highlight the programs and advantages SST offers for students in the region. About 1200 ninth and tenth grade students from the region visit SST to explore which programs they might choose to attend SST next year. And every year I am always reminded by the students who participate in these days of the outstanding accomplishments and perspectives of our students. As teachers and administrators at SST, we are heartened to see the impact that SST has had on our students – both in the short run and longer term. We are very proud of all our SST students. The SST students who represented their programs and talked about their accomplishments and demonstrated their competence were impressive in the many examples they provided to our visitors. They included: Elysia McGlashing, Lauren Page, Natalia Delong, Erin Trainor, Jackie Ferro, Michael Diamond, Animal & Plant Science; Alex Scott,

**25th Year Gala
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Thursday,
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6:00 p.m.
Rockingham
Ballroom**

Bryan Runcie, Steve Sicard, Alouny Phayamouk, Brandon MacNaughton, Vito Favalaro, Colin Sexton, Marcus Dube, Auto Collision; Liann Donnelly, Mark Thompson, Chris Whitaker, Fletcher Croteau, Tim Kelloway, Danielle Cressey, Amanda Gray, AJ Delisle, JW Gitschier, Automotive Technology; Amanda Arling, Tucker Noyes, Sara Twiss, Nathan Maltais, Dave D'Agostino, Danielle Gagnon, Biotechnology; Peter Bernaby, Jay Lennon, Steve Mayer, Matt McCarthy, Jon Baker, Heather Kranz, Building Construction; Justin Rush, Emily Gauthier, Mike Bennett, Andrew Charbonneau, Rachel Leonard, Ericka Guilmette, Cassie Stilson, Zach Winn, Ashlee Colville, Culinary Arts; Ed Thomas, Craig Iller, Robert Gagnier, Adam Barvenik, Pat Murphy, Chris Rolfs, Chris Gingras, Jeremy Docola, Computer Programming; Heather DeRoo, Kayla Puchlopek, Raychel Glover, Corey Crowley, Kayleigh Hill, Karla Grindstaff, Sabrah Mulcahy, Alyssa Desrosiers, Pat Veilleux, Early Childhood Education; Amanda Cook, Mike Petros, Ashley Clarke, Matt Slattery, Crystal Emery, Kevin Gagnon, Health Sciences; Steve Kysor, Leah Rice, Emily Richards, Lauralee Ellis, Amelia Littlefield, Betty Littlefield, Nicole Messina, Nicole Chase, Courtney Felch, Kristen Martel, Marketing; Andrew Clough, Aaron Archambault, Brian Flood, Brian Chaput, Josh Pawnell and Jeremy DeRoo, Welding.

SST INDUCTS 36 SENIORS INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, January 28 thirty six students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Many parents and family members attended the induction along with the SST MID session students. NTHS members have achieved a minimum academic average of 88 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: Roger Anderson, Alyssa Desrosiers, Crystal Emery, Jackie Ferro, Danielle Gagnon, Melissa Kimball, Nicole Messina, Steve Minnon, Epping HS; Jeffrey Champagne, Matt Deschambeault, Courtney Felch, Richard Gagnier, Christopher George, Ben Long, Kristen Martel, Tatum Raymond, Chris Rolfs, Ashley Veilleux, Angelina Visconte, Alyssa Young, Alicia Zani, Exeter HS; Stephanie Allard, Newmarket; Jessalyn Durgin, Chris Gingras, Hannah Gullickson, Stevie St. Hilaire, Raymond; Jeremy Docola, Brittany Estabrook, Amy Lightizer, Elizabeth Lightizer, Nicole Valliere, Sanborn Regional HS; Claire Antaya, Ashlee Colville, Stephen Daly, Mark Duly, Winnacunnet HS. All Honor Society members will wear the NTHS silver sash at the SST Certificate Ceremony and graduations at their home schools. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES – HAS YOUR STUDENT COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS?

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 competencies are technical, 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.

Much of the work that students do in the Career and Technical Student Organizations like DECA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and Skills USA 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 she or he has completed so far and encourage him or her 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!

AUTOMOTIVE AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUMMER INTERNSHIP SELECTIONS TO BE MADE THIS SPRING

Automotive Technology and Building Construction students are preparing their portfolios for interviews with employers in their fields. They hope to be selected as a paid summer intern for a local dealership or construction company. Six years ago SST joined the AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Services) program which sponsors and trains dealerships and students for successful summer internships in local dealerships. Dealerships select mentors to shepherd students to become technicians. Students work closely with these mentors during the summer to get experience in the automotive industry and get a leg up in their career. Four years ago Building Construction instructor Ben Gerkin and Career Advisor Marilyn Kellogg took the AYES program another step and cloned it for construction students to get the same experience in that field. The summer 2005 will be the third year for Building Construction students to work with a mentor and investigate the construction field. Automotive Technology and Building Construction students will be interviewed in March and April; students selected will attend training in April and May with their mentors and will begin work for their respective employers soon as school ends. Students selected gain experience and advantage for college selection.

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

- **DECA – 16 Marketing** students will attend the NH DECA Conference in Nashua from March 6-8. They will take tests in marketing and math skills and compete in various role-playing competitions. Students who place first in the state will be eligible to represent NH at DECA Nationals in Anaheim, CA in April.
- **FFA - 34 Animal & Plant Science, Welding and Technology Careers** students will be attending the NH FFA Convention at Bartlett, NH April. 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. FFA students will also compete in the Interscholastics on March 16 at UNH. State winners will attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October.
- **FCCLA - 20 Early Childhood Education** students will attend the NH FCCLA Convention in Bartlett, NH March 30-April 1. 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 San Diego, CA in July.
- **HOSA – 8 Health Sciences & Technologies** students will attend the NH HOSA Convention Nashua from March 30-April 1. State winners will attend the National HOSA Conference in June in Nashville, TN.

- **Skills USA/VICA – 30 Automotive, Auto Collision, Building Construction, Culinary Arts, and Welding** students will all compete this year at a variety of sites throughout NH on March 25-26. 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 7th, 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.

BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENTS TO MOUNT DNA EXHIBIT AT BOSTON SCIENCE MUSEUM

In April members of the 2004 and 2005 Biotechnology II classes will mount an exhibit at the Boston Museum of Science entitled “Genetically Modified Organisms and their Impact on Our World.” Thanks to funds contributed by the USDA, SST was able to purchase equipment and supplies to conduct experiments and gather data to mount this exhibit. Since the fall 2003 the Biotechnology II students have done transformations with jellyfish genes of bacteria, plants, cancer cells and C.elegans. Our Biotechnology students have conducted important experiments to be recognized by the Boston Museum of Science.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday, June 2 – 5:30 p.m. – SST Certificate Ceremony
Exeter High School Talbot Gymnasium**

We want every senior and second year program completer and his/her family to join us for this special day! No tickets are required. Bring the family and friends!

OTHER DATES

Friday, March 18th – NO SCHOOL – SST In-Service Day

Friday, April 1st – 3rd quarter ends