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*Skills
For A
Lifetime*

*3rd Quarter
Grades Close
March 31st*

*Good Luck To
All CTSO
Participants At
State
Conventions*

NEW PROGRAM OFFERED NEXT YEAR AS SST EXPANDS

SST is pleased to announce that another high-tech program will be added to the course offerings next year at SST – Pre-Engineering. Through the financial support of the New Hampshire Legislature, SST is offering Pre-Engineering to prepare students for the rigorous engineering courses they will face in college and also in response to the high demand for engineers. This dynamic program will be based on the national Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in these semester courses, beginning with Introduction to Engineering Design, and must be enrolled in college prep math courses every year in order to pursue this program. Pre-Engineering students will be eligible to earn college credits through Project Running Start.

When Exeter High School moves to its new site over the summer, SST will expand its operation and move some programs into the EHS science wing including Biotechnology and Technology Careers. Welding will also gain additional classroom space and a large meeting room will be able to accommodate larger group meetings. The summer will be a busy and exciting time as we expand and look forward to the future. For more information about Project Lead The Way, please go to the website www.pltw.org. If you would like information about our Pre-Engineering program, or any program offered at SST, please call 775-8461 or visit our website at SeacoastTech.com.

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2006 CAREER FAIR DAYS

Each February the students and staff at the Seacoast School of Technology spend a great deal of time preparing for Career Fair Days where we highlight the programs and advantages SST offers to students in the region. This year, SST welcomed over 1100 freshmen and sophomores from our six high schools to visit programs they might choose to attend next year. This is always a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to get a good feel of what it would be like to attend SST since all visitors attend classes and have an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of current SST students. Just as important is the role that SST students play during these days. Our students did most of the work to make these days successful whether they were making presentations in the gym, serving as guides or giving demonstrations in their classrooms.

The SST students who represented their programs and shared their accomplishments were impressive in the many examples they provided to our

visitors. They included: Jenny Long, Elysia McGlashing, Jenna Rivais, Kathryn Wood, Jessy Appiani, Shannon Bridges, Animal & Plant Science; Andrew DiPerri, Kyle Hoffman, Gunnar Leach, Doug Paiva, Liann Donnelly, Mia Lanouette, Chris Fowler, Dana Knowles, Amanda Serozynski, Erik Woss, Automotive Technologies; Sam Spence, Mike Sutherland, Alex Robles, Nikki Trautmann, Christine Coyne, Joe Wood, Biotechnology; John Stanton, Jay Lennon, Billy Thibeault, Scott McGee, Building Construction; Mike Bennett, Cat Demers, A.J. Dickens, Anson Loyd, Josh Estrada, Emily Gauthier, Justin Rush, Jaime Field, Amanda Quackenbush, Rob Wood, Patrick Markie, Andy Tompkins, Cindi Cooke, Shannon Bickel, Culinary Arts; Zach Carano, Evan Jones, Seth Polcari, Matt Babcock, Corey Moore, Chuck Traverse, Computer Programming; Adam Barvenik, John Crosier, Andrew Cross, Samantha Foreman, Scott Nelson, Colin Cotter, Brian Sprague, Lilly Hayes, Joey Noyes, Ed Thomas, Tim Ness, Yroark Lindsay, Jordan South, Digital Communications; Jessica Bernard, Kelsey Bird, Elise Morgan, Missy McElreavey, Sabrah Mulcahy, Emily Rowe, Archana Patel, Early Childhood Education; Jen Scruton, Becky Toomire, Becky Nichols, Amelia Hayes, Lauren Cicale, Erica Miller, Health Sciences; Entina Bounnavong, Brianna Giorgi, Matthew Law, Leah Rice, Kathryn Sarhanis, Matthew Coffey, Jessie Hett, Marketing Education; Chris Bennett, John Daniels, Nick Lawrence, Technology Careers; Tim Elkin, Jennie Holmes, Leah Morton, Jeff Nadeau, Michael Shepard, Ryan Hills, Jared Huddell, Brad Plunkett, Welding.

FFA CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE

On December 3rd, students from Animal and Plant Science, Welding Technologies and Technology Careers created a float for the annual Exeter Holiday Parade. Forty FFA members from the three classes incorporated many languages as they built a float based on the "Holidays Around the World" theme of the parade.

You will not want to miss this year's Seacoast Flower and Garden Show at the Whittemore Center in Durham. This year's theme is "A Summer Garden." Animal and Plant Science students will have a landscape display for all to see March 31-April 2.

Animal and Plant Science students will compete in the State Horse Judging event in the Seacoast area and travel to Bartlett, NH for the FFA State Convention in April. We wish them the best of luck.

SST INDUCTS 43 INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, January 27, forty-three 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 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: Andrew Clough, Emily Gauthier, John Grenier, Dylan Kenneson, Joseph Lonek, Amanda Menard, Miranda Murphy, Mary Prescott, Christopher Toomire, Epping; Amanda Arling, Michael Bennett, Chelsea Berube, Ben Brown, Robert Bumsted, Sarah Cranor, Kyle Crocker, Anthony J. Dickens, Brianna Fowler, Robert Gagnier, Ericka Guilmette, Joseph Kiesel, Isagani Kimball, Elizabeth Krah, Kelsey Lampman, Patrick Murphy, Rebecca Nichols, Zach Nickerson, Leah Rice, Kathryn Sarhanis, Kaitlyn Schena, Christian Whitaker, Carley Williams, Kelly Winget,

Michael Yergeau, Exeter; Ben Chesley, Kayla Puchlopek, Alexander Scott, Newmarket; Jonae Jones, Raymond, Christina Costos, Sara Twiss, Sanborn Regional; Ashley Clarke, Krystal Earle, Emily McComb, Winnacunnet. All Honor Society members will wear the NHTS silver sash at the SST Certificate Ceremony and graduations at their home schools. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

SCHOLARSHIPS – THE TIME TO APPLY IS NOW!

On January 6, Principal Nancy Pierce conducted a Scholarship Workshop for all seniors interested in attending college. Students learned that there are many opportunities for SST students to receive financial aid, but in order to be eligible students must apply! Most scholarships require that the FAFSA be completed. The FAFSA is available at SST, in all Guidance Departments and online. Students should begin by completing the scholarship forms at the college they plan to attend. Additionally, each high school has local scholarships that are 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 applications are due April 1; others will be due later. Applications and further information are available at home school Guidance Departments. SST also has scholarships dedicated to its students. In order to be eligible for these scholarships, students must submit their portfolios and a letter featuring the required elements. Students should obtain a scholarship information sheet in the SST office. SST Scholarship Applications are due April 18. Mrs. Pierce, Ms. Callahan and Mr. Bruno, Students Services Counselor, are ready to help any student or parent with financial aid or scholarship questions.

7TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE COLLEGE CONVENTION

On March 18, families from all over the state will gather at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester for the 7th annual Destination College Convention for high school juniors and parents. The day-long event provides workshops for parents and students featuring information about the college admission and financial aid process. The day includes a keynote address, raffles, scholarship awards, college fair and a luncheon. This event is free to the first 1,200 registrants. Go to www.destinationcollege.org to register today! SST encourages juniors and their parents to attend.

HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES UPDATE

During the end of the second quarter all HST students had the opportunity to participate in a career Job Shadow experience. Students completed their Job Shadow with enthusiasm and now have new insights into potential career fields. We are grateful to our local healthcare providers for helping the students grow.

The Health Sciences & Technologies students have been quite busy with a Community Service Project for ABC Quilts. Working together the classes have made 25 baby quilts that will be given to children who are ill or suffering the effects of parental drug and alcohol abuse. Many of the students had never sewn nor had any idea where to start and have done an incredible job of designing and making these quilts from scratch.

HST students are looking forward to and preparing for the NH HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Leadership Conference at the end of March. It promises to be a great experience for all involved.

DECA AND MARKETING STUDENTS

DECA is off to a flying start in 2006! One of their activities was the “Put Some Magic in a Child’s Life” magic show to benefit the Exeter Chamber of Commerce Children’s Fund. Over 150 people attended the event which took place at the Exeter Town Hall on Saturday, January 7. The show starred Steve Charette, a popular children’s magician from Worcester, Massachusetts. Organizing the event were Amanda Menard, Epping and Leah Rice and Kathryn Sarhanis, Exeter. Over \$850 was donated to Tracey McGrail, President of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, in support of the Children’s Fund. These DECA members will feature this event as they present their Civic Consciousness Project at the State DECA Career Development Conference in Nashua in March. Other DECA members will be competing in events such as Apparel and Accessories, Business Service Management, Full Serve Restaurant Management, Food Marketing and Marketing Management to name a few. Winners at the state level qualify to attend the International Career Development Conference in Dallas, Texas in April.

2006 SST APPLICATION DEADLINE

Parents of 10th grade students and 9th grade students interested in Biotechnology, Pre-Engineering and Technology Careers are reminded that this year’s SST Application Deadline is Friday, March 10th. Completed applications are to be returned to the student’s home school Guidance Office. For more information, contact Mr. Bruno at 775-8464 or sbruno@sau16.org.

COMPUTER GAME PROGRAMMING FOR GIRLS

On Friday, February 17, ten middle school girls took part in a night dedicated to computer game programming for girls at SST. Computer Programming teacher, Norm Messa, sparked this initiative to get girls involved in programming at younger ages. Girls in grades 6-9 from our sending schools were invited to participate in this exciting event. The girls were joined by Digital Communications teacher Kristine Groleau and three women graduate students who are pursuing computer science degrees at the University of New Hampshire. These women served as mentors to the girls. The girls enjoyed camaraderie, programming and pizza. This was just the first such night, according to Norm Messa, who is planning another similar event and is considering a game competition for girls this spring.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**SST Certificate Ceremony – Thursday June 1 or Thursday June 8
at 5:30 p.m. - Talbot Gym - Exeter High School**

The date will be firmed up once we get through the snowy months and all high schools set their graduation dates. 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!