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CONGRATULATIONS TO SST SENIORS !

The 23rd annual **SST Certificate Ceremony** will be held **Monday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas G. Meehan Auditorium at the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) in Stratham.** Seniors and all students who have completed their two-year program will be awarded SST Certificates and Senior Portfolios. All students, family members, relatives, and friends are encouraged to attend the ceremony where students will be awarded certificates of program completion along with a record of the technical and core competencies, grades, and special honors they have achieved while at SST.

Highlighting the Certificate Ceremony program will be a greeting from SST Governing Board Chairperson, Mr. Denis Joy, Superintendent of SAU #31, Newmarket School District, speeches from a number of SST seniors about their experiences as well as the presentation of the 2003 Outstanding Student Medals and Honor Pins. Various scholarships and awards will also be announced.

The dress for the Certificate Ceremony is semi-formal. Students participating in the ceremony are expected to be dressed in professional attire. Boys are expected to wear collared shirts, ties, and dress pants and shoes. Girls are encouraged to wear skirts or dresses to at least knee length. No t-shirts, jeans, sneakers, or hats, please.

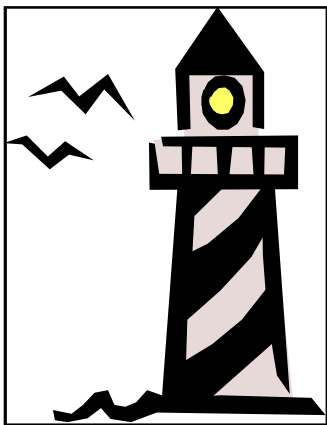
Guests should arrive by 5:15 p.m. and proceed directly to the Auditorium. Parking is available beside and behind CMS. No tickets are needed. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to sit in the sections behind the seats reserved for the students. A map to the Cooperative Middle School, Stratham, will be distributed to students.

Nancy Pierce, Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO DECA and HOSA STUDENTS!

Marketing Students attended their DECA State Conference March 5-7 in Nashua. The following students took home the honors: Nick Fontaine (Epping) placed 3rd overall in Food Marketing, Vicki Smith (Sanborn), medal in Food Marketing. Certificate of competency winners included: Nick Fontaine, Vicki Smith and Laurie Farnham (Exeter) in Food Marketing; Nicole Stockel (Raymond) in Apparel & Accessories Marketing; Katlynn Poulin (Exeter) in Business Service Marketing; Jillian Dancewicz (Raymond) in Retail Merchandising. The Quiz Bowl Team, comprised of Mike Jones (Epping), Shannon Booth, Katlynn Poulin, and Kyle Jennings (all of Exeter) finished 3rd.

Health Sciences & Technologies students attended the HOSA State Conference at Mt. Ascutney, VT on April 3-5. Because of a late snow storm the Conference ended early before all the competitions had been completed. The group is reconvening on May 6th at Concord HS to finish the competitions and distribute awards.



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FCCLA, FFA, & SkillsUSA MEMBERS ATTEND ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCES & COMPETITIONS

Early April was a busy time at SST as many students and teachers attended their state Career & Technical Student Organization conferences and competitions. Early Childhood Education students attended the Family, Career, and Community Leaders conference in Bartlett, NH, while The National FFA Organization event was in North Conway and hosted SST Animal & Plant Science, Welding & Power Mechanics, and Technology Careers students. The annual NH SkillsUSA/VICA competition was held at various sites around the state and included SST students from Automotive Service Technology, Auto Collision Technology, Building Construction Technology, Computer Networking, Culinary Arts, and Welding.

22 SST students attended the FCCLA Spring Conference and won numerous awards and recognitions. Lauren Frayne and Ashley Taylor from Exeter were elected as vice-presidents to serve at State FCCLA Officers for '03-'04. Patrick Veilleux (Raymond) was the FCCLA chapter voting delegate. Award winners included Alex Foote (Exeter), Bronze Medal, Storytelling; Melissa Haas (Sanborn), Anna Page (Raymond), Sarah Witham (Newmarket) Bronze Medal, Focus on Children; Krista Cormier (Newmarket), Bronze Medal, Career Investigation; Liz Sanford (Sanborn), Sarah Roesener (Winnacunnet), Silver Medal, Illustrated Talk; Stephanie LeRoy (Exeter), Trisha Stevens (Sanborn), Silver Medal, Applied Technology; Jessica Clauson (Raymond), Silver Medal, Early Childhood; Jenna Avery (Exeter), Lauren Frayne (Exeter), Ashley Taylor (Exeter), Silver Medal, Chapter Service; Angel Baillargeon (Exeter), April Mansfield (Raymond), Gold Medal, Chapter Showcase; Caitlin Dion, (Winnacunnet), Meghan White (Raymond), Gold Medal, Problem Solving; and Maggie Burke (Winnacunnet), Michele George (Exeter), JJ Nickerson (Winnacunnet), Gold Medal, State Display. The FCCLA Advisors for SST are Carla Ranks, Stacey Jordan, Janel Holmes, and Peg Hanson.

SST students in Automotive Technology, Auto Collision, Building Construction, Computer Networking, Culinary Arts, and Welding Technology held their SkillsUSA VICA competitions at a number of colleges and businesses throughout the state. At the SkillsUSA VICA Awards Ceremony held at Merrimack Valley High School, award winners announced included Christopher Call (Sanborn), 3rd, Carpentry; in Auto Collision Technology, Tim Vincent (Raymond), 1st; David Cote (Raymond), 2nd; Steven Cote (Raymond), 3rd; in Automotive Service Technology Brian Lynch (Epping), 3rd; in Computer Applications, Michael Ficara (Exeter), 2nd; in Industrial Electronics, Andrew Johnson (Newmarket), 3rd; in Welding Technology, Tim Adamovage (Exeter), 3rd; and Trevor Kemp (Exeter), 7th. The SST SkillsUSA VICA Advisors are Scott Jamieson, William Sauter, John Linville, Ben Gerkin, Lynn Durgin, and Paul Delnero.

A highlight of the NH FFA Convention in North Conway was the election of two SST graduates to statewide leadership positions. Melanie Sanborn, a 2002 graduate of Exeter High School and SST's Animal & Plant Science program, will lead FFA as its next President. Ms. Sanborn is currently attending the Thompson School at the University of New Hampshire. Joe Meallo, a classmate of Ms. Sanborn at Exeter and SST, was selected as the next FFA Treasurer/Secretary. Mr. Meallo is currently attending the University of New Hampshire.

FFA awards and honors included Colleen Long (Newmarket), Gold SAE; Erin McCarthy (Exeter), Bronze SAE; Lawrence Brandt (Exeter), Silver State Degree; Jeremy Peterson (Epping), Silver Proficiency in Sales & Service; Lawrence Brandt, Gold Proficiency in

Specialty Animals; Rachel Lang (Newmarket), Gold Proficiency in Sales & Service; Ryan Keith (Exeter) and Zach Pawnell (Newmarket), Silver Proficiency in Sales & Service; Ryan Keith, 4th Place, Dairy Foods. In FFA Creed Speaking, Rachel Lang, 1st, Stacy Miller (Newmarket), 2nd, and Coleen Long, 3rd. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Rachel Lang, 4th. In Dairy Showmanship, Melissa Copello (Sanborn), 1st and Ryan Keith, 2nd. In Junior Job Interview, Heather Gilbert (Exeter), 1st. In Senior Job Interview, Matt Lapointe (Exeter), 1st, and David Reinhold (Epping), 4th. In Impromptu Speaking, Lawrence Brandt, 2nd, Heather Gilbert, 3rd, and Stacy Miller, 4th. In Prepared Speech, Richard Murphy (Newmarket), took 3rd place.

The NH FFA team results featured a number of SST students. The SST Agricultural Mechanics team placed 3rd, with Jason Cook (Epping), finishing first, Chris Jacobson (Winnacunnet), 2nd, and David Reinhold 3rd in Ag. Mechanics Identification. In FFA Horse Judging, the SST team of Lawrence Brandt, Melissa Copello, Ryan Keith, and Megan Robinson (Raymond) finished 2nd in the state. Individually, Lawrence Brandt placed 3rd in the state. In Experienced Showmanship, Ryan Keith was 2nd, Lawrence Brandt, 3rd, and Melissa Copello, 4th. In Equine Management, Melissa Copello took top honors in the state, while Lawrence Brandt was 2nd and Candace Therrien (Winnacunnet) was 3rd. The SST FFA Sales & Service team placed 3rd in the state. Team members included Lawrence Brandt, Rachel Lang, Melissa Copello, and Ryan Keith.

The Small Animal Team placed fourth in the state. Team members included Vicki Chase (Winnacunnet), Jessica Nichols (Exeter), Coleen Long, and Brittney Gibbemeyer (Exeter). Individual winners were Vicki Chase in the Fish & Bird event and John Goodwin (Exeter), took top honors in the Rodent & Reptile category. FFA Advisors at SST are Anne DeMarco, John Linville, and Andy Andersen.

BIOTECHNOLOGY II STUDENTS EXPLORE COSTA RICA

Carolyn Kelley, the SST Biotechnology instructor, organized and led a trip to the Costa Rican rainforest of thirteen Biotechnology II students during April vacation. A special thanks to parents Rod Ricard and Amy Riley for chaperoning the trip. The group visited the Arenal Volcano National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest and Manuel Antonio. The students hiked the jungles, drove across the country and swam in the Pacific Ocean as they explored the ecology, endangered species, deforestation, pesticides, flora and fauna, culture diversity, economy, history, and geology of Costa Rica. They saw and heard the volcano erupting, swam in the heated rivers that flow from under the volcano, traversed through the canopy on zip lines, repelled down from tree tops, observed monkeys, sloth, birds, reptiles, and butterflies, snacked on live beetles, enjoyed local cuisine and danced the Salsa in the local discos. "Pura Vida!" (A Costa Rican saying for the good life). Students who participated: Jess Sadler, Liz Bousquet, Michael Yu, Erica Sycz, from Sanborn; Ariel Riley and Amanda Hopper, from Epping; Nick Bauer and Cassie Ricard, from Newmarket; Mary Grace from Raymond; Lindsey Walsh, Matt Kramer, Billy Kann, Jamie Ross, from Exeter.

REQUIRED SST EXAMS – SENIORS: May 28 and 29 UNDERCLASS: June 11 and 12

SST final exams are scheduled for May 28 and 29 for seniors and June 11 and 12 for underclass students. All students are required to be present at SST on those days. If students have a conflict, they must make arrangements with Mrs. Pierce or Mr. Bruno - IN ADVANCE. Students and parents are encouraged to read the last page of this newsletter which gives detailed information about SST exams. **Students who miss exams or who do NOT call prior to the exam will receive a "0;" final exams count 10% of the year's grade.**

**PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: SST REOPENS ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

It is hard to imagine that we have even begun to think about the fall and returning to school before we have even enjoyed summer vacation – but here it is! **We expect all students to return to SST on Wednesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 28** for orientation and meeting all the new people. Our students have gotten off to strong starts as a result of the orientation. **Note: Epping and Winnacunnet districts will not begin classes until after Labor Day – however, these districts require their SST students to attend the SST Orientation Days and will provide buses. Exeter HS students, grades 10-12, start school on August 28th, but are required to attend their SST class on Wednesday, August 27th.** Thank you for helping your students get off to a good start on the first day of SST classes!

TECHNOLOGY CAREERS STUDENTS LEAD SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

Mr. Ron Axelrod, a National Speaker from the Community of Caring, visited SST on April 29 to support Technology Careers students, instructor Mr. Andersen and Career Advisor Mrs. Kellogg as they learned about leadership skills and looked for a service learning project to lead. As part of the process, they examined the SST community to see what values are important to our school. The Technology Careers students listed the following as SST Values:

Opportunity to pursue interests	Diversity
Great fun experiences	Independence
Individuality	Fun while learning
Helping students succeed	Leadership
Safety	Kindness
Helpfulness	Happiness
Respect	Trust
Caring	Loyalty
Responsibility	

When the students were asked to choose the three most important values, they chose: **Respect, Individuality and Leadership.** This workshop will provide much conversation at SST in the weeks and months to come as we seek to have all students experience the values listed above. Thank you for the outstanding work of the Technology Careers classes!

Public Notice

The Seacoast School of Technology (SST) Governing Board is currently seeking comments from parents and the general public with regard to the vocational programs offered at SST. The solicitation of comments is being done as a part of the Carl D. Perkins' Vocational and Applied Technology Amendments of 1998 (PL 105-332). Information from public comment will be used as part of an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of vocational programs in the region. Individuals interested in commenting on the programs should do so by completing the survey or by sending a letter to:

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