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Skills For A Lifetime

*Certificate
Ceremony
June 3rd
5:30 p.m.
Winnacunnet
High School
Hampton, NH*

CONGRATULATIONS TO SST SENIORS!

The 24th annual SST Certificate Ceremony will be held Thursday, June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Winnacunnet High School Auditorium in Hampton. 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 to support the outstanding accomplishments of their students. 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, Dr. James Weiss, Superintendent of SAU #17, Sanborn Regional School District, speeches from a number of SST seniors about their experiences as well as the presentation of the 2004 Outstanding Student Medals and Honor Pins. The recipients of Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT), Exeter Rotary, Exeter Lions Club, Exeter Masons, Wright Start Scholarships, Exeter Junior Women's Club, Exeter Woman's Club, and the Brian Robshaw Memorial 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 WHS. No tickets are needed. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to sit in the sections behind the seats reserved for the students. Directions to Winnacunnet High School, Hampton were enclosed with the Certificate Ceremony invitation and will be distributed to students.

REQUIRED SST EXAMS – SENIORS: June 1 and 2 UNDERCLASS: June 10 and 11

SST final exams are scheduled for June 1 and 2 for seniors and June 10 and 11 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.**

SST INDUCTS 36 SENIORS INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, January 30 thirty-six students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Many parents and family members attended the induction along with the SST first year students. NTHS 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: Paige Barosky, Nicole Friling, John Goodwin, Coleen Long, Erin McCarthy, Jessica Nichols, from Animal & Plant Science; William Grygutis, Ryan Mayo, Christopher Winde, from Auto Collision; Anthony Chirichiello, Jonathan Heath, Christopher Jackson, Devon Schoppmeyer, from Automotive Technology; Rachael Ainsworth, Amanda Boyle, Christopher Cotter, Christina Gilbert, Elizabeth Hotaling, Amanda Marshall, James Meade, and Jennifer Pine, Biotechnology; Joshua Bennett, Christopher Polk, Matthew Sullivan, Marie Wright, Building Construction; Verne Rawson, from Culinary Arts; Michael Perreault, from Computers & Networking; Craig Hoffses, Travis Gagnon, from Computer Programming; Elizabeth Sanford, Ashley Taylor, from Early Childhood Education; Noel Cooke, Robin Janzegers, from Health Science & Technologies; Jesse Spence, from Marketing Education; Eric Paul, from Welding & Power Mechanics. 2003 members include: Jeremy Peterson and Matthew Jackson from Welding.

STUDENTS EVALUATED ON PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

Each SST teacher uses as part of his/her curriculum a set of competencies or standards that each student in that program must achieve over the course of two years. These competencies reflect industry-standards and were developed by teachers from across the state and adopted state-wide. These competencies ensure that each career and technical program is of the highest quality. 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 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.

Teachers have been reviewing your sons and daughters' performance this year and how many of these competencies they have achieved and which ones need special work and attention. On June 3rd at the Certificate Ceremony all second year students will receive a Certificate for the successful completion of the program, his or her portfolio, as well as a competency list and his/her achievement. Each student is expected 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 97 SST STUDENTS!

97 SST students competed and participated in a variety of Career and Technical Student Organization activities this spring. The SST staff is very pleased and proud of how they represented SST this year. We are proud to announce Erin McCarthy (Exeter) from Animal & Plant Science was elected Treasurer for the NH FFA 2004-05 Leadership Team. Outgoing NH CTSO Officers include: FCCLA: Lauren Frayne (Exeter) and Ashley Taylor (Exeter), from Early Childhood Education; FFA: Melanie Sanborn (Exeter) and Joe Meallo (Exeter) from Animal & Plant Science. Melanie will be applying to be a National FFA Officer in October.

DECA Highlights (Marketing Education): At the DECA State Conference in Nashua March 3-5, Nicole Messina placed 2nd overall in Apparel & Accessories Management and Nicole Chase placed 3rd in Full Serve Restaurant Management. They just returned from the National DECA Conference in Nashville, TN where they represented NH. Jessica Teza and Kristen Martel are attending the "Leadership Training Institute" to bring new skills back to their SST DECA Chapter. Receiving for certificates of competence in general knowledge and role plays were: Jill Dancewicz, Kristen Martel, Jesse Spence, Jessica Teza, and Chrissy Vignola.

Skills USA/VICA Highlights (Building Construction, Automotive Technology, Auto Collision, Computers & Networking, Culinary Arts, Welding): 13 students participated in competitions in a variety of trades held at three sites – NHCTC-Pease, NHCTC-Nashua, and Southern NH University, Manchester on March 27 and 28: Will Gyrgutis (Sanborn) and Jon Heath (Newmarket) brought home the gold medals in Auto Collision and Automotive Technology, respectively. They will represent SST and New Hampshire at the SkillsUSA/VICA National Conference in Kansas City, MO in June. Also earning medals were: Josh Bennett (Exeter) in Building Construction; Chris Winde (Exeter) in Auto Collision; and Pat Costa (Exeter) in Automotive Technology. Jonathan Heath and Kerc Bennett will also represent SST in the Ford/AAA competition in Loudon on May 5.

HOSA Highlights (Health Sciences & Technologies): The following students were honored at the NH HOSA Conference at Mt. Ascutney, VT on April 7-9: Sports Medicine, Daniel Gay (Exeter), 1st; Health Care Concepts, Joe Boyer (Raymond), 3rd; Prepared Speech, Amanda Page (Winnacunnet), 4th; First Aid & Rescue Breathing, Kevin Gagnon (Exeter) 5th; and Career Health Display, Kristen Merry (Epping) and Jessica Bonoyer (Raymond), 5th will represent NH at the National HOSA Conference in June in Orlando, FL.

FCCLA Highlights (Early Childhood Education): 21 students attended Spring Conference at the Grand Summit in Bartlett from 4/9-11. The following students earned gold medals: for Chapter Display, Patrick Veilleux (Raymond), Lindsay McDougall (Sanborn), Tekara Stevens (Exeter); for Chapter Service, Nicole Baillargeon (Exeter), Alyssa Hathaway (Epping), Nicole Richard (Raymond); for Chapter Showcase, Angelina Visconte (Exeter), Kate Mottram (Epping), Jenna Avery (Exeter). The following earned silver medals: for Focus on Children, Richard Gagnier (Exeter), Kara Hutchinson (Epping); for Connection Team

Reporting, Ashley Veilleux (Exeter). The Chapter was also recognized as the Outstanding NH Chapter will represent NH at the National FCCLA Conference in July in Chicago, IL.

FFA Highlights (Animal & Plant Science, Technology Careers, Welding & Power Mechanics): 40 students represented SST at the State Conference in Bartlett April 10-12. The following juniors were awarded medals for their Supervised Agricultural Experiences: Gold- Jessalyn Durgin (Raymond); Silver- Amanda O'Brien (Exeter); Bronze- Amy Lightizer (Sanborn), Cassie Richardson (Exeter), Jackie Ferro (Epping). The following seniors were awarded Gold medals for Senior Proficiencies and will represent NH at FFA Nationals in Louisville, KY in October: Paige Barosky (Exeter), Jeremy Peterson (Epping), Christa Parker (Raymond), Coleen Long (Newmarket). Nicole Friling and Erin McCarthy were awarded Silver medals. The Horse Judging Team placed first and will also represent NH at Nationals and the Big E: Paige Barosky (Individual 1st in Management and Showmanship), Jessalyn Durgin (3rd in Showmanship), Nicole Friling (2nd in Management, 4th in Showmanship), and Alyssa Mazzetta (Exeter). Corey Jackson (Sanborn) was 2nd in Showmanship. The Sales and Service team of Jeremy Peterson (1st Individual), John Goodwin (Exeter 4th), Coleen Long, and Jessalyn Durgin won the 2nd place medal. Vicki Chase (Winnacunnet) designed the winning t-shirt to be used by NH at the Nationals.

NH Science & Engineering Expo: Biotechnology Students will be competing at the first Expo on May 24 at Southern NH University. Students will be presenting original science experiments. Biotechnology III students, Nick Bauer (Newmarket), Matt Kramer (Exeter), and Lindsey Walsh (Exeter) presented the work they accomplished during their summer internships in January. Erica Sycz (Sanborn) will present hers later in May. Nick, Matt, and Erica all worked with UNH Science professors doing research while Lindsey interned at the Raymond Veterinary Practice as she explored her goal to be a surgeon. All Biotech students are enjoying the use of a new fluorescent microscope with their work for the Boston Science Museum and Aquarium, thanks to the recently awarded USDA grant, written by instructor Carolyn Kelley. Twelve students participated in the research field trip to the Bermuda Biological Station during spring vacation: Tabitha Record and Katelyn Carano (Epping), Jen Pine, Steve Shannon, Amanda Boyle and Christina Gilbert (Exeter), Steve O'Brien (Newmarket), Jon Gately (Raymond), and Rachael Ainsworth, Chris Cotter, Lauren Clark and Amanda Marshall (Winnacunnet). They researched marine life and enjoyed snorkeling, spelunking, and collecting samples.

FACULTY WORKSHOPS

Auto Collision: Auto Collision instructor Jim Levesque organized a SEM Product workshop for local Auto Body technicians and SST Auto Collision and Technology students on March 23. The event was sponsored by Robbins Auto Body. This training presented new SEM products and demonstrated how to use them most effectively.

Biotechnology: Biotechnology instructor Carolyn Kelley presented a workshop, "Forensics: History, Case Studies, & Classroom Activities" at the 9th Annual Symposium on Biotechnology Education at the Museum of Science on March 29. She shared some of the activities she does with SST Biotechnology students.

Health Sciences & Technologies: Linda Cutler, Health Sciences Instructor, organized the Health Science Career Panel and Workshop on January 15 at NHCTC – Pease. The workshop was designed for Guidance Counselors to learn more about the career opportunities in the health field.

Computer Programming: Norman Messa, Computer Programming instructor, created a Distance Learning Introduction to Computer Science class last summer in the SPDC Summer Institute. The course was offered second semester, but did not have enough students. SST will be considering how to offer this course again in the future that will meet more student needs.

SST WILL HOST SANBORN HONOR DINNER

For the first time, the SST Culinary Program will host the Sanborn Regional High School Honors Dinner, which honors the top 13 students in the Graduating Class of 2004. Each honor student is invited to bring his/her family and a person who has made the greatest contribution to their education. This year three Sanborn students are also SST students. Each of them has decided to invite an SST teacher as the person who has most influenced them. The students are: Erica Sycz and Jessica Sadler, from Biotechnology, and Robin Janzegers, from Health Sciences. They have invited SST instructors Carolyn Kelley, Biotechnology; Lisa Forberg, Biotechnology English; and Linda Cutler, Health Sciences, respectively. Congratulations to our outstanding students and teachers! Culinary Arts instructor Jim Collins and his students will be preparing their finest meal to demonstrate their talents to our guests from Sanborn.

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: SST REOPENS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30

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 Monday, August 30 through Thursday, September 2** for orientation and meeting all the new people. Our students have gotten off to strong starts as a result of the orientation. Note that Raymond, Sanborn and Winnacunnet districts will not begin classes until after that day – however, these districts require their SST students to attend the SST Orientation Days and will provide buses. Students who are absent will make up the orientation when they return. So get your students off to a good start on the first day of SST 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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