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SkillsUSA PA District 5 Competition

On January 16, 2023, most of District 5 SkillsUSA competitions were held at Cumberland Perry CTC and Carlisle High School. Over 50 students from the Lebanon County CTC competed at five different locations on four different days to complete this year's district competition.

The gold winners from districts will be competing at the Pennsylvania SkillsUSA State Conference held at the Hershey Lodge on April 13, 2023. Congratulations to all those students that competed and to the instructors for their support and coaching throughout this competition. Thank you to the administration for their support and to the chaperones that day, Kelly Flowers and Theresa Tobias, School Counselors, Meghan Weaber, Special Education Facilitator, and Dan Giffin, Network Technology Instructor. Also, to Joshua Kleinfelter, Diesel Truck Technology Instructor, for taking your student to York for the competition. A big thank you to advisors Ryan Gerz and Brian Peffley. We could not have done it without them.

The Winners are...

Gold Medalists

Good luck at States!!



Silver Medalists



Bronze Medalists



To All the Competitors - Way to go!

Educational Insights - Advocate

When you hear the word “Advocate” do you think of a knowledgeable person who has support from a wealthy organization? They may contact politicians in hopes of persuading them. When it comes to education, the best advocate might be you!

Advocating means speaking up about your concerns. Many successful students have had someone advocate on their behalf. This is often a parent or family member. If you wish to advocate on behalf of a child, know that it is okay to speak up. Consider writing down your thoughts, then start by speaking to someone you trust. Our teachers are here to help! If you are not ready to speak with a teacher, you could also reach out to a counselor, Learning Facilitator, or an administrator. Ask as many questions as needed and have your contact help create a plan to support the child.

You can advocate for yourself too! Learning to be your own best advocate can take a little time, but it will make a big difference in your life. Advocating for yourself will help people better understand you and give you more control over choices in your life. Advocating for yourself is a skill you can use all your life. Remember though, you must give respect to get respect. Be honest with the other person and open to hearing what they share.

submitted by Janet Garchinsky, Ed.D.



2023 PA SkillsUSA District 5 Contest Results

STUDENT	CONTEST	HS	PROGRAM
1st place gold medalists are:			
Landon Bixler	Industrial Motor Control	PA	Electro-Mechanical Technology
Morgan Courville	Esthetics	PA	Cosmetology
Sydnee Huffman	Esthetics	NL	Cosmetology
Chase Layser	Small Engines	EL	Diesel Truck Technology
Stephanie Merkel	Commercial Baking	Adult	Pastry Arts
Michael Noecker	Computer Programming	CL	Network Technology
Daykiece Sheppard	Job Skill Demonstration Open	CL	Dental Assistant
Cameron Weaber	Automotive Service Technology	AC	Automotive Technology
2nd place silver medalists are:			
Alec Brickley	CNC Milling Specialist	AC	Precision Machining Technology
Kaya Camasta	Cake Decorating	CL	Pastry Arts
Liberty Garis	Graphic Communications	CL	Commercial Art & Design
Rose Gonzalez	Culinary Arts	LH	Culinary Arts
Jairimey Gundrum	Automotive Refinishing Technology	NL	Auto Body Technology
Alondra Matos Vazquez	Cosmetology	LH	Cosmetology
Kodee Miller	Action Skills	PA	Law Enforcement & Security
Aidan Moyer	Masonry	NL	Masonry
Miranda Nace	Criminal Justice	AC	Law Enforcement & Security
Alexander Santiago	HVACR	Adult	Plumbing, Heating, AC
Brooke Shutter	Cake Decorating	CL	Pastry Arts
Paige Smith	Commercial Baking	LH	Pastry Arts
Joseph Wilder	Collision Damage Appraisal	PA	Auto Body Technology
3rd place bronze medalists are:			
Stacey Bean	Dental Assisting	EL	Dental Assistant
Zoey Conzelmann	Nail Care	EL	Cosmetology
Benjamin Grier	Electronics Technology	EL	Electro-Mechanical Technology
Brian Hill	Mechatronics	NL	Electro-Mechanical Technology
Connor Horning	Information Technology Service	AC	Network Technology
Emily Miller	Mechatronics	EL	Electro-Mechanical Technology
Olivia Troutman	Nail Care	PA	Cosmetology

The CTC congratulates all of the competitors and wishes them well at States!
The gold medalists will advance to the 2023 SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Championships.

Competition Results from the PA Farm Show

At the 2023 PA Farm Show, the Landscape Technology program's students participated in landscape design, log splitter, miniature landscape design, floral design, and door decoration competitions.

LCCTC FFA was awarded third place for their landscape design. The whole chapter participated in executing the design, building materials, and then finalizing the design at the PA Farm Show. This ten foot by fifteen foot display contained a handmade raised bed by Joshua Maull (ELCO), a wooden wagon created by Jacob Moore (ELCO), and other details organized by Bradly Wienand (Lebanon), Joel Snyder (Northern Lebanon), and James Boltz (ELCO).

Isaiah Huffman (Palmyra) and Jacob Nicely (Palmyra), from the LCCTC FFA Chapter, entered and completed the Log Splitter competition for the PA Farm Show. They presented their log splitter at the PA Farm Show on Saturday, January 14th. They made up for their low budget by integrating an old metal gas tank as a hydraulic reservoir, along with using old 1940's Jeep wheels that Jacob's father, Robert Nicely, had lying around for the axle. Isaiah's family had allowed the two boys to use some old steel they had been saving for upwards of 50 years at their homestead in Coffeetown, PA. Isaiah and Jacob won a first-place ribbon, along with the most creative award, best presentation award, and best video award.

Other winners at the PA Farm Show were: second place for the American BBQ themed artificial arrangement by Kasy Frederick (Palmyra) and third place for the Oriental arrangement by Tyree McClendon (Lebanon).

The new LCCTC FFA chapter will continue to be a part of local FFA events and competitions throughout the school year.



National Technical

Honor Society

*The Lebanon County Career & Technology Center's New Inductees
recognized for academic and vocational excellence:*



Name	Program	School
Kaya Camasta	Pastry Arts	Cornwall-Lebanon
Aiden Gavin	Electro-Mechanical	Palmyra
Alisha Geist	Law Enforcement	Annville-Cleona
Rose Gonzalez	Culinary Arts	Lebanon
Nadeshka Gonzalez Mercado	Medical Assistant	Lebanon
Kaylee Groseclose	Pastry Arts	Cornwall-Lebanon
Andrew Hackleman	Carpentry	Cornwall-Lebanon
Cheyenne Haldeman	Health Careers	Northern Lebanon
Sydnee Huffman	Cosmetology	Northern Lebanon
Debra Leedy	Dental Assistant	Lebanon
Alyssa Marlowe	Sports Therapy	Northern Lebanon
Stephanie Merkel	Pastry Arts	Adult
Kaylee Neal	Medical Assistant	Cornwall-Lebanon
Brooke Shutter	Pastry Arts	Cornwall-Lebanon
Michael Smith	Culinary Arts	Palmyra
Paige Smith	Pastry Arts	Lebanon
Holden Weber	Network Technology	Cornwall-Lebanon

The National Technical Honor Society was established in 1984 by Allen Powell and Jon H. Poteat. Its mission is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence and enhance career opportunities for the NTHS members. Over the years educators have seen NTHS lift up students and raise the bar for student achievement. Today, NTHS serves thousands of schools and honors more individuals on their achievement and leadership every year. NTHS is committed to providing the highest quality recognition for outstanding students in career and technical education, scholarship opportunities to its members, create new and emerging relationships between the educational community and business and industry. LCCTC became a charter school of NTHS in 2009.

The goals of the NTHS (National Technical Honor Society) include:

- Rewarding excellence in workforce education
- Developing self-esteem, pride
- Encouraging students to reach higher levels of achievement
- Helping schools build effective business partnerships
- Promoting strong values-honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, leadership, citizenship, scholarship
- Building a strong positive image for workforce education in America

The Lebanon County CTC National Technical Honor Society

Induction Ceremony . . .

Was held on February 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m., in the CTC Cafetorium

**Rene Gehman, Medical Assistant
Instructor, selected to Lebanon
County Educational Honor Society**

Rene began her journey at Lock Haven University by attaining a bachelor's degree in Health Science and received her nursing degree from the Lancaster Institute for Health Education. After graduating, she was employed as a Registered Nurse by Hershey Medical Center in the Neuro Intermediate Intensive Care Unit and then continued her nursing career at Lancaster General Health's The Heart Group, where she was an apheresis nurse. Rene, who started teaching at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center in 2012 as a Medical Assistant Instructor has since earned her Master's in Education from Penn State University.

She lives in Akron with Justin, her husband of 16 years, and their daughters, Joslyn and Mya. She enjoys hiking with her family and dogs, wakeboarding, and spending time with family and friends.



2023-2024 LEBANON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Educator	Year	Educator	Year
Arthur Stott	1983-84	Wendy Barrett	2005-06
Earl Horst	1984-85	Dale Miller	2006-07
Gerald H. Seiler	1985-86	Robert Corle, Jr.	2007-08
Charles F. Gerberich	1986-87	Brian Peffley	2008-09
Larry R. Albright	1987-88	Jeffrey Hirneisen	2009-10
Rodger Fausnacht	1988-89	Jon Litz	2010-11
George Miller	1989-90	Jim Myers	2011-12
Donald Snively, Jr.	1990-91	Wayne Hagy	2012-13
Janet L. Nelson	1991-92	Karen Gulotta	2013-14
Paul Harnish	1993-94	Laurie Sprandel	2014-15
Dallas Vogel	1994-95	Kerry Hartman	2015-16
Sandra K. Klingler	1995-96	Josh Boettner	2016-17
June A. Coleman	1997-98	Sandy Phillips	2017-18
Ronald P. Keefer	1998-99	Lori Mattis	2018-19
Joseph P. Saam	1999-00	Mike Schultz	2019-20
Russel A. Miller	2000-01	Thomas Giovarelli	2020-21
Edward McGowan	2001-02	Nina Eckert	2021-22
Jane Graeff	2002-03	Alicia Wike	2022-23
Robert Ressler	2003-04	Rene Gehman	2023-24
Michele Werni	2004-05		

Chef Peffley's Award



Chef Brian Peffley recently received the 2022 ACF Harrisburg Chapter Hermann G. Rusch Award. This honor is given to a chef that has served the local chapter with a lifetime of service. Hermann G. Rusch was the executive chef of the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia and was the leader in starting apprenticeships in the United States.

Chef Peffley, as an apprentice in 1986, received a "Best Apprentice Award" from Chef Rusch for his work and for being a team captain of the Hotel Hershey Apprentices entry at the New York Food Show which earned the team a gold medal. Chef Rusch was also one of his evaluators at both of Chef Peffley's apprenticeship graduations in Culinary Arts (1987) and then in Pastry Arts (1989). Truly a full circle moment for this instructor.



Students-of-the-Quarter

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Student	Program	HS	Student	Program	HS
Kiera Anspach	Medical Assistant	NL	Joshua Maull	Landscape Technology	EL
Wyatt Bates	Automotive Technology	NL	Stephanie Merkel	Pastry Arts	Adult
Zander Bechtel	Law Enforcement	PA	Kodee Miller	Law Enforcement	PA
James Boltz	Landscape Technology	EL	Chelsea Montesino Figueroa	Law Enforcement	LH
Richard Bretz	Law Enforcement	EL	Jacob Moore	Landscape Technology	EL
Austin Brown	Plumbing	NL	Kaylee Neal	Medical Assistant	CL
Kaya Camasta	Pastry Arts	CL	Samantha Nelson	Automotive Technology	EL
Damaris Canales-Bustillo	Medical Assistant	LH	Jacob Nicely	Landscape Technology	PA
Alondra Carrasquillo	Automotive Technology	LH	Aliyah Oberly	Medical Assistant	AC
Carson Conrad-White	Law Enforcement	PA	Kiara Powsang	Law Enforcement	PA
Alexander Contestabile	Law Enforcement	EL	Ruben Quinones Ramirez	Automotive Technology	CL
Zoey Conzelmann	Cosmetology	EL	Alezeh Raihl	Law Enforcement	EL
Matthew Cruz Torres	Law Enforcement	LH	Nicholas Rebert	Law Enforcement	LH
Megan DePugh	Law Enforcement	NL	Marissa Reheard	Law Enforcement	PA
Damian Dundore	Law Enforcement	CL	Faith Riddick	Pastry Arts	LH
Brynn Dunlop	Health Careers	CL	Katherine Rivas	Law Enforcement	CL
Emily Eckert	Medical Assistant	CL	Anais Rodriguez Colon	Medical Assistant	CL
Taylor Erb	Medical Assistant	NL	Paige Sakel	Law Enforcement	CL
Emme Fischer	Pastry Arts	PA	Cayden Schmidt	Law Enforcement	CL
Caitlin Gadel	Law Enforcement	NL	Brooke Shutter	Pastry Arts	CL
Joseph Garcia	Automotive Technology	LH	Christopher Sierra	Automotive Technology	LH
Kambrielle Garcia	Law Enforcement	EL	Paige Smith	Pastry Arts	LH
Anthony Gardner	Law Enforcement	AC	Makayla Spatz	Law Enforcement	EL
Alisha Geist	Law Enforcement	AC	Christian Stafford	Law Enforcement	LH
Emily Gerhart	Law Enforcement	CL	Jillian Stake	Law Enforcement	PA
Janaira Gonzalez	Health Careers	CL	Aahz Steinmetz	Law Enforcement	AC
Joslynn Gracely	Automotive Technology	NL	Deliaris Troche Pagan	Law Enforcement	LH
Kaylee Groseclose	Pastry Arts	CL	Kamila Valentin Lorenzo	Law Enforcement	CL
Sienna Gulden	Automotive Technology	NL	Ivanah Ventura	Law Enforcement	CL
Mariah Haggerty	Health Careers	CL	Phoebe Watson	Medical Assistant	CL
Cheyenne Haldeman	Health Careers	NL	Cameron Weaber	Automotive Technology	AC
Elise Hoke	Media Communications	PA	Aspen Wenrich	Law Enforcement	EL
Shaylin Hoke	Law Enforcement	EL	Bradly Wienand	Landscape Technology	NL
Clara Kline	Media Communications	PA	Seira Wolfe	Cosmetology	LH
Alyssa Lamoreaux	Law Enforcement	PA			

Rotary Students-of-the-Month **February 2023**



**Debra Leedy,
LH, Dental Assistant**

Debra Leedy is the daughter of Brent Leedy, Lebanon, PA and Sunshine Brubaker, Tower City, PA. Debra is a senior at Lebanon High School and is enrolled in the Dental Assistant program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Debra is a member of the student organization SkillsUSA, at CTC. She also

received the honor of being named to the National Technical Honor Society and is a student ambassador. At her high school, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Trade Card Club. Outside of school, she volunteers at her church as well as in her local elementary school. She works part-time at Wellspan Health in the Dietary Department.

After graduation, Debra plans to continue her education at Northampton Community College to obtain her associate's degree in dental hygiene. Her career goal is to become a Dental Hygienist.



**Javier Quinones, NL,
Medical Assistant**

Javier Quinones is the son of Gabriel Quinones-Tiru, Jonestown, PA. Javier is a senior at Northern Lebanon High School and is enrolled in the Medical Assistant program at Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Javier is a member of the student organization HOSA at CTC, where he serves as President. He is a member

of his high school's Model UN Club, where he serves as the treasurer. He also is active with his high school's drama club where he has a role in their play. Javier is a member of his high school's FBLA club, where he serves as the Vice-President. And lastly, he is a member of his high school's football, wrestling, and track and field teams. He has received numerous honors such as honor roll and student of the quarter both at CTC and his high school.

After graduation, Javier plans to continue his education at HACC to study nursing. His career goal is to become a Registered Nurse.



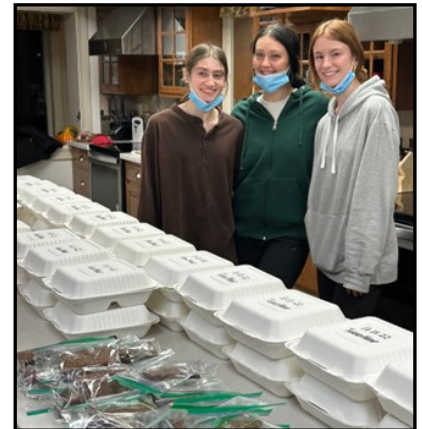
SPOTLIGHT Student



Pastry Arts Students

Kaya Camasta, Brooke Shutter, and Carly Hemperly prepared meals and filled 40 to-go containers for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. They made a pasta salad with fresh veggies, Caesar salad with parm and croutons, ham and turkey wraps with lettuce and tomato, and brownies. Each resident also received an applesauce cup and bottled water. They did a fantastic job!

Pictured Left to Right (CL students): Kaya Camasta, Brooke Shutter, and Carly Hemperly. Brooke and Kaya are in the Pastry Arts program.



Alumni Update

At the January 23, 2023 ACF Harrisburg Chapter meeting, former Lebanon County CTC Pastry Arts Alumni (Class of 2015) Courtney Dimond received the Chapter Award for Pastry Chef of the Year 2022. Courtney is the Pastry Sous Chef for Hershey Entertainment and Resorts and oversees the new bakery at Chocolatetown called the The Sweeterie Confectionery Kitchen. She is also the State Chair for PA SkillsUSA Commercial Baking Competition and serves as one of the Pastry and Culinary Arts OAC Committee members. We are very proud to share in our Alumni successes. Courtney now has the opportunity to compete for the national title this summer in New Orleans. Good Luck Courtney!

