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LCCTC SkillsUSA Teams Attend Central Region Fall Leadership Workshop

*Students Attend Seminars and Connect with Regional
Peers*



Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) sent our three SkillsUSA teams to the 2024 Fall Leadership Workshop for SkillsUSA Pennsylvania, Central Region, on Nov. 13 through Nov. 15. The event offered students leadership seminars, networking opportunities, and social activities.

Maryjane VanArsdale (Elizabethtown), a Precision Machining student at Mount Joy, considered the event an opportunity to infuse career and technical education (CTE) with the sense of community that traditional K-12 institutions can more easily tap into. She explained, “Skills brings the fun into the school, a little bit. It’s not just straight work, work, work. ... So to have that here... it makes me think of my home school a little bit.”

Airamis Conde (Conestoga Valley), a Patient Care Technician student at Willow Street, described the conference and its lessons in leadership as critical. She stressed that leadership skills in her field mean “life or death on our table” when students join the workforce.

On Wednesday, conference officers announced that Meals on Wheels and Sunshine for Seniors would benefit from the event's raffle draw fundraiser. In the evening, our students socialized with other career and technology centers (CTCs) at a nearby movie theater.

When asked about the socializing opportunity, Ky Logan (Elizabethtown), a Veterinary Assistant student at Willow Street, said she overcame her social anxiety, admitting she "felt comfortable" engaging in conversations.

Britney Valetin (Conestoga Valley), a Patient Care Technician student at Willow Street, added she didn't know how to build a conversation with a stranger and appreciated the chance to take ownership of her social skills in a closed setting.

Josh Erwin (Ephrata), a student in Willow Street's intergenerational Medical Assistant program, summarized: "Everyone there was there for the same reason. We all had the common goal of, we're all here to be future leaders and to represent SkillsUSA from our respective campuses and schools. It was a lot easier to connect with people."



Of the lessons she learned at the workshops, Natalie Yang (Garden Spot), a direct peer of Erwin's, highlighted the importance of timing and adaptability in leadership. She emphasized the ability to discern "when is the right time to say something and when is the right time to listen."

Similarly, Sara Rager (Manheim Township), a Patient Care Technician student at Willow Street, reflected on how her understanding of leadership evolved through the conference, realizing that "a leader doesn't always have to be the first one to speak or stand."

On Thursday, students toured the Gettysburg Battlefield, competed in tricycle races, and interviewed for Outstanding SkillsUSA Student. At night, event organizers and our SkillsUSA advisors welcomed LCCTC administrators to a formal dinner where the Outstanding Central Region Awards were presented and the fundraiser drew to a close. The conference concluded on Friday morning with the presentation of Leadership Challenge Awards and brunch.

Rager appreciated the visible advisor and administrative presences at the dinner. "All of the teachers, they're very passionate about SkillsUSA too. It's not just the students, it's everyone who's really involved in it," she emphasized.

Conde appreciated her advisors for taking time from their personal lives for the conference. She said her advisors gifting their time demonstrates how much they value their students.

Layla Mellinger (Penn Manor), SkillsUSA president and student of the Architectural CAD program at Brownstown, appreciated the conference and club for re-energizing her educational journey. She explained she feels more excited to learn at LCCTC than at in traditional K-12 education: "Here, you get a fresh start with new people from everywhere, where you can show who your true self is without having to hide anything... without being in fear of, 'What are they thinking of me?'"

"You don't realize how much of an effect [SkillsUSA] has on you until after," said Rager. "You have a reason to come to school. You have a reason to just be present... And I think that's so huge."

CTC Students Give Back for the Holidays

On Nov. 21, our adult Practical Nursing students donated their time to Blessings of Hope. They volunteered to sort items, stock shelves, and open boxes! Then, on Nov. 26, Willow Street's SkillsUSA team and Diesel Equipment students have collected Thanksgiving dinner donations to support Willow Street families. We thank all who donated their time and efforts to make sure the November holiday season was warm and bright for our community!



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**Secondary (high school) applications
are now open!**

**Ask your counselor when your district's
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Around the CTC

Just Before Thanksgiving Break...



Nov. 19, 2024

Willow Street's intergenerational Medical Assistant program had some fun practicing their outpatient setting skills! Students practiced providing auscultations, vision exams, hearing exams, injury wrappings, and patient transportation, while others continued to study medical abbreviations.

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Nov. 22, 2024

First snow of the season, and Protective Services burned it up! Cadets practiced putting out a car fire, checking all the nooks and crannies for flames. One of our JOC members, Andrew Welk, was on scene to show off his firefighting background too!

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Nov. 22, 2024

Brownstown's Electrical Construction Technology accomplished part of their task list. Some students wired three and four way switches for bathroom and doorbell circuits. Those ahead of the game worked on complete loading circuits and updated the classroom's commercial bay panels.

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Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Awarded Grant for Roof Restoration Project

Funding for Restoration to Prevent Mold, Leaks, and Damage

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) recently received funding through the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The award will support a critical roof restoration project across the Mount Joy and Willow Street campuses. The restoration project will replace trouble spots and test for mold; the newly restored roof can be expected to endure a 20-year lifespan.

“We’re grateful to be able to continue our roof restoration project,” said Tim Klein, director of facilities, LCCTC. “We had a seven-year plan, then with continual cost increases for materials and labor, it turned into an eight-year plan. We are thankful for the financial support.”

The DCED grant will fund 74.4 percent of the total project cost, making the restoration process highly cost-effective. Additionally, the restoration will be minimally disruptive to school operations. “Rather than replacing the entire roof, the cost includes application of liquid membrane restoration and new insulation on top of the existing roof materials,” noted Michael Moeller, supervisor of curriculum and special projects, LCCTC. “The project can be completed without closing school buildings or disrupting the educational day.”

In addition to providing a cost-saving alternative to full roof replacement, the restoration is intended to prevent mold growth by addressing leaks, wear and tear, and potential damage. “Restoration will ensure an additional 20-year lifespan for the roof,” Moeller said. He emphasized preventive maintenance will support the school’s long-term roof repair plan.

DCED, in its own press release, highlighted the competitive nature of the grant. The department recognized that \$820.3 million in eligible projects competed for the available \$175 million. “Competition for funds was very strong and the demand far exceeded the available funds,” DCED’s press release stated.

LCCTC's proactive, long-term roof restoration plan ensures school funds can be used for other essential improvements while extending the life of its facilities.

Lancaster Farming Highlights LCCTC Mount Joy's Full-Day Culinary Programs

***Product of Photojournalist Visit to Infusions Restaurant,
Active Culinary Classrooms***



Students prepare pies for Infusions Restaurant and Bakeshop.

Check out this article from Lancaster Farming, which spotlights the hands-on training and professional experiences offered by our Culinary Arts program! Click the image to view the article on Lancaster Farming's website.

Lancaster County Career & Technology Center Receives 2023 Lincoln Navigator from Ford Motor Corporation

Vehicle to Offer Modernized Hands-On Learning to LCCTC Students



The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) thanks Ford Motor Corporation for its recent donation of a 2023 Lincoln Navigator, received on September 6, 2024. The vehicle will support LCCTC's involvement with Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) student program, which connects high school automotive students to Ford factory service training.

Ford's generous donation has been in the works for a little over six months. William Painter, Ford's local representative, initially contacted Alan Wakefield, one of LCCTC's Automotive instructors, to inform him that LCCTC had been selected as one of only six schools nationwide to receive a Lincoln Navigator donation. Wakefield has been working with the ACE program since its original establishment at LCCTC.

Before delivery, the donated vehicle was sent to New Holland Ford to be prepped for delivery with a full detailing. The Lincoln Navigator now exhibits New Holland Ford emblems to acknowledge the local dealership's contributions to LCCTC.

The official vehicle donation ceremony took place on September 6, 2024. Ford's new local representative, along with its regional manager and the owner of New

Holland Auto Group, were present to hand over the vehicle's keys to LCCTC's Automotive programs.

Jeremy King, principal of the LCCTC Willow Street campus, emphasized the donation will have a "huge impact upon our Automotive programs that will benefit student learning for years to come." The state-of-the-art equipment will offer hands-on learning opportunities that will better prepare our Automotive students for employment in a modernizing industry.



Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation Receives \$45,000 Donation from EHD

Annual EHD Cornhole Tournament Selects LCCTF as 2024 Beneficiary

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation (LCCTF) is excited to announce a \$45,000 donation from EHD, following their 9th annual cornhole tournament on August 15, 2024. Held at EHD's corporate headquarters in Lancaster, it hosted over 50 cornhole teams representing both colleagues and insurance industry partners. The event featured food trucks, DJ, raffle and cornhole play, all organized by EHD employees.

Mike Malinowski, president and CEO of EHD, stated, "EHD is strongly committed to helping our local communities across the commonwealth. Our annual cornhole tournament is just another way we want to help support those organizations that provide vital resources to our community, like the services provided by the Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation. While we have great passion for the professional services we provide to companies, it is







great to give back and we are proud that this event alone, through the years, has raised over \$300,000 to groups in Lancaster County."

This year, the Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation (LCCTF) was selected as the event's beneficiary. Funds from this year's event will be used to provide new, state-of-the-art equipment for LCCTC programs and will support scholarships and workforce grants for graduating LCCTC students.

"We are truly honored to be selected as the beneficiary of this 2024 EHD Cornhole Tournament. These funds will go a long way in supporting the mission of the LCCTF to ensure the LCCTC has the materials, equipment, and funding to provide the best in career training for high school and adult students. Thank you to EHD for another incredibly successful event that benefits the Lancaster community!" said Jennifer Baker, LCCTF Executive Director.

LCCTC recognizes and appreciates event sponsorship by Travelers Insurance, Donegal, Strategic Benefit Resources, EMC Insurance, Capital Blue Cross, Benecon, and 22 additional carrier and vendor partners that made this event possible.

Please find above a photo of both LCCTC and EHD representatives, commemorating the donation. In the photo from left to right are Darryl Gordon, board president, LCCTF; Mike Malinowski, president and CEO, EHD; Jen Baker, executive director, LCCTF; and Jeremy King, principal, LCCTC Willow Street Campus.

LANCASTER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER		October Students of the Month	
Brownstown	Mount Joy	Willow Street	
 Fabian Guerrero Cabinet Making and Wood Tech-Penn Manor School District	 Kaylee Dougherty Advanced Health Careers- Manheim Central School District	 Calin Neff Intro to Manufacturing- Solanco School District	
 Haylie Hershey Photography-Manheim Central School District	 Dalton Jones Intro to Manufacturing Donegal School District	 Sara Rager Patient Care Technician Manheim Township School District	

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