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**\* Happy New Year! \***

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## **LCCTC Recognizes Lancaster County Firemen's Association For Continued Partnership**

### ***LCFA Funds 2024 Consumable Costs for Protective Services Academy***



*Mount Joy, PA* – Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) is proud to recognize its continued partnership with the Lancaster County Firemen's Association (LCFA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to public safety education and training since 1921. LCFA recently announced it will cover the Academy's \$5,166.86 invoice from the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center for consumable costs in the year 2024.

LCCTC's Protective Services Academy (PSA) offers high school students hands-on training in firefighting, first responder operations, and emergency medical technician (EMT) procedures. LCFA funds certain essential training

materials for the Academy, housed at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center. These materials, ranging from natural gas for fire simulations to wrecked vehicles for rescue drills, allow the Academy to provide students practical training without additional costs.

John Sweigart, LCFA treasurer and a former PSA instructor, explained the nonprofit's mission is to "provide education and training for firefighters and EMS, and fire safety education for the public." He considered LCFA's support of the PSA an investment in the wider Lancaster County community.

In addition to covering training expenses, LCFA reimburses EMT testing fees for Academy students who pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam. The community organization also awards a \$4,000 scholarship annually to a Protective Services Academy graduate pursuing higher education or technical training in emergency services.

Sweigart noted that "the sooner you can get people involved," the better prepared and more well-equipped future first responders will be.

To encourage student interest in first responder employment, LCFA grants Academy students and instructors free admission to its annual spring Fire Expo at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. The Expo offers students a look at cutting-edge emergency services equipment and training opportunities with over 260 exhibitors and nearly 10,000 attendees. The event also provides students with opportunities for professional networking.

Many graduates of LCCTC's Protective Services Academy join local fire departments, EMS agencies, or 911 dispatch centers. Sweigart emphasized LCFA's support plays a critical role in fostering the pipeline of skilled professionals who serve Lancaster County's emergency needs.

For more information about LCFA and its initiatives, visit <https://www.lcfa.com/>.

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## Happy Holidays From the CTC

Spirits were high across our CTC campuses this December as students and staff celebrated the holidays throughout the whole month!

Brownstown's holiday train displays were designed, constructed, and operated by Dr. Stiles, one of our school counselors, and Toby S., a Conestoga Valley student in our Intro to Manufacturing class! Both spent 20-plus hours on their



train displays. Fun fact, Dr. Stiles and Toby are a part of the same train club outside of school!

Mount Joy held an ugly sweater contest to see which of their instructors would wear a student-made design on the last day of school before break. Plus, Mount Joy's National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) chapter held two December Community Service Donation Drives. Operation Mount Joy Warmth provided new winter hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to Community Aid and the Water Street Rescue Mission. Inspired by the Betty White Challenge, the second drive collected dog and cat food and accessories for The Pet Pantry in Millersville. Over 100 items were donated in support of both drives. Thanks to all students and staff who helped to Spread The Joy!

All campuses held their own Ugly Sweater Days, courtesy of their SkillsUSA chapters. While there was no formal contest between campuses or programs this year, there were a few furry friends from Willow Street's Veterinary Assistant program that just might have won first place!



# SkillsUSA Dominates at Districts Competition



<b>Willow Street...</b> Sara R. - Extemporaneous Speech, first place Lindy F. - Action Skills, first place Grace W. - Dental Assisting (HS), first place Rosemary E. - Dental Assisting (adult), first place Bella G. - Nursing Assisting, first place Aaliyah C. - Medical Assisting, second place Serenity S. - Job Demo A, second place Dallas N. - Collision Repair, third place Lauren H. - CTE Demonstration, third place Teresa J.B. - Medical Math, third place Dovey Y. - Medical Terminology, third place Mason H. - Diesel Equipment Technology, third place Carolyn B. - First Aid and CPR, third place		
<b>Mount Joy...</b> Alex S., Chase L., and Gavin O. - Team Welding, first place Kaleighna S., Kaylee D., Rogelio V.G., and Caleb L.K. - Team Health Knowledge Bowl, first place Jonathan M. - Welding Sculpture, first place Brennan F. - Precision Machining, second place Carter B. - Carpentry, first place Kasey M. - Firefighting, first place Brayden E. - Welding, first place Eden C. - Customer Service, first place Omar L. - Commercial Baking, second place Kylie B. - First Aid and CPR, second place Tim S. - Action Skills, third place Kylie M. - Basic Health Care, third place Chelsie E., Shane K., and Katelynn M. - Team Crime Scene Investigation, third place James V. - Industrial Motor Control, third place Renard H. and Angel O. - Team Mechatronics, third place Thomas F. - Restaurant Service, third place Brooke H. and Abby R. - Team Baking, third place	<b>Brownstown...</b> Sherry F. - Advertising Design, first place Ethan M. - Architectural Drafting, first place Ethan K. - Electrical Construction, first place Bryanna E. - Graphics Communications, first place Haylie H. - Photography, first place Annalyse Raen W. - Prepared Speech, first place Piper H., Lily M., and Ellie V. - Team Promotional Bulletin Board, first place Landon S. - Cabinetmaking, second place Ethan M. - Information Tech Services, second place Josiah Velez - Motorcycle Service Tech, second place Robyn F. - Pin Design, second place Elijah B. - Plumbing, second place Ngan B. - T-Shirt Design, second place Ambar C. and Caleb R. - Team Web Design, second place Hanna M. - Employment App. Process, third place	

The week of December 16, LCCTC's SkillsUSA teams competed at Districts, hosted by Reading Muhlenberg CTC. Our students started out strong, with a first place finish in team welding! LCCTC finished strong too - check out the *long* list of medal winners!

In between competitions, Brownstown's officers purchased toys for "Santa D's" Toy Challenge on the Bridge in Columbia. Funded by over \$800 raised by CTC students, the toys benefitted Toys for Tots! Additionally, students purchased ornaments to decorate Brownstown teachers' trees in a pie face competition. These three winning (or losing) teachers were Mr. Baird (Commercial Art), Mr. Myers (Electrical Construction Technology), and Mr. Andrew (Intro to Construction)!

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## Mount Joy Graduates Newest Cohort of Adult Welding Students





Congratulations to our 2024 Adult Welding graduates! These students were celebrated at a ceremony at Mount Joy, on December 16. Every student in this class attained a job placement or decided to continue their studies at the CTC in our Advanced Welding program.

Special congrats are in order for Alex R., Steven "Garrett" Graby Award recipient; Katie W., Non-Traditional Award recipient; John D., Goodhart Sons loaded tool bucket recipient; and Jack E., Ecenrode Welding Supply loaded workbag recipient.

We greatly appreciate our award sponsors for their *outstanding* generosity! Best of luck to our graduates in their next endeavors.

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## Around the CTC



**Dec. 3, 2024**

Willow Street's adult Veterinary Technology students assisted in preparing Trigger for his neuter. They trimmed his nails, drew blood samples, and practiced proper restraint techniques. They even microchipped him!

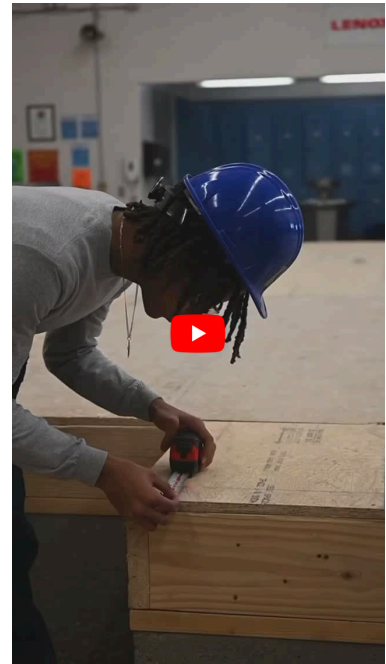
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**Dec. 19, 2024**

Mount Joy Precision Machining students worked on a variety of projects before starting their winter break. Some continued work on Christmas ornaments with a CNC mill and 3-D printer. Others used the manual lathe and a band saw to make "C" clamps. One student worked on a tone arm for his record player!

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**Jan. 14, 2025**

Brownstown's Intro to Construction classes are building a full, working duplex! AM and PM sections are each constructing half of the same building. Here, the AM section finished the subfloor and snapped chalk lines on the floor deck to mark wall placements!

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**Jan. 6, 2025**

On January 6, Kendall H. received her Keystone Degree at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, during the PA Future Farmers of America (FFA) Midwinter Convention. This degree is the highest degree bestowed upon an FFA member at the state level, achieved with community service and personal investment in an external supervised agricultural experience (SAE). Congrats, Kendall!



Thank you, Mid-Atlantic Precast, for donating these concrete structures to our Brownstown Heavy Equipment program!

Totaling a \$5,800 donation, these items will allow students to practice the rigging and setting of concrete structures. We appreciate your generosity and support of our students!

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2024

### BROWNSTOWN



**LEAH  
STOLTZFUS**  
Digital Design and  
Print Media  
Pequea Valley  
School District

### MOUNT JOY



**ADOREE  
GARDNER**  
Intro to Health  
Careers  
Donegal School District

### WILLOW STREET



**IRELYN  
BOOS**  
Diesel  
Equipment  
Solanco School District

**AZAA  
ERDENE-  
GONCHIG**  
Electrical  
Construction  
Manheim Township  
School District



**HANNAH  
CARTER**  
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Careers  
Elizabethtown School  
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