

TECHCONNECT

March and April, 2026

LCCTC SKILLSUSA CHAPTERS BRING HOME 11 TOP-THREE HONORS IN STATE COMPETITIONS

THREE TO MOVE ON TO NATIONAL COMPETITION
IN JUNE



Congratulations to our SkillsUSA
state medalists!

Mid-April, our students competed in Hershey against schools from across Pennsylvania. Together, our chapters brought back 11 top-three awards! Thank you to our faculty advisors for your commitment to our students' success. This is a huge

Second Place Medalists

Alexis Mazur (Lancaster Catholic High School) and (**another student**, Solanco School District) - Cake Decorating - Baking and Pastry Arts (Mount Joy Campus)

Lydia Young - Career and Technical Educator - Dental Assistant (Willow

accomplishment - well done, all!

Street Campus), Solanco School District

Alyssa, Carly, and Ashton will move on to the National competition, held June 1 through June 5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Adoree Gardner - First Aid / CPR - Advanced Health Careers (Mount Joy), Donegal School District

First Place Medalists

Alyssa Nessinger - Advertising Design - Commercial Art (Brownstown Campus), Cocalico School District

David Pierce - Heavy Equipment Operation - Heavy Equipment Operations and Basic Maintenance (Brownstown Campus), Donegal School District

Carly Hoffman - Dental Assisting (Secondary) - Dental Assistant (Willow Street Campus), Elizabethtown Area School District

Third Place Medalists
Olivia Monyer - Medical Assisting - Medical Assistant (Willow Street Campus), Cocalico School District

Ashton Gonzalez - Dental Assisting (Post-Secondary) - Dental Assistant (Willow Street Campus)

Abigail Matos - Pin Design - Commercial Art (Brownstown Campus), Hempfield School District

Layla Pitts - Painting and Decorating - Painting and Interior Finishes (Brownstown Campus), Hempfield School District

Toby Sensenig - Power Equipment Technology - Power Sport Technology (Brownstown Campus), Conestoga Valley School District

CTC VISITS STATE CAPITOL FOR ADVOCACY DAY, LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND CTE DAY

Our students have had quite a presence in Harrisburg lately!

On March 23, reps from all three high school campuses visited our state Capitol to advocate for increased support of career and technical education (CTE), talking with our Lancaster County legislators about how their CTE experiences have supported their career goals. Thank you to TechLink and HACC for coordinating our visit!

That same week, the president and vice president of our LCCTC FFA Chapter attended the PA FFA State Legislative Leadership Conference to learn about etiquette in advocacy and the legislative process. Our students even got a chance to share breakfast with state legislators!

Finally, on April 22, students and reps from our Mount Joy and Willow Street Campuses attended Career and Technical Education Day at the Capitol! Baking and Pastry Arts students brought mini cupcake samples to share, while Medical Assistant students simulated blood draws on a venipuncture and injection arm.



LCCTF WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation (LCCTF) has announced the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors!

These members will further advance the Foundation’s mission to ensure our school has the materials, equipment, and funding needed to deliver high-quality career training for high school and adult students. The new board members are:

Senator Scott Martin — Pennsylvania State Senator, 13th District

Kristi Heller — Senior Vice President, Middle Market Banking Executive, Fulton Bank

“We’re excited to expand the diverse experience and expertise of our Board of Directors,” said Darryl Gordon, LCCTF Board Chairman. “Each brings a strong commitment to workforce development in Lancaster County and will provide valuable strategic insight.”

LCCTF board members serve three-year terms and act as ambassadors for the Foundation’s mission, while providing strategic guidance and fiduciary oversight.

Read more at LancasterCTC.edu/news/.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION PURCHASES, INSTALLS SOLAR PANEL ARRAY THROUGH LCCTF INNOVATION GRANT AND FUNDING FROM PPL

Through funding from PPL and an Innovation Grant from our Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation, our Electrical Construction Technology program has purchased a brand-new solar panel array!

Special thanks to MVE Group, an OAC partner, for assisting with this project from start to finish. Representatives designed the array, provided support during the funding application process, and today, came out to provide a solar lesson and to instruct students on the



green energy installation. The goal of the project is to introduce students to another growing employment path available to them: the solar technician field!

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS DISPLAY CREATIVITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LANCASTER ART VAULT



Our Brownstown students submitted to the spring Student Art Show at the Lancaster Art Vault!

From April 23 through April 25, high schoolers in our Visual Communications cluster saw their work displayed in a professional setting. Students, families, and community members were welcomed during a reception on Friday, April 24.

Congratulations to all who participated -- this is quite the achievement!

2026 SUMMER EXPLORATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

LANCASTER COUNTY
Career & Technology Center

Summer Exploration Program

Manufacturing

Intro to Manufacturing
Electromechanical Engineering
Metal Fabrication
Precision Machining
Welding Technology

Students will explore the possibilities found within each of the programs offered under the manufacturing umbrella. Instructors have created safe, engaging, and fun activities for students to take part in during their 4-day exploration.

No Cost! Lunch will be provided.

REGISTER NOW!!!

Location: Mount Joy Campus
432 Old Market Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552
Date: June 8th to 11th
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sign up using the QR code to the right ->
Discover what Lancaster CTC has to offer in our Manufacturing programs!!

For students entering 9th, 10th, or 11th grade for the 26-27 school year.

LANCASTER COUNTY
Career & Technology Center

Summer Exploration Program

Visual Communications

Intro to Visual Communications
Commercial Art
Digital Design & Print Media
Interactive Media & Web Design
Photography & Digital Imaging

Students will explore the possibilities found within each of the programs offered under the visual communications umbrella. Instructors have created engaging and fun activities for students to take part in during their 4-day exploration.

No Cost! Lunch will be provided.

REGISTER NOW!!!

Location: Brownstown Campus
231 Snyder Rd. Ephrata, PA 17522
Date: June 8th to 11th
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sign up using the QR code to the right. ->
Discover what Lancaster CTC has to offer in our Visual Communication programs!!

For students entering 9th, 10th, or 11th grade for the 26-27 school year.

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center is excited to welcome students entering 9th, 10th, and 11th grade to our 2026 Summer Exploration Program! 9 AM to 3 PM on June 8 through 11, students at our Brownstown and Mount Joy Campuses will learn from our very own instructors and design an array of projects to kickstart summer.

Registration is open now and closes Friday, May 22, 2026! Don't wait, our camp fills fast!

Visit LancasterCTC.edu/LCCTCSummerCamp for more details, including the registration and medical forms.

*There is no cost for our summer camp. Lunch will be provided. Buses will be available at central locations. Students will be placed at either the Brownstown or Mount Joy Campus **based on program interest and enrollment**. This is a change from previous years; your student must go to the campus that is hosting the program. Campus location will not based on district location.*

LCCTC ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 MARKING PERIODS 1, 2, AND 3 HONOR ROLL AWARDEES

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) has announced its Honor Rolls for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd marking periods of the 2025-2026

school year. Students named to the Honor Roll must maintain a grade of 90 or above. Please see the link below.

[LCCTC 2025-2026 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Students](#)

[LCCTC 2025-2026 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll Students](#)

[LCCTC 2025-2026 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll Students](#)

Note: Some students have been removed from the above lists for privacy.

Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students!

ADDITIONAL CTC STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Adult Education's ELDT CDL program has graduated several day and night classes over the last two months!

To all our recent graduates: congratulations on your accomplishment, we wish you all the best on the road!

Graduated April 9:

Day class, from left to right:

Corey A.

Javier C.

Chad M.

Luis C.



Night class, from left to right:

Rocco D.

Chase M.





Graduated March 24:

From left to right:

Ali S.

Michael L.

Christopher M.

Jason W.

Collin S.

Jeremy S.

Graduated March 2:

Day class, from left to right:

Skylar S.

Matthew T.

Karter S.

Milik P.



Night class, from left to right:

Samuel M.

Ron C.

Manuel A.



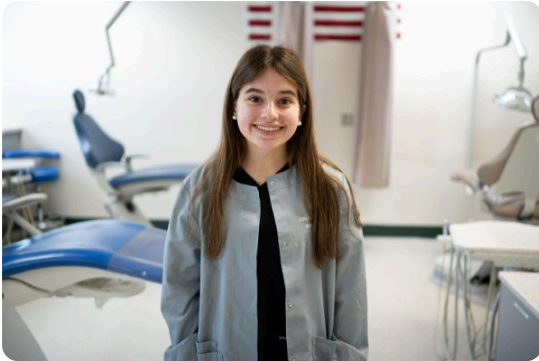
These 20 students passed the psychomotor portion of their National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam in mid-March! Only the written portion stands between each of them and the certification they need to be gainfully employed in EMS. Nicely done, all!

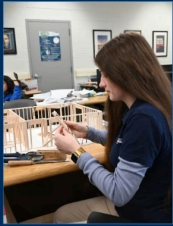







Please join us in celebrating our March Lions' Club students of the Month!

Carly Hoffman — Dental Assistant, Elizabethtown Area School District,
Elizabethtown Lions' Club Student of the Month

Addis Weaver – Plumbing, Manheim Central School District, Manheim Lions'
Club Student of the Month



LANCASTER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER		STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2026			
BROWNSTOWN		MOUNT JOY	WILLOW STREET		
	CAITLIN O'BYRNE Architectural CAD Manheim Central School District		ZACHARY HOHL Precision Machining & Computer-Aided Manufacturing Cocalico School District		JIMMY STERBINSKY Automotive Technology Penn Manor School District
JANAE ROHRER Photography and Multimedia Communications Donegal School District		BRODIE CLARK Culinary Arts Columbia Borough School District		ABBIE MARTIN Veterinary Assistant Warwick School District	



BROWNSTOWN



ROMAN KOURT

Digital Design and
Print Media
Eastern Lancaster
School District

MOUNT JOY



OLIVIA WILSON

Advanced
Health Careers
Cocalico
School District

WILLOW STREET

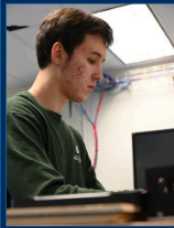


ZHA'NIA DIXON-TROWERY

Introduction to
Health Careers
School District of
Lancaster

ANDRII TOLSTYI

Computer
Networking and
Security
Ephrata Area
School District



SAWYER ESHELMAN

Welding
Technology
Penn Manor
School District



DONAVAN HOLMES

Collision Repair
Lampeter-Strasburg
School District



LCCTC HONORS SEVERAL NATIONAL WEEKS AND DAYS OF RECOGNITION

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENIST WEEK
April 12 - April 18

This week, LCCTC recognizes the students and staff of our Dental Hygiene program for their dedication to safeguarding oral health through education and preventative care; they go above and beyond to make every smile shine!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PATIENT WELLBEING!

HAPPY NATIONAL FARM ANIMALS DAY
April 10, 2026

APRIL 1, 2026

Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day

LCCTC recognizes our team of paraprofessionals who provide essential support to our instructors and students. For the dedication and compassion they bring to work every day.

You make a world of difference!

There were many national weeks and days of recognition for us to celebrate in March and April!

Say cheese and smile! April 12 through April 18 brought National Dental Hygienist Week! LCCTC recognized the students and staff of our Dental Hygiene program for their dedication to safeguarding oral health through education and preventative

April 20 through April 24 was Administrative Professionals Week! LCCTC celebrated the people who keep our school running smoothly, both behind-the-scenes and in our front offices. Your attention to detail, coordination skills, and genuine care make a lasting difference for our students, staff, and community - we couldn't do what we do without you.

care; they consistently go above and beyond to make every smile shine!

April 6 through April 10 marked National Assistant Principals Week. LCCTC celebrated our AP team for their dedication to our students' success. Thank you for leading our school with compassion and integrity - our school is stronger because of your commitment!


April 1 was Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day! LCCTC celebrated our team of paraprofessionals who provide essential support to our instructors and students, for the dedication and compassion they bring to work every day. You make a world of difference!

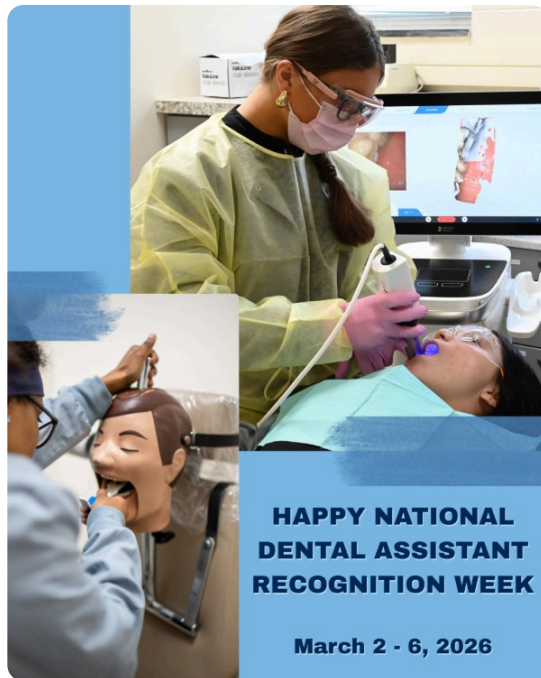
For National Farm Animals Day (April 10), LCCTC recognized the dedication and hard work of our local farmers - and our farmers-in-training! Our Animal Production Science and Technology Program offers students a unique view of the role farmers play in our national food chain. From cattle and alpacas to rabbits and chickens, our students participate in the same commitment and care that farmers devote to their livestock.

National Dental Assistant Recognition Week was recognized from March 2 through March 6. LCCTC especially appreciated the commitment of our Dental Assistant students and staff to oral hygiene and patient care.

LANCASTER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Happy National Assistant Principals' Week!

BROWNSTOWN	MOUNT JOY	WILLOW STREET
		
MR. STUCKEY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like to be able to fly, specifically to "be able to dunk a basketball"• Looks forward to sunshine, backyard games, swimming... and no more discipline referrals come summer!• Says the best advice he's ever been given - "How you treat others is a reflection of your character, regardless of how they treat you."	MR. PURSELL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like to have superhuman strength - he's "getting weaker in [his] old age"• Looks forward to visiting Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic this summer• Says that "No matter how good I get at something, there will be someone better than me now or better than me in the future. Therefore, I should never stop learning, improving, and perfecting my craft."	MR. MCCRACKEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like to be able to fly• Appreciates Bugs Bunny and classic Saturday morning cartoons• Ran a newspaper route as his first job• Says the best advice he's ever been given - "Two eyes, two ears, one mouth: use your eyes and ears before your mouth"



AROUND THE CTC



April 20

Cabinetmaking recently built an island cabinet on casters for Photography, to be used for print cutting and matting!

Brownstown's Intro to Construction students assisted in demolishing and hauling out the old Photography cabinets to make room for the new and improved furniture.

Yet another showcase of our school's great sense of inter-program community! Way to show up for each other, Brownstown!

April 17

Our adult Veterinary Technology program assists with live surgeries throughout the school year, but come spring, their surgery clinic schedule really ramps up!

This month, students worked with animals from Scallywags Animal Rescue and Tail's End Farm Animal Rescue. They performed teeth cleanings and extractions, took x-rays, and assisted veterinarians with spays and neuters in the operating room!



[Visit Our Facebook Page!](#)

April 17

Introduction to Culinary students at Mount Joy hosted their peers at their student restaurant, in part to celebrate the end of NOCTI testing! This mini-diner was full-service and completely housed within their classroom and kitchen workspaces.

On the menu: cinnamon swirl pancakes, omelettes, milkshakes, stacked burgers, grilled cheeses, loaded French fries, and much, much more!

April

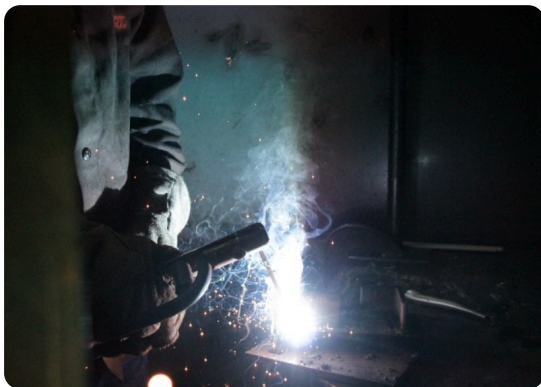
This spring, a group of Materials Handling and Logistics students waiting on placements spent time volunteering at the Historic Ephrata Cloister. Students mowed, painted and stained outdoor furniture, and pressure washed to prep the site for summer.

“We strongly believe in the importance of teaching students not only technical, employability, and independent living skills, but also the value of volunteering and giving back to the community,” instructor Carl Warden shared.

At this time, all MHL students have successfully obtained Co-Op positions!



[Visit Our Instagram Page!](#)



April 6

Adult Welding Technology students are practicing everything from stick welding to MIG, TIG, and flux core welding! Our classes are advancing quickly; 12 students are expected to graduate on June 17! Plus, the group completed a project on Kunkel Field in March, installing railings near the local baseball diamond.

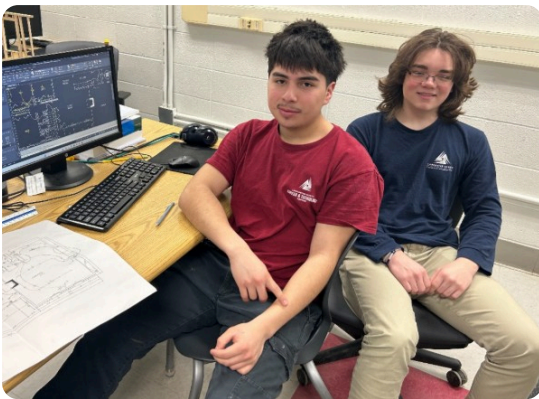
Photography students recently welcomed their instructor's son to their class - not as a new student, but as their toddler model for portrait practice! They got first-hand experience entertaining and distracting, keeping a short attention span focused on the camera.

April 1

Recently, a Power Sports student, Toby, finished a restoration of a 1961 Cub Cadet garden tractor! The personal project took him seven months to complete. Looks great, Toby!



Visit Our LinkedIn Page!



March 19

Architectural CAD and Electrical Construction Technology out at Brownstown are partnering up, sharing their specialized knowledge for a collaborative assignment!

Electrical Construction students are teaching CAD students about electrical code requirements and symbols! When they switch, the CAD students will show the Electrical Construction students how to incorporate the same information into blueprints in AutoCAD.

March 19

“What does a day in one of your intro programs look like?”

Well, at Willow Street...

Intro to Manufacturing made rocket stoves for their Fly on the Run donation, and worked on blueprinting.

Intro to Visual Communications continued design work on their can wrap projects.



Click the photo above to view a short video of our students at work!

Intro to Culinary Arts prepped for the March OAC dinner, making lobster

Intro to Transportation removed and replaced a failed engine and practiced wire repair.

Intro to Construction installed roof shingles and began rough plumbing and drywalling on their mock house.

mac and cheese, bacon-wrapped scallops, tres leches, and more.

Intro to Health Careers took temperatures using various thermometers to test for accuracy.

Sound: You Get What You Give (New Radicals), Harley's Studio Band



March 17

No, this isn't Saint Patrick's Day green – Early Childhood Education students teach twice a week in Bright Horizons Childcare! Lessons lately included a hand-washing activity and an interactive bug story!

Students that are not actively teaching today are back in the classroom, prepping materials for future lessons.

March 12

Brownstown's Introduction to Manufacturing program held its very first Family Manufacturing Night event last night! The event was an opportunity for parents and family members to see just what it is that their students learn and practice every day. Several guests, under the direction of current CTC students and supervision of instructor Mr. Collin Ames, even attempted welds of their own!

Thank you to all who stopped by, making the interactive showcase a success. If you're interested in joining a similar class of your own, the CTC does offer several short- and long-term Adult Education manufacturing



programs, including Welding. Check them out on our website, today!

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