

Outstanding Senior Students Recognized

The 52nd Annual Senior Awards Program was held Thursday evening, May 9, in the school cafetorium. Outstanding senior awards were presented to students in twenty-six programs. Thirty-seven other special awards and scholarships were presented. Approximately 280 students, parents, business and community representatives, and staff members attended. Nearly $21,000 in cash awards were presented to these seniors. It is important to note that many memorial awards are endowed to honor former students or employees of the school. Some of these memorial awards include the Timothy A. Bartek Memorial Scholarship, Joseph J. Schamris Memorial Scholarship, Daniel Clark Memorial Scholarship, George Woomer Memorial Scholarship, Piotr Marciniak Memorial Scholarship, and the Scott Garlick Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations to the award recipients and to all the seniors from sending schools as they close their high school careers.

Best wishes for great success to all of you!
Guidance Activities

Student Services/Guidance Activities
Counselors have spoken with students who are in danger of failing for the year. The parents of those students who do indeed fail will be contacted by telephone, and the home school will be notified so these students can schedule full day classes in the home school for the 2019-2020 school year.

To date, 431 new applications for incoming 10th graders and 113 applications for incoming 9th graders have been received and processed. In addition, we have also been addressing returning students’ scheduling requests and attending IEP meetings on an as-needed basis.

Cooperative Education
As the school year ends, fourteen high school students are enrolled in Cooperative Education, and one student is pending placement.

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Report from ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Practical Nursing Notes

Current Class Update
Enrollment has remained steady this year for the Practical Nursing program. Thirty-seven students are enrolled in the full-time program and thirty-eight students in the part-time, evening/weekend program. The full-time students are assigned to the Presbyterian Home in Hollidaysburg where they are actively participating in quadrant medication administration experiences, which involve administering medication to an entire quadrant of residents under the direct guidance of their instructor. The purpose of this clinical practice is to prepare the students to administer medications to multiple patients for an entire eight-hour shift. The students are also in the process of completing their Pennsylvania State Board Approved Intravenous Therapy Course that will enable them to administer and start IVs. The program has six simulation arms that the students use to perform the needle insertion for an intravenous start and to draw blood. Thanks to the Perkins Grant, we will purchase two new Geriatric IV Training Arms.

The Pulse of Pennsylvania’s LPN Workforce
With an August graduation nearing, GACTC Practical Nursing students will soon make application for their initial licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Once an individual is licensed, they are required to renew their license every two years. In conjunction with the biennial license renewal, a survey is conducted by the Pennsylvania

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Department of Health Bureau of Health Planning Division of Plan Development on the characteristics and distribution of the LPN workforce within the Commonwealth. Results of this survey reveal that the average age of an LPN working in Blair County is 42 years old, and that 63% of the 674 respondents are over the age of 40. These statistics support the labor shortage prediction for LPN’s in the Pennsylvania workforce over the next 20 years. But nearing retirement isn’t the only explanation for the multitude of job openings; as many as 20% of respondents reported that they are continuing their nursing education with 64% of them in an associate degree program attaining eventual licensure as a Registered Nurse. Another factor responsible for the projected 20% increased need for practical nurses in the state is the expanding role of the LPN working with vulnerable populations in community settings such as ventilator-dependent children in the home, prisons, co-dependent patients, families in urgent care, and end-of-life patients.

Practical Nursing Student Activities
This month, Kim Ciccarella, Postsecondary Placement Specialist will assist the students in developing resumes in preparation for our annual Health Care Industry Job Fair. More than 30 prospective employers are expected to attend the event which will be held June 20, 2019, in the GACTC Cafetorium. The expanding role of the LPN has attracted not only long-term care facilities, hospitals, and clinics, but industries such as prisons, dialysis clinics, and school districts. Representatives from colleges will also attend to provide information on advanced placement for the practical nurse into their RN programs.

On May 9 the students received a GACTC Practical Nursing t-shirt and had ice cream sundaes to celebrate Nurse’s week.

Volunteer Award
Congratulations are extended to Amanda Chamberlain (right), winner of the Volunteer Award, which is given annually to a student who is actively involved in community service. Amidst a 35-hour school week and homework, Amanda managed to participate in Christmas Caroling at affiliating agencies, Open House, Scrappin’ for a Cure, and raised funds for the GACTC Relay for Life Team. She received a $250 scholarship to pay for her licensure application and NCLEX-PN licensing exam.

Projected 2019 Enrollment
The program continues to accept applications for the full-time program that will begin fall of 2019. In the past, March and April were our heaviest application months. But over the past two years, May and June proved to be our higher application volume processing months. Thus far, we have received over 50 applications for the available 54 full-time openings. Our next pre-entrance exam will be administered on June 17. The selection process is very competitive; therefore, it is important that individuals score well on the exam. The Adult Community Education Center continues to hold prep classes to assist prospective students in the achievement of successful exam scores. The Practical Nursing program at GACTC also accepts transfer students from other programs and those who were not successful in registered nursing programs.

Continuing Education Notes

2018-2019 Program Updates

- Administrative Office Specialist (AOS), Medical Assistant, and Medical Office Specialist Students completed Mental Health First Aid training. Many of these students will begin internships in June. AOS held their spring Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting in May.
- Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) students are primarily working at clinical sites during the final phase of the program.
- FCI Loretto Automotive class began April 30.
- HVAC students will complete HVAC Excellence testing later this month.
- A Nurse Aide class with The Village at Morrison’s Cove began on May 21. Nurse Aide held their spring OAC meeting in May.
- PA Vehicle Inspection certification training and testing was held the weeks of May 13 and 20.
- Thirteen adult welding students completed the American Welding Society certification test. Results will be provided later this month.

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Mark DeRose has worked at the GACTC since 1992. He serves as the Head of Operations. Mark began as a Custodian and has since served as a Shift Leader, Maintenance Custodian, and Assistant Director of Maintenance. Mark is a graduate of Hollidaysburg Area High School and worked as an automotive technician, store manager, and service writer before coming to the GACTC. He also has military experience in the United States Marine Corp. Mark is cheerful and accommodating and will be missed by all who have worked with him!

Randy Kelley, Computer Consortium Lead Programmer/Systems Analyst and graduate of the GACTC and Altoona Area High School, has worked at the school since 1973. Randy has held many titles; i.e., Programmer/Operator, Systems Analyst, Computer Consortium Coordinator, among others. In the 2001-2002 school year, Randy was named Employee of the Year. He has served the school with loyalty and integrity. Randy’s work record is exemplary, and his contributions to the school over these many years are truly appreciated!

Dan Langenbacher worked as a summer school janitor, a cloth weaver, a delivery driver, and a PA State Inspection mechanic before accepting a custodial position at the GACTC in 1993. Dan has served the school well by keeping the school and grounds clean and neat. Dan is cordial and helpful and will be missed by his colleagues!

We wish you all healthy and enjoyable retirements!
Congratulations are extended to the following students named *Outstanding Seniors* in their respective programs for 2018-19:

- **Luke D. Slagenweit** Automotive Technology/Claysburg-Kimmel
- **Noah P. Irvin** Automotive/Diesel Technology/Tyrone Area
- **James G. Hammel** Cabinetmaking/Finished Carpentry/Altoona Area
- **Tyler P. Boyer** Carpentry/Construction/Altoona Area
- **Brandon E. Patz** Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology/Hollidaysburg Area
- **Nathan W. Wright** Computer Programming/Oracle Academy/Altoona Area
- **James W. Leake** Computer Technology/Cisco Academy/Altoona Area
- **Taylor J. Hunter** Cosmetology/Tyrone Area
- **Kassidy R. McChessney** Cosmetology/Williamsburg Community
- **Karley A. Buckrop-Cavallo** Culinary Arts/Altoona Area
- **Katelyn J. Musselman** Dental Assistant/Altoona Area
- **Matthew R. Heuston** Digital Printing Technologies/Central
- **Jordan L. Rachael** Drafting/Design Technology/Bellwood-Antis
- **Alex J. Dunlap** Electrical Trades/Bellwood-Antis
- **Nicholas J. Young** Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology/Hollidaysburg Area
- **Ian M. Yon** Emergency Services/Altoona Area
- **Amarysa M. Jackson** Health Occupations/Altoona Area
- **David G. Campbell, Jr.** Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing/Glendale
- **Eliza R. Albright** Interior Decorating & Finishing/Hollidaysburg Area
- **Joseph A. Bender** Logistics & Materials Management/Altoona Area
- **Kenneth L. Jones** Masonry/Altoona Area
- **Morgan D. McDermott** Multimedia & Web Design/Bellwood-Antis
- **Samuel J. Woomer** Precision Machining/Tyrone Area
- **Donovan R. Miller** Retail Marketing/Entrepreneurship/Bellwood-Antis
- **Dominic J. Horton** Visual Arts Technologies/Altoona Area
- **Isaiah B. Salyer** Welding Technology/Altoona Area
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL AWARDS

AAA East Central Award, Aaron M. Hite, Automotive Technology, Altoona Area
Aaron Stuckey Memorial Scholarship, Cameron J. Noll, Automotive/Diesel Technology, Tyrone Area
Altoona Rotary Club Award, Taylor J. Hunter, Cosmetology, Tyrone Area
Altoona Rotary Club Award, Katelyn J. Musselman, Dental Assistant, Altoona Area
American Welding Society Award, Mason A. Houck, Welding Technology, Home Schooled
Timothy A. Bartek Memorial Scholarship, David G. Campbell, Jr., Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Glendale
BASICS Attendance Counts Award, Aaron M. Hite, Automotive Technology, Altoona Area
Co-op Excellence Award, Stone Claycomb, Automotive/Diesel Technology, Claysburg-Kimmel
Daniel A. Clark Memorial Scholarship, Katelyn J. Musselman, Dental Assistant, Altoona Area
Dental Clinician of the Year, Jamie N. Wolfe, Dental Assistant, Glendale
Franklin M. Finelli Memorial Scholarship, Katelyn J. Musselman, Dental Assistant, Altoona Area
Captain Bob Gallardy Memorial Scholarship, Ian M. Yon, Emergency Services, Altoona Area
Scott T. Garlick Memorial Scholarship, Lee Fink, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Hollidaysburg Area
Scott T. Garlick Memorial Scholarship, Nicholas J. Young, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Hollidaysburg Area
Glunt Special Recognition Award, Dorian A. Wertz, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Altoona Area
Health Clinician of the Year, Cierra C. Clawson, Health Occupations, Altoona Area
Hite Company Tools for the Trade, Jacob I. Orr, Electrical Trades, Tyrone Area
Jane Purdy Hite & Robert Lee Hite Memorial Scholarship, Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Acad., Altoona Area
Lowe's of Altoona Gold Hammer Award, Andrew J. Foor, Carpentry/Construction, Glendale
E. Charles Makdad Memorial Award, Dorian A. Wertz, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Altoona Area
Piotr Marciniak Memorial Scholarship, Karley A. Buckrop-Cavallo, Culinary Arts, Altoona Area
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. Recognition, Ryan M. Weyant, Welding Technology, Altoona Area
Richard L. McEldowney Academic Scholarship, Katelyn J. Musselman, Dental Assistant, Altoona Area
Richard L. McEldowney Academic Scholarship, Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Altoona Area
Nontraditional Student, Skylar P. Sarver, Automotive/Diesel Technology, Central
Outstanding Senior of the Year, Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Altoona Area
PA Concrete Masonry Association Award, Kenneth L. Jones, Masonry, Altoona Area
Reliance Bank Scholarship, Kassidy McChessney, Cosmetology, Williamsburg Community
Reliance Bank Scholarship, Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Altoona Area
Joseph J. Schamris Memorial Scholarship, David G. Campbell, Jr., Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Glendale
Scott Electric Tools for the Trade, Alex J. Dunlap, Electrical Trades, Bellwood-Antis
SkillsUSA Scholarship, Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Altoona Area
SkillsUSA State Conference—1st Place, Eliza R. Albright, Interior Decorating & Finishing, Hollidaysburg Area
SkillsUSA State Conference—1st Place, Devyn E. Amigh, Interior Decorating & Finishing, Hollidaysburg Area
SkillsUSA State Conference—1st Place, Marissa E. Hoover, Interior Decorating & Finishing, Altoona Area
SkillsUSA State Conference—1st Place, Elle M. Detwiler (Alternate), Interior Decorating & Finishing, Williamsburg Community
Smithmyer Special Recognition, David G. Campbell, Jr., Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Glendale
Special Recognition Foods Award, Andrew J. Pellegrino, Food Production, Altoona Area
S. Rodger Walters Education Scholarship, David G. Campbell, Jr., Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Glendale
George Woomer Memorial Scholarship, Isaiah B. Salyer, Welding Technology, Altoona Area
Your Building Center Gold Hammer Award, James G. Hammel, Cabinetmaking/Finished Carpentry, Altoona Area
THANKS TO ALL OUR SCHOLARSHIP 2019 CONTRIBUTORS

Many area businesses and individuals have contributed to scholarship and special awards for our graduating seniors. Without these contributions, the Senior Awards program would not be possible.

In the aggregate, contributions amounted to nearly $21,000

Allegheny Supply & Maintenance Co., Inc.
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Your Building Center

MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Karley A. Buckrop-Cavallo, Culinary Arts, Altoona Area (2)
David G. Campbell, Jr., Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Glendale (5)
Alex J. Dunlap, Electrical Trades, Bellwood-Ants (2)
James G. Hammel, Cabinetmaking/Finished Carpentry, Altoona Area (2)
Aaron M. Hite, Automotive Technology, Altoona Area (2)
Taylor J. Hunter, Cosmetology, Tyrone Area (2)
Kenneth L. Jones, Masonry, Altoona Area (2)
Kassidy R. McChessney, Cosmetology, Williamsburg Community (2)
Katelyn J. Musselman, Dental Assistant, Altoona Area (5)
Isaiah B. Salyer, Welding Technology, Altoona Area (2)
Dorian A. Wertz, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Altoona Area (2)
Nathan W. Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Altoona Area (6)
Ian M. Yon, Emergency Services, Altoona Area (2)
Nicholas J. Young, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Hollidaysburg Area (2)
At the annual Miss School/Miss Out Attendance Incentive Assembly, twelfth grade students at the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center were recognized for perfect attendance and high achievement.

Dawn Hobson of the Challenge Program presented awards as follows to outstanding seniors:

- **Academic Excellence**—Eliza Albright, Interior Decorating & Finishing Program (Hollidaysburg AHS)
- **Academic Improvement**—John Walters, Logistics & Materials Management Program (Altoona AHS)
- **Attendance**—Orin Selden, Automotive/Diesel Technology Program (Altoona AHS)
- **Community Service**—Kyra Walters, Health Occupations Program (Claysburg-Kimmel HS)
- **STEM**—Nathan Wright, Computer Programming/Oracle Academy Program (Altoona AHS)

The GAP Federal Credit Union and the Hite Company contributed $1,000 as sponsors for each senior award given at the assembly.

This is the seventeenth consecutive year that the school has awarded a rebuilt late-model automobile that is restored to like-new condition by the Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology, Automotive Technology, and Automotive/Diesel Technology Programs. This year’s car was purchased from Stoystown Auto Wreckers. Donations from the following companies helped make this restoration possible: Hamer Auto Body Repair & Towing, Luciano’s Auto Body, Mueller’s Auto Recycling & Sales, and Reliable Towing, Tires & Auto Center.

One student from the morning session, Sam Tinker, and one student from the afternoon session, James Leake, qualified for the grand prize automobile. Each student received an ignition key for the 2016 Nissan Versa, but it was James’ key that proved successful in turning the ignition. James, who is a Computer Technology/Cisco Academy student, will soon graduate from Altoona Area High School. He is enrolled in the fall at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown, majoring in Computer Science. James is not currently working but is looking for summer employment.

Senior James Leake, placed 1st in the MSMO Attendance Incentive Program

James Leake was declared the winner. Runner-up, Sam Tinker (Computer Technology/Cisco Academy Program) won a 43” Roku Smart TV.

Good luck with the car, James, and remember to drive safely!