**Outstanding Senior Students Recognized**

The 48th Annual Senior Awards Program was held on Thursday evening, May 7, in the school cafetorium. Outstanding senior awards were presented to students in twenty-six programs. Forty-three other special awards and scholarships were presented. One senior was recognized for having three years of perfect attendance. Approximately 247 students, parents, business and community representatives, and staff members attended. Nearly $35,000 in cash awards were presented to these seniors. (See page 8 for pictures from the Awards Program.) It is important to note that eighteen memorial awards are endowed to honor former students or employees of the school. Some of these memorial awards include the Jesse McCElhinney Memorial Scholarship, the Daniel Clark Memorial Scholarship, Bill & Joan Shiffler Memorial Scholarship, and the Sgt. Brandon Adams Memorial Scholarship. Brandon, a former student in Multimedia & Web Design and a graduate of the AAHS Class of 2000, died at Walter Reed Army Hospital in September 2004 as a result of wounds he sustained in Iraq.

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!**

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**OUTSTANDING SENIOR**

**Carpentry/Construction**

**TAYLOR M. MANGES**

Glendale High School

**OUTSTANDING SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

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Secondary Applications
To date, 565 new applications for incoming tenth graders and 123 applications for incoming ninth graders have been received and processed. The third scheduling run will be printed on May 28.

Counselors’ Activities
In the past month, much of the counselor’s time has been devoted to completing scheduling activities, including both regular and special needs students. In addition, counselors have been processing returning students’ scheduling requests and attending IEP meetings as necessary.

In April, Counselors Gayle Swales and Nicole Taneyhill visited with eighth grade students at Hollidaysburg Junior High School, providing GACTC career guidance and education.

On Thursday, April 23, Gayle Swales, Nicole Zernick, and Drafting/Design Technology Instructor Dusty Mauk participated in Career Day at Bishop Guilfoyle High School.

Student Failures
Counselors continue to meet with students who are in danger of failing for the year. The parents of those students who do in fact fail will all be contacted. Home schools are notified in a timely manner so those students can schedule full day classes at their home schools for the 2015-16 school year.

Attendance Incentive Assembly
The end of the year assembly for the Incentive Program will be held on Wednesday, May 27. The grand prize, a 2010 Kia Rio, will be awarded along with other prizes. Students are eligible either through perfect attendance or placement on the honor roll.

Cooperative Education
As the end of the school year approaches, 17 senior students and 7 adult students have met all criteria and are currently participating in Cooperative Education. One student was laid off but hired with another company within two days. Twenty-four other students are preparing for the Nex Gen Summer Mentoring program.

First Book
Mrs. Kathy DePiro, Logistics & Materials Handling Instructor, recently received an overall calculation from the First Book National Headquarters on our school’s performance over the course of our partnership with First Book. GACTC’s 5%, which represents our portion of total books distributed, comes “off the top,” meaning we select the books for donation inventory first before sending available inventory information along to First Book to post on their website. This insures that books available to our sending schools and community organizations are a good fit for this area’s children. With the exception of one small overseas donation to children living in rural Kenya, which provided a one of a kind opportunity for students to learn about water transportation and U.S. customs issues, all of the 5% or 120,964 books (GACTC’s portion of total books distributed) are supporting children’s literacy locally.
Practical Nursing Notes

PAPNA Educator of the Year Award
“We all know we have the nurse educator of all nurse educators somewhere in our programs. We could not survive without them; nor could the students.” This excerpt from an essay written by the PN Coordinator, Rebecca Kelly, came to life as Becky Romagna, MSN, RN, and Instructor from the GACTC Practical Nursing Program, won the Educator of the Year Award at the annual Pennsylvania Association of Practical Nursing Administrators (PAPNA) convention on May 6, in Lewisburg, PA. Mrs. Romagna, approaching her fifteenth year at GACTC as an educator, was chosen by a committee of Pennsylvania program coordinators based on the essay submitted in the nomination process. We congratulate her on this achievement.

The Future of the LPN Workforce
Using baseline data from 2012 and the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Health Workforce Simulations Model, projections on the supply of and demand for Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPNs) for the entire U.S. in 2025 were recently published. Nationally, the supply was predicted to outpace the demand, masking a distributional imbalance of LPNs at the state level. Twenty-two states are projected to experience a smaller growth in the supply, Pennsylvania being one of them, resulting in a shortage of LPNs by 2025. In comparison to last year’s prediction of a shortage of more than 10,000, the current statistics reveal a shortage of 2,310 which is certainly more manageable. Nevertheless, this still presents a challenge for the slightly more than 50 Practical Nursing programs in the state. Also, if you were born between 1946 and 1964, you have a 40% chance of entering a nursing home, so you may want to hope that the gap between supply and demand continues to decline. The GACTC is continuing to do its part to ensure that by increasing enrollment and retention; we can do just that by graduating a record number of 50 full-time students this August.

Practical Nursing Student Activities
This month, Nicole Zernick, Placement Coordinator, will assist the students in developing resumes in preparation for our annual Health Care Industry Job Fair. More than thirty prospective employers are expected to attend the event which will be held June 25, 2015, in the GACTC Cafeteria. 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 RN programs.

Walk Today. Add Tomorrows
Walk in Great Strides today and help add tomorrows to the lives of those living with Cystic Fibrosis. Practical Nursing students responded to that invitation on Saturday for the Great Strides Walkathon which was held at Hollidaysburg Legion Memorial Park on May 16. Students and their families helped with registration and passed out pinwheels in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s largest annual fundraising event. This year the Western PA Chapter has raised more than $39,000. Practical Nursing students who participated are shown left.
Continuing Education Notes

Spring 2015 Continuing Education Update
As we approach the end of the 2014-2015 school year, the Continuing Education Staff are developing 2015-16 class offerings and schedules. The scheduled full-time adult only offerings include: Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA), Welding, HVAC w/Related Electricity & Plumbing, Medical Assistant (MA), Medical Office Specialist (MOS), and Administrative Office Specialist (AOS). The scheduled part-time certificate programs include: Certified Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy, and Medical Coding. In addition, all of the GACTC secondary programs, with the exception of Cosmetology, offer a full-time intergenerational curriculum to adult learners. Nicole Zernick, Recruitment, Retention, Career Placement Counselor, is continuing to interview students for the GACTC postsecondary programs. To date, we have received 64 applications for the 2015-2016 school year.

2015-16 Enrollment Snapshot as of May 19, 2015

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EFDA Associate Degree Program
The GACTC currently offers an Expanded Function Dental Assistant program that is partnered with Mount Aloysius College for an Associate of Science Degree. On May 9, 2015, four graduates from the second cohort of the GACTC EFDA program graduated from Mount Aloysius College with an Associate Degree in Applied Technology:
  - Anna Louise Ciccarella, *cum laude*
  - Ashley Deterline
  - Tristan Gracia Rose Mauk, *cum laude*
  - Altara LeRee Nyiri

Nurse Aide Program
The GACTC is instructing a Nurse Aide class for The Village at Morrison’s Cove. The Village at Morrison’s Cove interviews and hires the students while the GACTC provides the training via the CTC instructors, Jackie Koontz and Peggy Steward. This class will end May 18, 2015.

Two more Nurse Aide classes are scheduled to begin—one for Garvey Manor beginning May 18, 2015, and one for Epworth Manor beginning June 15, 2015. Similar to The Village at Morrison’s Cove, interviewing and hiring is completed by the respective long-term nursing home and training is provided by GACTC.

FCI – Loretto Auto Tech Program
The NATEF application for the Auto Tech program being taught at the Federal Prison at FCI-Loretto is almost ready for submission. Of the most recent group of inmates to be Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) tested, three students passed the G1 and one passed the A8. These are very challenging industry-standard tests and highly recognized throughout the Auto Technician field. The FCI-Loretto Warden was very pleased and is looking forward to having the first Federal correction facility to be granted NATEF Certification.
Congratulations are extended to the following students named **Outstanding Seniors** in their respective programs for 2014-15:

- Kaitlin J. Myers Administrative Office Specialist/Glendale
- Geoffrey T. Sosnowski Automotive Technology/Hollidaysburg Area
- Cameron T. Wigfield Automotive/Diesel Technology/Glendale
- Jonathan M. Eichenlaub Cabinetmaking/Finished Carpentry/Altoona Area
- Tyler E. Kuhlmey Carpentry/Construction/Glendale
- Cecil A. Myers Collision Repair & Refinishing Technology/Williamsburg Community
- Jerrod M. Sunderland Computer Programming/Oracle Academy/Altoona Area
- Rhett L. Walls Computer Technology/Cisco Academy/Tyrone Area
- Carly E. Shaffer Cosmetology/Altoona Area
- Dana L. Smith Cosmetology/Altoona Area
- John R. Jorkasky Culinary Arts/Altoona Area
- Taylor D. Myers Dental Assistant/Altoona Area
- Tanner A. Huff Drafting/Design Technology/Altoona Area
- Hunter P. McCracken Electrical Trades/Bellwood-Antis
- Lucas E. Nunamaker Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology/Claysburg-Kimmel
- Shannon C. Glenny Emergency Services/Central
- Mikayla J. Sessamen Health Occupations/Altoona Area
- Jesse L. Branstetter Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning/Plumbing/Bellwood-Antis
- Anna R. Warner Interior Decorating & Finishing/Great Commission
- Hunter J. Horton Logistics & Materials Management/Altoona Area
- Kordelle C. Dent Masonry/Altoona Area
- Cordell D. Conner Multimedia & Web Design/Hollidaysburg Area
- Jordan L. Bowmaster Outdoor Power Equipment Technology/Hollidaysburg Area
- Devon W. Metzgar Precision Machining/Altoona Area
- Richard P. Weber Retail Marketing/Entrepreneurship/Altoona Area
- Cammie M. Teeters Visual Arts Technologies/Altoona Area
- Maxwell R. Leskowitz Welding Technology/Bellwood-Antis
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL AWARDS

AAA East Central Award, Tyler L. Miller, Automotive Technology, Hollidaysburg
Aaron Stuckey Memorial Scholarship, Zachary A. Patterson, Automotive/Diesel Technology, Altoona
Aaron Stuckey Memorial Scholarship, Geoffrey T. Sosnowski, Automotive Technology, Hollidaysburg
Altoona Area Alumni Association Scholarship, Tanner A. Huff, Drafting/Design Technology, Altoona
Altoona Pipe & Steel Most Improved Welder Award, Korey B. Moses, Welding Technology, Claysburg-Kimmel
American Welding Society Award, Gregory D. Decker, Welding Technology, Hollidaysburg
BASICS Attendance Counts Recognition, Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
Bill and Joan Shiffler Memorial Scholarship, Anthony J. Shank, Drafting/Design Technology, Bishop Guilfoyle
Captain Bill Gallardy Memorial Scholarship, Shannon C. Glenny, Emergency Services, Central
Captain Bill Gallardy Memorial Scholarship, Geoffrey T. Sosnowski, Automotive Technology, Hollidaysburg
Captain Bill Gallardy Memorial Scholarship, Michelle R. Troxell, Health Occupations, Williamsburg
Daniel A. Clark Memorial Scholarship, Robert M. White, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Bellwood-Antis
Dental Clinician of the Year, Jordan M. Long, Dental Assistant, Hollidaysburg
E. Charles Makdad Memorial Award, Ty B. Snyder, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Tyrone
Franklin M. Finelli Memorial Scholarship, Kaleb W. Garman, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Bellwood-Antis
Franklin M. Finelli Memorial Scholarship, Tanner A. Huff, Drafting/Design Technology, Altoona
Health Clinician of the Year, Courtney M. Carter, Health Occupations, Altoona
Hite Company Tools for the Trade, Hunter P. McCracken, Electrical Trades, Bellwood-Antis
HOSA Scholarship, Courtney M. Carter, Health Occupations, Altoona
Jane Purdy Hite & Robert Lee Hite Memorial Scholarship, Lucas E. Nunamaker, Electro Mechanical Eng. Tech., Claysburg-Kimmel
Jesse T. McElhinney Memorial Scholarship, Cordell D. Conner, Multimedia & Web Design, Hollidaysburg
Lowe's of Altoona Gold Hammer Award, Scott K. Pearce, Carpentry/Construction, Bellwood-Antis
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. Recognition, Randy L. Lanzendorfer, Welding Technology, Hollidaysburg
Nontraditional Scholarship, Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
Nontraditional Scholarship, Taylor M. Manges, Carpentry/Construction, Glendale
Outstanding DECA Member, Richard P. Weber, Retail Marketing/Entrepreneurship, Altoona
Outstanding Senior of the Year, Taylor M. Manges, Carpentry/Construction, Glendale
PA Concrete Masonry Association Award, Kordelle C. Dent, Masonry, Altoona
Perfect Attendance—3 Years, Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
Piotr Marciniai Memorial Scholarship, Ashley T. Winand, Culinary Arts, Altoona
Reliance Bank Scholarship, Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
Reliability Bank Scholarship, Lucas E. Nunamaker, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Claysburg-Kimmel
Richard L. McEldowney Academic Scholarship, Taylor D. Myers, Dental Assistant, Altoona
Rotary Club Scholarship, Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
Rotary Club Scholarship, Irene L. Riley, Dental Assistant, Altoona
S. Rodger Walters Education Scholarship, Ty B. Snyder, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Tyrone
Scott Garlick Memorial Scholarship, Robert M. White, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Bellwood-Antis
Sgt. Brandon E. Adams Information Technology Education Scholarship, Dustin S. Lasher, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona
SkillsUSA Scholarship, Lucas E. Nunamaker, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Claysburg-Kimmel
SkillsUSA State Medalist—1st Place Carpentry, Scott K. Pearce, Carpentry/Construction, Bellwood-Antis
SkillsUSA State Medalist—2nd Place Internetworking, Rhett L. Walls, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Tyrone
Smithmyer Special Recognition, Jesse L. Branstetter, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Bellwood-Antis
Special Recognition, Catherine L. Moore, Food Production, Altoona
Special Recognition Award Outdoor Power Equipment Technology, Erik L. Cutter, Outdoor Power Equipment Tech., Glendale
YBC Gold Hammer Award, Jonathan M. Eichenlaub, Cabinetmaking/Finished Carpentry, Altoona
THANKS TO ALL OUR SCHOLARSHIP 2015 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 $35,000

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MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Jesse L. Branstetter, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Bellwood-Antis (2)  
Courtney M. Carter, Health Occupations, Altoona (2)  
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Alissa N. Ingram, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Altoona (5)  
Taylor M. Manges, Carpentry/Construction, Glendale (2)  
Hunter P. McCracken, Electrical Trades, Bellwood-Antis (2)  
Taylor D. Myers, Dental Assistant, Altoona (2)  
Lucas E. Nunamaker, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Claysburg-Kimmel (5)  
Scott K. Pearce, Carpentry/Construction, Bellwood-Antis (2)  
Geoffrey T. Sosnowski, Automotive Technology, Hollidaysburg (3)  
Ty B. Snyder, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Plumbing, Tyrone (2)  
Rhett L. Walls, Computer Technology/Cisco Academy, Tyrone (2)  
Richard P. Weber, Retail Marketing/Entrepreneurship, Altoona (2)  
Robert M. Whiteman, Electro Mechanical Engineering Technology, Bellwood-Antis (2)
House Project Update

Carpentry Instructor, Eric Werner, and students finished the siding, soffit, and fascia on the back exterior of the house. Currently they are installing soffit and fascia on the front exterior of the house.

Bill Doutt, Masonry Instructor, is working with a spouting contractor, who will install spouting in colors that match the fascia and siding.

Interior Decorating & Finishing Instructor, Dodie Amigh, and students worked one day with John Richardson and Randy Irwin of R & J Quality Painting. John and Randy donated their time working with the class to teach them how to set up and use a paint sprayer. The primer coat is 90% complete; work will continue this week to apply the first coat of finish paint.

Masonry and Cabinetmaking Instructors, Bill Doutt and Dave Palazzi, combined their programs one day this month for a seminar on Schluter Systems for tile and stone installation (pictured right). Dale Kreider, Schulter Systems Representative, spoke to the students about water proof products for ceramic tile showers, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and provided hands-on demonstrations installing the product on both shower walls and ceramic/porcelain floor applications. Schluter Systems has offered to donate the water proofing products for the walk-in shower at the house project.

Senior Awards Program in Photos