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EMMETT O'BRIEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

# THE CONDOR FLYER

## Precision Machine Technology Students Fully Equipped

On Friday March 18th the Freshmen PMT Students received \$14,000 in brand new precision measuring tools from Forum Plastics of Waterbury. The President and HR Director of Forum Plastics, Superintendent Dr. Solis, and several local newspapers were on site to share in this special surprise for our students. This very generous donation will help students in their pursuit of a challenging career in precision machinery where demand for skilled workers is at an all-time high. Thank you...FORUM PLASTICS!



## Mr. Behun 2022 Teacher of the Year

**We are proud to recognize Mr. Craig Behun as Emmett O'Brien's 2022 Teacher of the Year.**

Mr. Behun began his teaching career as a substitute at EOB in 2007. He taught six years at Platt Tech, and is currently in his eighth year at Emmett where he teaches 10th grade Civics and 12th grade Economics/Personal Finance. As a first-time nominee, Mr. Behun was honored that his hard work was being noticed. Not only does he inspire students in the classroom, but he also coaches the boys' basketball team, serves as advisor for the National Honor Society and Basketball Club, and participates as a member of the ASA (Addressing Student Anxiety) Team. Described by students as charismatic and funny, one of Mr. Behun's strengths is developing positive relationships with his players and students. "Students may forget what we taught them (although we may not want to admit that), but they will remember how we made them feel," notes Behun. Despite the challenges and changes in education, Mr. Behun remains focused on his goal: to provide students with information and skills that they need to be successful in school and beyond. "I love when former students reach out to tell me that things they learned in my class are helping them in their lives," Behun comments.

The value of education and the love of teaching runs in the Behun family: his mother taught Spanish and French in Naugatuck, his father taught Woodworking at Derby High School, and his wife currently taught 2nd grade in Orange. He is an ice cream enthusiast and the proud dad of two sons, Callan (7) and Ashton (4). "He's really good at helping out or if you need extra credit," says Joe'Anna Fuller, a 10th grade student. "He has a good personality and brightens up the class." Mr. Behun also prides himself on his "dad jokes".



**Teacher**  
of the Year

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## Mrs. Sheppard

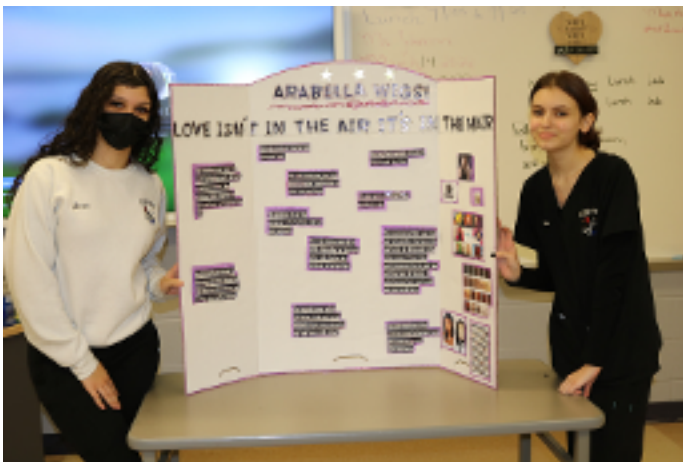
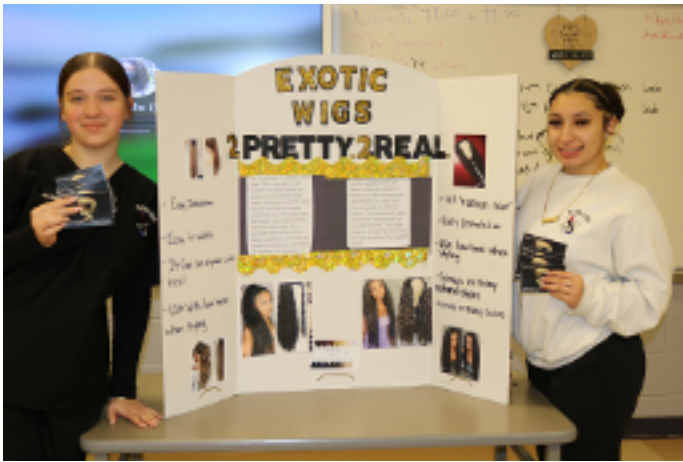
The Emmett O'Brien staff recently celebrated Mrs. Sheppard's retirement. Mrs. Sheppard has dedicated 36 years to the field of teaching. She has made countless contributions to our school and district. Not only is Mrs. Sheppard our Related Department Head, she is also a Science and Portfolio instructor. She has acted as a curriculum author, coach, mentor and advisor over the years. Mrs. Sheppard will be missed greatly by the students and staff at EOB. Congratulations, Mrs. Sheppard!



All the best!

## Hairdressing Students Create Wig Company

The sophomore hairdressing class just completed a big cycle project during the "Wig and Hair Additions" unit of study. The students worked in close partnership to create a Wig and Hair Additions company. They used their research, writing and marketing skills to complete each task. They developed the business by choosing a name and tagline, creating a business card, and choosing a demographic to sell their wigs to. The presentations included educational information such as what the wigs are made of, how they are made and about their businesses marketing strategies. This project helps the students develop public speaking skills and allows them to be very creative in designing the business as well as the hair designs. It also shows them another avenue of high income available to them with their training and hairdressing license. They did an amazing Job!



## Students of the Month

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month!



## PMT Receives Donation



On March 28th the Gene Hass Foundation issued a \$12,000 grant to support scholarships and NIMS credentialing for students in Emmett O'Brien's Precision Machining Technology Department. This generous gift will go a long way in supporting students with tools and scholarships as they enter the manufacturing field.

## PMT Students Complete Credentials

The PMT 10th, 11th and 12th grade students had a busy month completing over 80 Credentials from NIMS and Career Safe. Congratulations to all students on outstanding work and commitment to your trade.



## "Be Ur Own Luck"

The Student Council participated in the CTECS CARES challenge for the month of March by wishing different messages of inspiration to the students and staff. The members decorated the wall outside the gym with a message that stated "Be Ur Own Luck". Then each of the shamrocks around the sign had a message of inspiration. Student Council hopes that everyone continues to work hard to finish off the school year!



# Upcoming Events

## Celebrating Women's History Month

Student Council members Alonna Ewell, Fernando Gomes, and Cloe Tomasella completed a bulletin board for the month of March in the academic wing. Their message was to recognize women that have made a change throughout history. This was in celebration on Women's History Month to help O'Brien commemorate such an important history.



**April 5**  
**Coffee with the Principal**

**April 6**  
**Marking Period 3 Ends**  
**PFO Bingo**

**April 11 - 15**  
**Spring Vacation**

**April 21**  
**Club Day**

**April 22**  
**Spring Fling Dance**



## Presentation on the Dangers of Vaping

The *Alliance for Prevention and Wellness* is the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization for the Lower Naugatuck Valley. They provide presentations and in-service trainings on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, drug trends, suicide, problem gambling prevention and mental health promotion. Lorrie McFarland, their Prevention Coordinator, came to EOB on March 10th and 22nd to present to our 9th and 10th grade students on the dangers of vaping. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about this ongoing and troublesome issue, ask questions, and offer suggestions for further prevention at EOB. A big thank you goes out to Trooper Mach, who made arrangements and spear-headed this effort to increase our students' awareness of the dangers of vaping.

