

April 22, 2022

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EMMETT O'BRIEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Annual Auto Competition Results are in!

Twelve of the top automotive technology students from across CT's Technical High Schools participated in the annual Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association (CARA) automotive technical competition on April 7, 2022. Held at Gengras Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in East Hartford, CT, nearly \$82,000 in scholarship awards were available to the competitors. Ultimately, **Anthony Russo** from **Emmett O'Brien Technical High School** took home the gold!

Congratulations Anthony!



BINGO is back and going strong!

Once again the PFO did an amazing job putting together a BINGO event. All in attendance enjoyed the food, fun, and festivities! *Thank you to everyone involved in organizing this wonderful time! Look for the next one to join in and play!*



National Honor Society members **Madison Buckley**, **Sam Borowski** and **Kyle Monteiro** attended a virtual conference on leadership hosted by the CT Association of National Honor Societies. During the meeting, our school won the Kahoot challenge!



Staff Acknowledgement Award

Nominated by staff: Mr. LaRovera

- ▶ He is very supportive of his students' questions and interest.
- ▶ He always makes himself available for extra help.
- ▶ He always makes time for the students' make-up work.
- ▶ He is encouraging to the students that are struggling and makes them believe that they are capable of learning.
- ▶ He always has a warm welcome for all staff and students in the hallway.
- ▶ He has quick wit and lightens up meetings.
- ▶ He has been a great team member on committees with invaluable input.
- ▶ He is willing to be a mentor to his fellow teachers.
- ▶ He is one of the teachers that my students are always saying how difficult the work and content are but how grateful they are to be learning from him!



Nominated by students: Mrs. Marra

"I believe Mrs. Marra should be recognized for her overall, outstanding support for not only her current students, but also those who are now with Mr. Koziol. She continues to lend a hand whenever there's a question in shop, helps students create designs for events around school, and listens when someone just needs an ear to talk off. She is absolutely amazing in caring for the students in MDET and is always willing to help students from other shops when asked. I also noticed how she makes an impact on other staff members, as they speak fondly of her when mentioned. She portrays what it is to be such a kind and dependable role model for everyone."



**Congratulations to
Mrs. Marra and Mr. LaRovera**

Voice 4 Change approved!

Niyah Newell's proposal won the votes and will become a reality!

Emmett O'Brien THS winning proposal for the Voice for Change is for a Courtyard Recreation Area. This proposal will improve the courtyard area to serve as a space to safely hold school events and bring the community together, as well as a possible space for lunch or studying. This proposal won based on the priority area of Family and Community connections. Thank you to everyone that voted!



CLASS WARS



The highly anticipated annual Class Wars competition was finally back on Friday, April 8th. After a year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, Class Wars was more anticipated than ever before! The class advisors and officers worked tirelessly for over a month recruiting students to compete. Mrs. Kinard and the student council representatives worked to make sure all events would happen without a glitch. Mr. Behun stepped in as our master of ceremonies to get some crowd involvement and explain the events. The students were greeted with beautifully made class posters and cheered on their classmates in a series of different head-to-head competitions. Fun was had by all! The students competed in events like blanket chariot, chicken launch, obstacle course, musical chairs and tug of war. In the end the seniors came in first place, tied for second were the juniors and freshmen and in last place were the sophomores.

Congratulations to all classes!

SkillsUSA Community Service

Members of SkillsUSA dedicated a club day creating Origami Frames for Soldiers who have given countless hours of service to our country. The frames that were made will be sent out in batches of 500 to the following organizations: Operation-Care and Comfort, Operation-Gratitude, and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. SkillsUSA recently received a thank you note from the Rotary Club for supporting the service men and women in our armed forces.



Upcoming Events



April 22
Spring Fling Dance

April 25
Club Day

April 26
Professional Development
Early Dismissal - Students

April 27
NGSS Testing for Juniors

May 3
Coffee with the Principal

Restoring a Model B Tractor

Sam Jones, a freshman Automotive student, helped to restore the Jones Family Farm's John Deere Model B tractor. Sam's great-grandfather purchased the first tractor for the farm in 1947. It had not run in over 20 years but over the past year, Sam worked together with a family friend to get it up and running. Great job Sam!



Jennifer Johnson, a junior in Mechanical Design and Engineering Technology, just achieved her SolidWorks Professional Certification. Now most people will simply think, a high school junior from a technical high school, how hard could it be? According to SolidWORKS here is a statistic for you:

Total of **178572 Certified SolidWORKS Professional (CSWP)** users world-wide

Yes, it said **WORLD-WIDE!** Please congratulate Jennifer when you get a chance.