

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent-Director Report
Thursday, December 14, 2017**

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Presidential Scholars

Three years ago the United States Presidential Scholars program was expanded to specifically include CTE students. Five nominees are selected from each state in the country based on criteria of academic rigor, technical competence, employability skills, and ingenuity/creativity.

We are very pleased to announce that Caroline DeGrappo, a senior in the Veterinary Science program from Ipswich, has been named as one of the five (5) Massachusetts nominees for this prestigious honor. Caroline is the President of our local FFA Chapter, an award winner at the recent National FFA Conference, a cooperative education student at SRH Veterinary Services in Ipswich, and a terrific student and person.

We are very proud of Caroline and wish her success at the next level of competition, where she will be considered for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholarship Program finalist.

SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference

Eight of our SkillsUSA student organization members recently attended the Fall State Leadership Conference. We are very proud of these students and our two faculty advisors (Stephanie Gargiulo and Robert Conard), who have taken a leadership role in growing our SkillsUSA chapter at Essex Technical High School.

In total, our students earned three gold medals, three silver medals, and one bronze at the conference. Our winners included the following:

Project Team Winners:

Cali Scola (Video Challenge) – Gold Medal
Jillian Gibbs (Team Profile) – Gold Medal
Joslee Espinal (Membership Promotion) – Silver Medal
Elsie Ronan (Community Construction) – Silver Medal

Team Quality Awards:

Joslee Espinal – Gold Medal
Robert LaCivita – Silver Medal
Elsie Ronan – Silver Medal
Tamera Whitmore – Bronze Medal

Congratulations to all of our participating students, as well as Ms. Gargiulo and Mr. Conard.

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship program provides recipients with a tuition waiver for up to eight (8) semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. In order to be eligible for the Scholarship, Massachusetts public high school students must: (a) score at the Advanced performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, mathematics, or science/technology; (b) score at the Proficient level or higher on the

remaining two high school state assessment tests; and (c) have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district.

Eighty-eight (88) Essex Technical High School students (including Julia Wersackas and Gio Montero, two of our student representatives to the School Committee) who achieved this distinction were recognized at a breakfast on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Congratulations to all of these terrific student scholars.

Open House

Thanks to our teachers, students, and administrators who put together an amazing Open House experience for interested students and their families on Saturday, November 18, 2017. While it is difficult to estimate the number of people who attended the Open House, I can report that the building and our classrooms were crowded during the entirety of the three-hour experience. My special thanks to Shannon Donnelly (Admissions Director and Freshman Assistant Principal), Sandy Goldstein (Director of Guidance), our CTE teachers, and the large number of Essex Technical High School students who volunteered to talk with prospective students and families about their program areas during the event.

Program Update

Kathleen Holman and Heidi Riccio, our Career and Technical Education (CTE) Directors, will present an overview of our programs, proposals for new programs, new opportunities for students within our existing programs, options for expanding the number of seats available to interested students, and what the future holds for our CTE offerings.