

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District  
Superintendent-Director Report  
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William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Adult Education

Our Adult Education has partnered with the National Health Career Association (NHA) to provide program participants who successfully complete various allied health programs with national certification. In fall 2018, Essex Tech will offer and be a test site for the following allied health programs for certification:

- Phlebotomy
- EKG
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Billing and Coding

Additionally, the adult education program has also partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services to offer a Rehabilitation Technology Repair Training Program. This program will include an internship for successful participants to apply their theoretical knowledge to practice with a certified rehabilitation repair and medical equipment repair technicians.

In addition, the adult education program will again be offering the beekeeping program this spring. Joe Gaglione from Crystal Bee Supply Company (Peabody) will again provide instruction for this program.

Program Recognitions and Updates

- Our Biotechnology Program has been selected by the MassBioEd Foundation as the 2018 Joshua Boger Innovative School of the Year. The award includes a \$5,000 grant for lab equipment and supplies and will be presented at the MassBio Annual Meeting on March 21, 2018. Instructor Arlyssa LaPorte submitted the grant application.
- As part of the Vocational Directors' Professional Development initiative, the statewide meeting for Health Assisting Instructors was held at Essex Technical High School on Tuesday, March 6 2018, with over 30 Health Assisting instructors in attendance. Essex Technical HS Instructor Stephanie Gargiulo facilitated the meeting and arranged for Mary Zwiercan, the Director of Human Resources at North Shore Medical Center, to speak to the group about cooperative education partnerships. In addition, instructors broke into groups to discuss issues related to their programs.
- Grade 10 Dental students are visiting Head Start programs in our district and presenting a program on dental hygiene to the preschoolers. These preschool students are receiving a toothbrush and toothpaste as part of the visit (through a generous donation from Crest).
- Arboriculture wrapped up their work at the Middleton Jail felling and trimming the trees along the perimeter road. In addition, they worked with the students from Natural Resources clearing land for our new Orchard. They will also be using Endicott Park in Danvers as a learning lab this spring.

Release of Vocational Education White Paper

Students from our Biotechnology, Veterinary Science, Culinary Arts, and Design and Visual Communications programs attended the release of the Alliance for Vocational Technical Education (AVTE) White Paper "High Quality Career Technical Education in Massachusetts," which was held in the Room of Flags at the State House last week. Students Jenna Tocco (Danvers) and Caroline DeGrappo (Ipswich) spoke on behalf of CTE students in the Commonwealth as to the impact a vocational education had on preparing them for college and career.

#### FFA and SkillsUSA

Both FFA and SkillsUSA will be participating in activities the week of March 12, 2018. Specifically, thirty-one of our students will compete at the FFA state conference and 105 students will compete at the SkillsUSA District competition. Good luck to all of our competitors and participants!

#### Cooperative Education

Enrollment in Cooperative Education continues to grow, with 148 students out as part of the program. This includes 84 seniors (with another 15 out on internships) and 39 juniors (4 additional students are out on internships).

#### Habitat for Humanity

The Plumbing, Electrical, and Carpentry programs continue their work at the Habitat for Humanity site in Hamilton. The Lincoln Avenue house is almost ready for occupancy and the rough plumbing and electrical work has been completed at the Asbury Road house. In addition, carpentry is prefabricating the frames for the doors and windows for the Danvers house here in the shop and will transport them to the site once the weather breaks.

#### Advisory Committee

The Spring Program Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 5, 2018 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the General Advisory Committee meeting. School Committee members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in participating, please contact Donna O'Brien at [dobrien@essextech.net](mailto:dobrien@essextech.net).