

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent's Report
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CTE Presidential Scholars Program

Prabhjot (PJ) Kaur, a senior from Danvers, was selected as one of the five Massachusetts nominees for the CTE Presidential Scholars Program. This program, which was created by President Obama in June, is designed to recognize outstanding students from each state. Twenty (20) students from across the country will be acknowledged in a ceremony at the White House in spring, 2016.

FFA National Competition

Twenty (20) of our students participated in FFA National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky from October 28-31, 2015. While we have not yet received a complete list of results, we know that the following students have been recognized in their competitive events:

- Dustin Koocher (Sophomore from Newburyport): Bronze Award in Creed Speaking
- Celia Gelpy (Senior from Danvers): Bronze Award in Extemporaneous Speaking
- Nathan Wilson (Junior from Methuen): Bronze Award in Prepared Public Speaking
- Stephanie Dawe (Senior from Danvers), Maria Fortuna (Senior from Methuen), and Claudia Lanes (Senior from Peabody): Bronze Award in Marketing Plan
- Emily Meuse (Junior from Methuen): Silver Individual Award in Floriculture Team
- Brittany Mitchell (Junior from Peabody): Bronze Individual Award in Floriculture Team
- Allison Sholds (Junior from Methuen): Bronze Individual Award in Floriculture Team
- Adrianna Lombardo-Towns (Senior from Gloucester): Bronze Individual Award in Floriculture Team
- Floriculture Team: Silver Team Award

Advisory Committees

Over 180 individual program advisory committee members attended specific program meetings on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Each of our 24 CTE areas were well represented by faculty and industry experts. Advisory provides our CTE faculty with the necessary updates from the field in order to remain current with training and practice. Advisory also provides professionals from industry with the opportunity to establish partnerships with our CTE areas and recruit potential talent.

I want to thank each of our CTE teachers for their work with these important groups, who provide such valuable guidance to our program efforts. In addition, I want to thank Carol Sullivan for her terrific work in putting together this excellent program and meeting structure.

Superintendent Entry Plan

I have begin implementation of my entry plan work, which is designed to assist me in developing a comprehensive picture of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical District, including the students, staff and community stakeholders, and help me to better understand the district and will lead to the creation of a report and recommendations. My plan consists of interviews with various individuals and groups, as well as a review of plans and documents, in an effort to develop a sense of the district and provide a basis for future goals, objectives and activities.

It is my plan to present a report of my findings to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical District School Committee and the community in January, 2016. This report will also include preliminary recommendations for future actions in the district.

Accreditation of Essex Technical High School

Brad Morgan (Essex Technical High School Principal), Shannon Donnelly (Associate Principal, Life & Natural Sciences Academy), Jennifer Skane (Associate Principal, Animal & Plant Sciences Academy) and I recently attended an orientation session regarding the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation of Essex Technical High School. It appears that North Shore Technical School was last accredited in 2007 and that Essex Agricultural School was accredited in 2003.

This process, which involves a self-study and visit by a NEASC team of teachers and administrators from other school systems, is designed to assist high schools in their improvement efforts. Our visit is now tentatively scheduled for spring, 2018, while the self-study process will take place during the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Donnelly, Ms. Skane and possibly other teachers and administrators will participate as members of visiting teams at other technical schools between now and 2018 so that they have experience with this important process.

Open House

The Essex Technical High School Open House will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to visit Essex Technical High School so that they can see firsthand what is offered here. All faculty and staff will be on hand to promote both our CTE and academic programs.

2015-2016 Enrollment

We recently reported October 1st enrollments for 2015-2016 to both member and non-member communities. Below is a summary of student numbers from member districts compared to 2014-2015 numbers:

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Beverly	109	110
Boxford	14	20
Danvers	103	108
Essex	11	18
Gloucester	80	89
Hamilton	12	14
Lynnfield	19	19
Manchester	4	5
Marblehead	12	16
Middleton	25	36
Nahant	4	4
Peabody	154	222
Rockport	15	15
Salem	169	170
Swampscott	26	25
Topsfield	9	11
Wenham	8	10

In 2014-2015, 354 students were enrolled from 38 non-member communities on October 1st. Following is a list of the non-member communities with the largest enrollments during that

year: Lynn (58 students), Haverhill (42 students), Methuen (34 students), Lawrence (33 students), and Saugus (27 students).

In 2015-2016, 327 students are enrolled from 39 non-member communities as of October 1st. The non-member communities with the largest current enrollments are as follows: Lynn (48 students), Haverhill (37 students), Methuen (30 students), Lawrence (24 students), and Saugus (24 students).

Student Recognitions

- Girl's Cross Country. Our team recently won the Vocational Division State Championship.
- Football. Our team will play Mystic Valley in the North Division 6 Final on Saturday, November 14th, having defeated St. Clements and top-seeded Dorchester in the first two rounds of the tournament.
- Girl's Soccer. The team won their league championship and lost to Manchester-Essex in the 1st round of the North Division 4 State Tournament.
- Girl's Volleyball. The team won their league championship and lost to Winthrop in the 1st round of the North Division 3 State Tournament.

Adult Education

We are currently running a limited number of classes for the fall semester. Our Electric Code course, which is a full-year offering, has proven to be our most popular program. At present, it appears that we may be on target to generate over \$25,000 in profit from course offerings.

Ms. Znamierowski, Mr. Morgan, and I will continue to meet with Mr. Porteous to discuss potential course offerings, the structure of the adult education program, and possible changes to the model for implementation in FY2017.

Childcare Program

Ms. Znamierowski, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Porteous and I have met and continued discussions with Erin Bradley (Peas in a Pod) regarding the childcare program currently housed on our campus. We will be meeting again next week in an effort to finalize a plan for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, as well as to discuss the parameters for how we might move forward with a childcare program on-site in FY2017 and beyond.

Essex Sports Center: Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Essex Sports Center has been scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. We are currently working to finalize a list of invitees for this event.