

UCVTS NEWS

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Academy for Allied Health Sciences



A 12th grade AAHS student government representative, Franklin Johnson, has put together a terrific website to further the mission and efforts of student government to improve our school culture.

AAHS is hosting its annual National Honors Society induction ceremony on Thursday, 12/13. This is a special night where we celebrate the achievements of the inductees but also the outstanding work performed by our current members as well. Over 40 students will be inducted and pledge to uphold the 5 pillars of the Honors Society.

Academy for Information Technology



Last week, 75 UCVTS Students participated in Regional Testing for the Future Business Leaders of America. Yesterday, Student Officers attended F.B.L.A.'s North and Central Jersey Regional Summit where guest speakers include Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, head of the Princeton Plasma and Physics Laboratories and Assemblyman Frieman, a former executive at Prudential Financial.

This Week, the Coding Club's student-led web design workshops continue. This week's session is the third of a four part series developed by two AIT Juniors on HTML and CSS.

As a celebration of Computer Science in Education Week, the UCVTS Coding Club is running a campus-wide challenge for students. Students were tasked with using coding to develop a Tic-Tac-Toe Game, Calculator, or a Choose Your Own Adventure Game.

Academy for Performing Arts



Students from the Academy for Performing Arts are working with students from the Regional School Campus to create another great show that will take place in early spring. This will mark the fourth year that the schools have worked together.

Magnet High School



The Union County Magnet High School Inducted 35 new members into the UCMHS chapter of the NHS.

The MHS Math team placed 1st out of 22 schools at the CJML competition in North Brunswick. Senior Jeff Tan and Sophomore Anthony Zhang tied for 1st place individually out of 200 students at the competition.

16 students participated in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Challenge at New Providence middle school. Three of our teams were awarded 1st place through 3rd place in the categories of engineering, craftsmanship, and progress journal.

Union County Vocational-Technical High School



Juniors at UCTECH participated in the monthly Junior College Boot camp coordinated by school counselors; this month's session focused on developing a list of colleges of interest.

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The first information session of the year was held at UCCTI on Tuesday with over 90 families from around the county visiting our Shared-Time programs to learn more about the exciting opportunities available to them for next year.

UCCTI automotive students attended a field trip to UTI in Bloomfield to tour this postsecondary institution to explore further automotive and diesel training. They also stopped at the AutoLand Dealership in Springfield where they visited the automotive shop areas, customer service department and listened to industry professionals to hear about employability opportunities.

Our Criminal Justice and Academy for Law & Justice went to the Union County Courthouse, Union County Jail and Union County Family court. They were able to witness a domestic violence trial, tour the old jail and the new jail. They also took a trip to visit Independence Hall to learn about the history of our independence and the Liberty Bell.

Union County Simon Youth Academy



Premiere Stages at Kean University- Writing Session - To increase literacy skills through playwriting. To strengthen collaboration among students by working in groups to create playwrights. Performances by actors will take place on Monday December 17th at 1:00p.m.

Group Session: Free-Standing Structures - To encourage positive friendships and socialization among the students at Simon while also promoting teamwork and collaboration. Using spaghetti, students created a free-standing structure within their groups.

Week of Kindness - To encourage kindness and reflection on individual actions and behavior towards other through a series of activities- class discussions, think-pair- share, film, and reflection essays. Acts of kindness are documented throughout the week and the student with the most acts receives a prize at the end of the week.

District Events



School counselors met with junior students on Stress and Stress Management and shared resources with parents on effective management of stress in high school students.

Preparations are underway for the District's Celebration of American Heritage Appreciation Day next Friday, December 21st.

UCVTS is holding a masquerade ball that is run by student government and its advisors. It is a fun departure for our students with a night of food and dancing.