

UCVTS NEWS

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Academy for Allied Health Sciences



Two professors from the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine came to speak with students in our Medical Ethics class about their career paths in medicine and to speak about challenging situations that they have faced.

Academy for Information Technology



This past weekend, two AIT students were awarded the NJ Governor's STEM Scholars Civic Engagement Award for a three part project in which they fundraised for "Clean Water Action" by selling handmade bookmarks, participated in a park cleanup in conjunction with the Union County Adopt-a-Park Program, and hosted an educational and craft workshop for elementary school children at a local library about the importance of recycling and conservation.

The pair led students in creating "oceans in a bottle" out of recycled materials in order to demonstrate how oceans should and can be kept clean. They also led students in recycling bingo to inform participants about what materials can be recycled.

As prizes, each participant took home terrariums and seeds to grow flowers along with information about the community's newly revamped recycling program.

We are incredibly proud of these two young women!

Academy for Performing Arts



Over the past few weeks, students within the district's Genocide and Holocaust Studies class were able to participate in a discussion with both a survivor of China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and a lawyer who is representing members of the Herero and Nama tribes in their lawsuit against Germany to gain reparations for lost property and damages resulting from the 1904 genocide of the group. Students were able to interact with both speakers (one that came to the school, and the other through a phone conference) and ask questions to understand the experience of survivors of traumatic events and the legal repercussions that still affect victims and perpetrators today. Our students were excited to hear firsthand accounts of what they have been studying all year.

Magnet High School



On Thursday, May 2nd, several students from the Union County Magnet High School visited The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside. Three of the students presented their completed project, a modified slant desk, to a young girl with disabilities. The students had worked diligently for the last few months in the UCVTS Makerspace to customize it for her. Another Magnet student finalized measurements in order to create a grip for a wheel on a mobility device, so that the young boy will be able to push the wheel with his disabled hand. Other students visited the school's playground area to assist them in creating adaptive equipment for it. Approximately twenty students are continuing to work independently on Arc Kohler projects in the Makerspace under the guidance of Ms. Jackie Gerstein, technology teacher.

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Raymond J. Lesniak Experience, Strength and Hope Recovery HS



The Recovery High School held its first Recovery Day, hosting two other Recovery high schools for the full day. The day consisted of empowerment sessions, a Rutgers Recovery house presentation, team building, arts and crafts and games. Students and staff enjoyed a lunch sponsored by Applebee's. This was an opportunity for students to expand their recovery network and build relationships with other students committed to a drug free lifestyle.

Union County Career and Technical Institute



UCCTI Cosmetology III students took their New Jersey State Board Exam to earn their Cosmetology licenses. In order to qualify for the practical exam students had to first successfully complete the written test and accrue 1,000 hours of cosmetology instruction under the tutelage of a board licensed teacher.

UCCTI and UCTECH Culinary Arts students competed in the New Jersey Association of Counties Event in Atlantic City on Friday and received two awards for their Peruvian Market Table. The dish they served was a Quinoa Macaron with guacamole and ceviche. The awards they won were the Chef's Award Silver for Food Presentation and the Chef's Award Gold for Taste.

Union County Vocational-Technical High School



UCTECH's Sustainable Sciences Academy had two student groups which were selected as semi-finalists for the 2019 Clean Tech competition with their projects "The Watt Pipe" and "How to Improve the Aerodynamics of a Truck". The theme this year was "Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change". The competition received entries from 40 different countries.