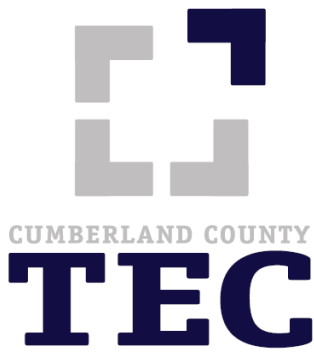


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Interact Toy Drive's 3rd Year Ruled a Success Again

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CCTEC's Interact Club participated in another year of the Vineland Salvation Army's toy drive. This year the club took around 200 tags for children in need of presents during the holiday season. This is Interact's third consecutive year donating their time to this great cause. Students and staff were able to take one or more tags with a child's name, age, size in clothing, and possible gift idea. By the second day of handing out tags, every single child was spoken for.

Despite Interact club having its largest member turnout yet, the tagging process was very smooth. Interact Officers created a spreadsheet listing every student and faculty member who took a tag. As each person brought in their gift, it was checked off in the spreadsheet. Organization has proved to be a key component in keeping this event successful. The hard copied tags were alphabetized and gifts were kept together in one classroom. Donations of gifts were plentiful, leaving a majority of the children with more than one gift this year.

Vice President of Interact, Rachel Torrence, said, "It is so amazing to be able to give back during the holiday season. These children deserve to wake up to a gift on Christmas morning." Interact Club encourages everyone to give back no matter what time of year it is and gives thanks to everyone who fulfilled a child's wish this year. The club plans to take more tags next year, in hopes of making an even bigger difference in the community.



THE VISION

CCTEC Students Travel the World

Ashley Ruiz - Writer
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Since the previous edition of *The Vision* was published, there are a few students that traveled to other countries with the goal of helping people. Olivia Decicco is one of those students. Olivia is a freshman in the engineering program at our school. I sat down with her to talk about her mission trip to India to help an orphanage.

As I interviewed her, I learned a lot about her trip. This was Olivia's second year helping out at the orphanage. I asked her, "What inspired you to do this trip?" She replied, "It was my grandmother's idea to go, but when she asked my mom she said no. Once she gained my full trust she let me go." The trip itself lasted two weeks and Olivia was able to dedicate her time to Omies Home for Children and Beyond.

Despite the wonderful memories gained from her experience, Olivia did struggle at times. She told me that the hardest part was seeing those in the leprosy colony suffering and seeing the widespread poverty in India. She also explained to me what leprosy meant. Leprosy is a medical condition that causes nerve damage and skin lesions. Due to their condition, the leprosy colony was not allowed to see anybody from the town. Overall, I learned so much about Olivia's mission to help those in need and she should be commended for her efforts.



Cameron Ippolito
CCTEC

We asked sophomore Automotive Technology student Cameron Ippolito to tell us about his recent trip to Israel. This is his story.

While I was in Israel, I visited many historical spots, such as Mount Masada, Tel Megiddo, the Mount of Olives, and the Temple Mount. I went on this trip with my church and a few other churches. We went to Israel so that we could study the Bible where the events had happened. We went to many amazing places, but there were two spots that I loved the most. These spots were Tel Megiddo and Abraham's Gate.

At Tel Megiddo, I walked through a gate that was more than 3,000 years old. This gate was from Moses's time. Abraham's Gate was an old gate made out of a clay rock type substance. This area was more than 4,000 years old.

We also went to where Jesus taught most of the time, which is an area called Capharnaum. This spot was also very amazing. Israel is full of great places to visit, but the three places that I mentioned were my favorite spots.



National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society Gains New Members

Chloe Swift - Photographer/Writer
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CCTEC students, families, and staff gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of the hardworking students at the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society induction this December. CCTEC students had a tough criteria to meet. For National Honor Society, students had to have a 3.7 GPA after the third marking period in their sophomore year, a minimum of ten hours of documented, unpaid community service, documented leadership activities with a written reflection, and supplemental teacher recommendations.

For National Technical Honor Society, students had to have a 3.0 GPA after their sophomore year and a strong attendance record, demonstrate a commitment to their CTE program by being actively involved in a Career and Technical organization, and submit a community service proposal.

After the applications were sent in, a panel of anonymous staff members read each application and decided who was qualified for induction into National Honor Society. On December 20th, the inducted students came wearing their absolute best to represent themselves and their school. It was a brief but beautiful ceremony. There were 42 NHS inductees and 68 NTHS inductees. Students from all programs and backgrounds were represented in the two societies and were able to come together to represent CCTEC.

President of National Honor Society, Caden Quiles, said, "I am delighted and grateful to have been elected as this chapter's President. I believe that undoubtedly we will be a successful organization and I am excited to share this experience with my peers." These students are making CCTEC, their parents, and the community very proud. Club advisor, Mrs. Tietjen, is very excited to see the future of these inductees and the clubs!



Above from Left to Right: Caden Quiles, President; Nayeli Reamirez-Jimenez, Parliamentarian; Chisano Mutts, Treasurer; Abigail Mattish, Secretary/Historian; and Anthony Flores, Vice President.

Top Left: Students light their candles during the ceremony.



Bottom Left: Dominic VanMeter accepts a handshake from his teacher, Mr. Ziller.

New Teacher and Turtles

Annabelle Crane - Writer
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As of early October, one of our very own teachers started helping the STRIVE program raise Diamondback Terrapin turtles. Mr. Lucchesi is working with a program called Diamondback Terrapin Headstarter Program, which is run by the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ and Stockton University. The Diamondback Terrapin Headstarter Program was initially started by the Wetlands Institute to increase the population of Diamondback Terrapin turtles in a safe and non-harmful environment.

The Wetlands Institute and Stockton University place the eggs they rescue from roadkill turtles in incubators. When the eggs hatch, the program distributes the baby Diamondback Terrapin turtles to classrooms throughout New Jersey. While the eggs are in the incubators the temperature alone determines the sex of terrapins. For example, the institute can raise exclusively female turtles just by turning up the heat within the incubator.

CCTEC is one of eighteen districts in the state participating in the program. During science class, the STRIVE program is able to feed the turtles daily and take care of changing the water in the tank. They also measure the turtles daily to see how much they grow. At the end of the school year, the STRIVE science class and other schools participating in this program will be able to release the Terrapins into the wild at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor. This program is vital to the survival of the Diamondback Terrapin turtles because the turtles are a key component of salt marshes, as they eat marsh periwinkle snails. The eating of the snails is important to the salt marshes because the snails destroy marsh grass, turning the marsh into mud flats. Without the diamondback terrapin, back bays would be depleted. Thank you, Mr. Lucchesi, for helping our students learn responsibility in a fun and engaging way!



10th Grade English Hosts Video Commercial Awards Ceremony

Isabella Negron
CCTEC

This year in sophomore English classes at CCTEC, there was a commercial awards ceremony held by English teachers, Ms. Kellner and Mrs. Tietjen. The ceremony was aptly named “The 2019 Kellner-Tietjen Commercial Video Awards.” The students worked in groups and made commercials based around the use of the persuasive appeals of ethos, logos, and pathos. There were five different types of categories at the awards ceremony. The categories were food, health and fitness, household, entertainment, and beauty. Each commercial was compiled into the categories and judged by fellow peers. Dominick Vargo, Taylor Rothmel, Michael Green, and Ronald Franceschini were also given the chance to host the awards. The student hosts announced the categories and gave details on what the awards were about. All featured groups worked very hard and used their surroundings to the best of their abilities. Students even used teachers and students from different programs to help edit and film their commercials.

There were also superlatives given to every participant, such as Best Costumes, Best Emotional Breakdown, Best Bloopers, Best Use of Hallway as Indoor Track, and Best Line: Are you a tired CCTEC millennial?. The awards given out for the best use of each persuasive appeal included: Best Use of Ethos, Best Use of Pathos, and Best Use of Logos. The winner for Best Use of Ethos was the KitKats commercial produced by Elenia Santiago, Lisbeth Esteban, Arelis Emiliano-Villegas, and Rosamia Gonzalez. The winner for Best Use of Pathos was titled “Amazon” and was produced by Alayla Watson, Ariana Mercado, Christopher Fanelli, and Marissa Tirrell. The winner for Best Use of Logos was given to the producers of “Tomcat Rat Poison” commercial, Colin Green, Aleikza Diaz, Alise Webb, Lizbeth Acosta, and Jasmine Flores. Finally, the overall winner of the 2019 Kellner-Tietjen Video Commercial Awards was “Flamin Hot Cheetos!” This wonderful commercial was produced by Amber Dickinson, Thalia Cruz, Holly Lyman, and Alissa Sherban and featured teachers Mr. Biaselli, Mrs. Levari, and Ms. Kellner. Thank you to all the students who participated in making these video commercials. It was a great experience and we cannot wait for the 2020 commercial awards.



Interact Club Goes to Bishop McCarthy

Dominic VanMeter and Tabitha Gentiletti - Writers
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The Interact Club hosted bingo at Bishop McCarthy Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare this past December. Upon arrival at the nursing home, the Interact members, dressed in red and green holiday sweaters, cheerfully greeted the seniors. They engaged in conversations with the residents and encouraged them to play bingo. The Interact officers (with the help of Mr. Campbell's young sons Hudson and Beckett) were in charge of calling out the numbers of bingo, while the other members aided the seniors in playing the game.

Once someone won bingo, a cart containing a variety of prizes was presented to the winner. The members organized these gift baskets in the weeks prior to the event. The seniors were filled with joy just to win the game, but were ecstatic when they realized they would receive a basket full of goodies rather than just one item.

After multiple games, the Interactors collectively sang Christmas carols for the citizens. Most of them even joined in, asking for a lyric sheet. It was truly a heart-warming and amazing event to be apart of. Interact hopes to make an annual appearance at Bishop McCarthy to spread holiday spirit!



CCTEC Hosts its Annual Open Mic Night

Jennifer RiosMateo - Writer
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On January 11th, CCTEC hosted its annual Open Mic Night in the Media Center from 6 to 8 pm. Many students took a chance that night to showcase their many talents to their peers, friends, and teachers. Acts varied from singing, dancing, and reading poems. A lot of vocal performances took place that night, including original songs from students and teachers. Ismael Torres also performed a dance for his peers.

Mrs. Delaney was a big part of the Open Mic Night. When asked about the night she said, "That night was spectacular, filled with many talented kids that were eager to show their talents to the whole community." When I asked her what her favorite part of hosting the event was, she said, "Seeing the kids perform and getting to see a whole other side of them, one we have never seen before. The whole community comes together and it's just a diverse group of kids participating. It's not about academic or school-related but just about seeing students and teachers join in as a community that one night." Congratulations to all who participated!



Heather Raguckas, Alyson Lorence, and Thalia Cruz give the crowd a sneak peek at our upcoming musical, Footloose.

Program Spotlight: Health and Medical Science

Skylar Cooper - Writer
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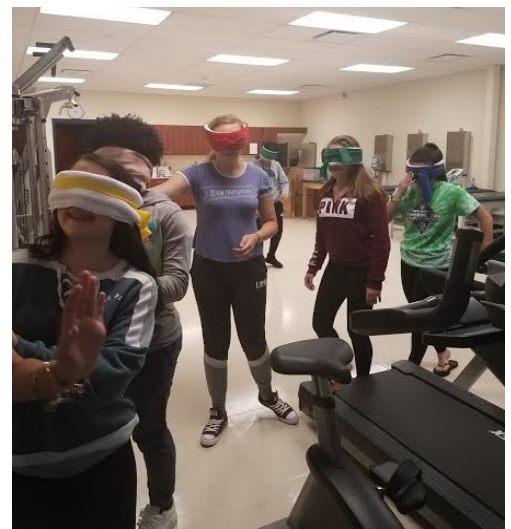
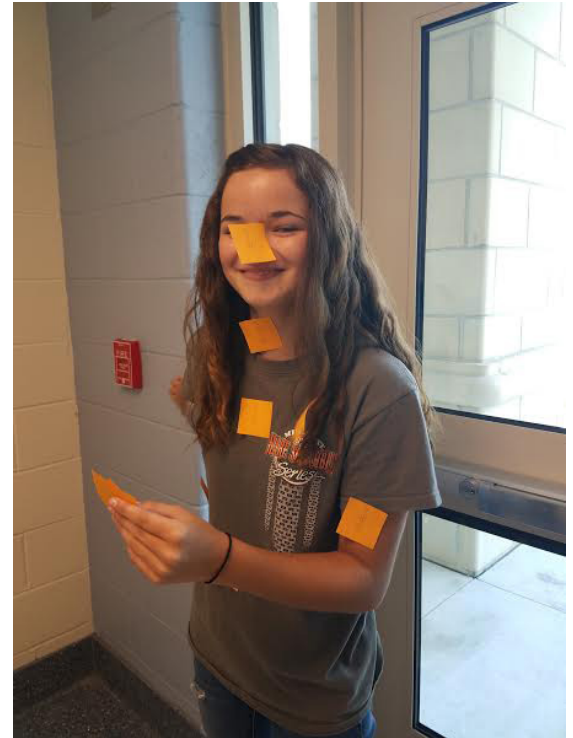
There are many programs here at CCTEC, and each one is unique in its own way. The writers of *The Vision* wanted to highlight the Health Sciences and Medicine program for this edition. Making up the largest program, Health Science and Medicine students are learning new things every day and developing new skills that they are going to be able to use in the ever changing field. In addition to new material learned in class, a whole building dedicated to this program is in the process of being designed and built. Just as this school is growing larger, so is the knowledge of these students. The program is led by three incredible and dedicated instructors, Ms. Vicari, Mrs. Birdsall, and Mrs. Hill.

The freshmen did not know what they walked into in September when doors of opportunities were opened up to them. This year focuses on basic knowledge of the medical field as a set foundation for the many other years to come. One of the most exciting and favorite lessons thus far this year was the vitals unit. Students learned to take temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure by practicing on their partners. Since then, many other units have come and gone, including safety and body mechanics, medical math, and nutrition. Students were even put into groups and instructed to make their own safety videos on body mechanics and personal protective equipment.

The sophomores take on two medical classes, Medical Terminology, and Dynamics of Healthcare. Medical Terminology involves memorizing many words and vocabulary that have to deal with the different body systems. All of these new words can be confusing, so whenever new vocabulary words are given, the students put post-it notes and stick them to the correct body part/area to help remember what the words mean. Currently, in Dynamics of Healthcare, students are studying human growth and development and going through the different stages of life.

Finally, the juniors are taking Emergency Clinical Care and Introduction to Clinical Research on top of learning more about human anatomy and physiology. In this class, students are studying the different body systems in detail. Students are become CPR certified. The juniors continue to study first aid. They are currently learning about poisoning.

All of these students are learning to become the future doctors, nurses, surgeons, and researchers of the world. With every day and every class, they are learning more to one day make the world happier and healthier. The Health Sciences and Medicine Program is continuing to spread knowledge and skills.



Upcoming Events at TEC

The TECnical Players presents



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