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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Transitions! A great deal of focus is put on the various transitions throughout a student's educational career. The transitions from elementary school to middle school and then middle school to high school receive a great deal of interest. The final transition, perhaps the most important, is the one from high school to college, the workplace or the military. Our focus at the Seacoast School of Technology is to ensure students leave us both college *and* career ready. Each student has a story and will soon embark on a unique journey. The stories of the next transition for some of our students are told below:

- *Brianna Demyanovich '12, Early Childhood Education, Raymond High School*

By being a part of the Early Childhood Education program for the past two years, I have been given numerous opportunities to better myself and the community. As a member of the FCCLA, I held the position of treasurer in my junior year and fundraising committee chair in my senior year. I was able to compete in the FCCLA Star Event, Life Event Planning and earned a gold medal. Having good attendance and getting good grades really paid off as I was accepted into the National Technical Honor Society. I was even able to earn six college credits in the field during my high school career. SST has helped me become responsible and independent as an individual and I am very lucky to have been given this opportunity. I plan to attend the New Hampshire Technical Institute to study pediatric nursing.

- *Tyler Lanouette '12, Automotive Technologies, Sanborn Regional High School*

Automotive is and always has been a major interest of mine. When I was little, there was no separating me from my beloved cozy coupe car. I've usually been that kid who was different in the group. I have a natural drive to want to be good at things, but I've never done anything as well as I've done in the Automotive Technologies program. Most people think it is weird that I study every night for automotive, but to me, I'm so interested in it I do not see it as studying. Winning first place in the state SkillsUSA Automotive competition really opened everyone else's eyes to the potential I have. As long as there is true passion for something, I believe anybody can do anything they want. As the winner of SkillsUSA, I earned a scholarship for one full-year tuition and will study in the Honda program at Nashua Community College.

- *Meghan Abrahamson '12, Animal & Plant Science, Exeter High School*

The Animal & Plant Science program has given me the confidence and knowledge to pursue my goals and has opened my eyes to many opportunities. Through this program, I have been able to utilize the skills I learned in the classroom at competitions at the state and national levels, as well as in my pursued career field. I have gained leadership skills, responsibility and the ability to communicate effectively in a professional manner, which has not only gained my acceptance to good colleges, it has put me a step ahead in entering the real world. Next year, I plan to study veterinary technology at the Thompson School of Applied Science at the University of New Hampshire.

The Seacoast School of Technology is a regional career and technical center serving Epping, Exeter, Newmarket, Raymond, Sanborn Regional and Winnacunnet High Schools.

- *Joshua MacLellan '12, Building Construction Technologies, Exeter High School*

SST is an amazing school and has a great environment for students. The teachers are always friendly and some programs, like Building Construction Technologies and Welding Technologies, work together on certain projects. We even help the Early Childhood Education class. Whether we're building something, fixing something up or helping them with a project, they always stop by later to say thank you and it's nice to see a child's smiling face and thankful teachers. It's pretty rewarding and sometimes they leave us thank you notes and little presents. This class really helped me plan for what I want to do in the future. I plan to go to college for architectural engineering.

- *Shannen Warner '12, Culinary Arts, Exeter High School*

Being a part of SST is quite possibly the best thing that has ever happened to me. The Culinary Arts program is so much fun and it provides me with all the learning I need for Culinary School upon graduating from high school. If it weren't for SST, I wouldn't ever have applied to college. But guess what? Now I am going to Lakes Region Community College for restaurant management. SST really motivates the students and that is what I love most about this amazing school.

- *Tucker Owens '12, Computer Programming, Exeter High School*

Two years ago, I was lost in thought and I didn't really plan on going to college since everything they could possibly teach me, or so I thought, could be found online. Then I signed up for Computer Programming and started at SST. I don't remember the day, nor the month, but I'll never forget the feeling - the day I knew I was cut out for this. From then on, I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to major in Computer Science, get the best education I could, and all the while gobble up all the information I could find. It was about this time last year when I realized that not only did my SST class teach me to program, but I had also learned to learn. I had developed a new way to think and I had gotten more out of the class than I could've ever imagined. I found something that I want to do for the rest of my life; nothing has ever spoken to me so clearly. I'll be attending UNH in the fall, majoring in Computer Science. The truth is I'm not at all worried about what I'll do after school, I feel like as time goes on I will find the right door to open, and in that moment, my dreams (whatever they may be at the time) will merge with reality.

- *Juliann Westbrook '12, Marketing Technologies, Winnacunnet High School*

My two years in the Marketing Technologies program have been such a wonderful opportunity for me. I always knew I wanted to go into the business field when I got older and SST helped solidify my interest. The real-world applications, such as the Small Business Showcase our class planned and organized, gave me a chance to show my leadership skills. The Marketing Technologies program allowed me to break out of my shell and become a New Hampshire DECA State Officer. I received a full, four-year tuition scholarship to Johnson & Wales University and acceptance to my first-choice school, North Carolina State University, because of the educational advances and opportunities I obtained from being a student at SST.

- *Myles Emery '12, Welding Technologies, Sanborn Regional High School*

SST Welding Technologies has done a fantastic job shaping and tuning my skills to make me ready for the job field. It is without a doubt my favorite class and the best at teaching me what I need to know. As I have told many people, I don't know why someone would not take an SST class. There is something for everyone, no matter where you want to go in life. SST is the best school decision I have ever made since it has prepared me perfectly for the job I have in line after high school. The way the shop is run has prepared me to be independent and to finish jobs on my own. While attending SST, I have been able to learn and practice all types of welding so I am prepared for the job force. There is no doubt in my mind that I will have no problem adapting to and succeeding in any career I choose and it is all thanks to SST.

- *Joshua Eisfeller '13, Pre-Engineering, Newmarket High School*

SST has helped me determine that I want to go to college to be an engineer. We have learned about many different kinds of engineering in this program, which has helped me narrow down the choices for what type of engineer I would like to be. I learned from taking SST classes that I do not want to be a civil engineer but maybe an electrical or mechanical engineer. By learning this now, it has saved me time and money in future college courses. The SST classes have also prepared me for college-level courses by introducing concepts that I would learn about in college. Overall, SST has been a positive experience that has prepared me for my future.

- *Erin Cantu '12, Digital Communications, Epping High School*

Enrolling at SST was one of the best decisions I made in my high school career. SST opened my eyes to opportunities I never would have thought possible. I am a member of FBLA, which helped build my confidence and made me do things out of my comfort zone. I have had various jobs filming and editing products for people, something I never thought I'd be doing until I was in college or beyond. In this class, I haven't just learned a great deal about editing photographs, creating art on the computer, building websites, filming and editing, I also learned so much about myself! When I started this class, I wanted to go into music production so I figured the second year of editing video and audio would be perfect for that. However, I have decided on a completely different career path and have been accepted to Arizona State University and I plan to study psychology.

- *Raulee Palm '12, Automotive Technologies, Exeter High School*

I live on a farm so I am always putting the knowledge I have learned in this program to use. I have been working on cars with my father since I could hold a wrench. When my father and I are stuck on a project and we don't know what to do, I turn to my instructors and figure everything out. I'm constantly extending my automotive education at home, work and school. Next year, I plan to work at a horse farm and then go to college for automotive technologies.

- *Pvt. Alton Veroneau '12, Welding Technologies, Sanborn Regional High School*

SST has been a very good work-place setting to experience the line of work one may be interested in. I took the Welding Technologies program and had an absolute blast! Not only did I learn to weld, but the staff is very professional and friendly. I have also enlisted in the Army National Guard and I ship out on July 18. SST has benefitted me greatly for the Guard because I am a member of the 210 Engineering Unit and many of the skills I learned at SST will help me there. SST is a great experience and I think that anyone who gets the chance should go there.

- *Joanna Nichols '12, Health Science Technologies, Exeter High School*

I always knew I wanted to have a career in the health field. During my first year in this class, we did a career research paper where we investigated possible careers and narrowed them down to one. The information I gained from that research confirmed my interest in becoming a pharmacist. As a junior, I had the opportunity to complete a job shadow with a clinical pharmacist at Exeter Hospital and now as a senior I am interning with a pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for three hours, I record prescriptions in the computer, fill prescriptions and have conversations about the various medications and their uses. By taking Health Science Technologies, I not only got the opportunity to have an internship, but I understand a lot of the medical terminology and anatomy that is talked about in the pharmacy. Next year, I will be going to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to become a doctor of pharmacy and I hope to work with my preceptor on the weekends.

Seacoast School of Technology seniors will be transitioning to the following colleges and training programs and will be serving in the following branches of the military:

American Welding Institute	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	United States Air Force
Arizona State University	Nashua Community College	United States Army Reserves
Army National Guard	New England Culinary Institute	United States Coast Guard
Bay State College	New England School of Communications	United States Marine Corps
Becker College	New Hampshire Technical Institute	Unity College
Boston University	New Haven University	Universal Technical Institute
Champlain College	Newbury College	University of Bridgeport
Coastal Carolina University	North Carolina State University	University of Colorado
Colby Sawyer College	Northeastern University	University of Maine, Farmington
Colorado State University	Northern Essex Community College	University of Maine, Orono
Culinary Institute of America	Northwest College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Culinary School of Michigan	Ohio Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Drexel University	Old Dominion University	University of New England
Emmanuel College	Plymouth State University	University of New Hampshire
Empire Beauty School	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	UNH – Thompson School of Applied Science
Endicott College	Rocky Mountain College	University of North Carolina
Franklin Pierce University	Roger Williams College	University of Northwestern Ohio
Full Sail University	St. Joseph's College	University of Rhode Island
Great Bay Community College	Salve Regina University	University of Vermont
Hesser College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Wyoming
Johnson & Wales University	Seacoast Career School	Virginia Tech
Johnson State College	Simmons College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Keene State College	Southern New Hampshire University	Wheelock College
Kent State University	Suffolk University	White Mountain Community College
Lakes Region Community College	SUNY Cobleskill	
Lasalle College	SUNY Onenta	
Lesley University		
Manchester Community College		

I'll see you at our Certificate Ceremony on May 31 at 5:30 p.m. at Exeter High School! You will have the opportunity to share in the great success stories of all program completers. Everyone is welcome!

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Callahan
Principal

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

2012 SPRING CONFERENCE RESULTS

One of the unique features of a Career & Technical Center (like the Seacoast School of Technology) is the Career & Technical Student Organization, or CTSO. Spring is the time when students travel to state competitions and leadership activities related to their program. Students who perform very well at the state conferences qualify to represent the State of New Hampshire and the Seacoast School of Technology at national conferences. Results of the CTSO spring conferences are as follows:

Marketing Technologies students attended the DECA Conference in Manchester. Cameron Raughtigan, Exeter, 2nd place overall, 2nd place test and competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Restaurant and Food Service, qualified for Nationals; Andrew Weinhold and Peter Eisenhaure, both of Exeter, 3rd place role play, competency in role play in Sports Team Management Decision Making; Joseph Cook, Brentwood Christian Academy, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Business Services Marketing; Erik Young, Exeter, competency in role play 1 in Retail Merchandising; Peter Eisenhaure, Exeter, 3rd place role play, competency in role play in Sports Team Management Decision Making; Amanda Turco, Sanborn, 2nd place role play, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Jacob Boria, Exeter, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Business Services Marketing; Casey Macklin, Exeter, competency in role play 1 in Retail Merchandising; Meghan McPartland, Exeter, competency in role play 1 in Restaurant Food Services Marketing; Ellen Garnett, Exeter, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Human Resource Management; Ben Ward, Exeter, 1st place overall, 1st place test, 2nd place role play, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Sports and Entertainment Marketing, qualified for Nationals; John Brescia, Exeter, 2nd place overall, 1st place test, 3rd place role play, competencies in role plays 1 and 2 in Marketing Management, qualified for Nationals; Juliann Westbrook, Winnacunnet, 3rd place overall, 3rd place test, competencies in presentation in Professional Selling; Joseph Strathern, Exeter, 3rd place test, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Business Services Marketing; Ashley Trautmann, Sanborn, 3rd place test, 3rd place role play, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Alison Anzalone, Raymond, 2nd place role play, competencies in role play 1 and 2 in Hotel Lodging Management; Brenna Shannon, Exeter, competency in role play 1 in Hotel and Lodging.

Welding Technologies students recently competed in the statewide SkillsUSA competition at Manchester Community College. Jon Shanahan, Epping, placed 1st and qualified for National's in Kansas City.

Automotive Technologies students competed in the SkillsUSA competition at Nashua Community College. Tyler Lanouette, Sanborn, placed 1st in Auto Service competition and qualified for Nationals in Kansas City.

Digital Communications students attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference in Manchester. Erin Cantu, Epping, 3rd place Digital Video Production and received special recognition as "Who's Who in the FBLA"; Trica Jones and Rachel Burton, both of Exeter, 1st place Digital Design and Promotion; Amber Fernald, Exeter, 2nd place Marketing 1; and Jenny Dalrymple, Newmarket, winner of the Theme Design Contest.

Biotechnology students competed in the New Hampshire Science and Engineering Exposition (NHSEE) in Manchester. Elenore Wiggin, Exeter, 1st place Behavioral Science; Jordan Paulding, Exeter, 1st place Environmental – Solar Energy; Kasey Macdonald and Emily Silveria, both from Winnacunnet, 1st place Earth Science/Physical Environment; Courtney Schrempf, Sanborn, 1st place Mammals/Zoology; Ben Doherty-McAuliffe, Exeter, 2nd place Earth Science/Physical Environment.

Culinary Arts students competed in SkillsUSA competition held at the Seacoast School of Technology. Benjamin Cole, Raymond, 2nd place Hot Foods; Marguerite Kennish, Exeter, 1st place Job Skills Demo; Tylor Heath, Exeter, 1st place Job Interview; Kelsey MacDonald, Exeter, 2nd place Prepared Speech and Patrick Royer, Sanborn, 3rd place Extemporaneous Speech.

Early Childhood students attended the FCCLA Spring Conference in Bartlett, NH. Each FCCLA member participated in a variety of leadership activities. The Hands on Activity was developed and supervised by Tiffani Bolduc, Epping, Brittanie Clark, Exeter, Shelby Clarke, Exeter, Abigail Donovan, Exeter, Macey Dube, Newmarket and Bobbi Olivier, Raymond. The chapter won 2 Membership Awards: Largest NH FCCLA chapter and Largest Occupational Increase. Conference Runners were: Kacie Arthur, Exeter, Dakota Blais, Sanborn, Nicholas Costa, Exeter, Sadie Emond,

Winnacunnet, Melody Knowles, Exeter, Tiffany Leatham, Winnacunnet, Kelsey Lindgren-Bosco, Winnacunnet and Tabitha Merrill, Sanborn. Voting Delegate was Bradford Rose, GBeCS. Megan McLaughlin, Sanborn, was one of only 3 FCCLA members who completed The Power of One Project. STAR event results were: Marisa Hercules and Wei Marley, both of Exeter, won a Silver medal in Illustrated Talk; Nicole MacAulay, Exeter and Megan McLaughlin, Sanborn, won a Gold medal in Applied Technology; Laura Austin, Sanborn, Heather Burditt, Exeter and Brianna Demyanovich, Raymond, won a Gold medal in Life Event Planning; Kayla Hosick and Kristen Kotsiroplos, both of Raymond, won a Silver medal in Chapter Showcase; Samantha Felch, Exeter, Arianna Monastiero and Katherine Wettstein, both of Newmarket, won a Gold medal in Chapter Display; Elisabeth Seymour, GBeCS, won a Silver medal in Early Childhood; Kevin Dix, Epping and Alyssa Wadlin, Exeter, won a Bronze medal in National Programs in Action; Allyson Friedman, Sara Harvey, Abigail Woodward and Abigail Donovan, all of Exeter, won a Silver medal in Chapter Service. The chapter won the Youth at its Best award. This award is given annually to the chapter who demonstrates the best leadership skills through their behavior and appearance. It is voted on by hotel staff, state officers and chapters.

Health Sciences Technologies students attended the HOSA conference in Manchester. David Ayotte, Exeter, placed 1st in Healthy Lifestyles and Jasmin Kirby, Epping, placed 1st in Speaking Skills and Job Seeking Skills.

FFA members of the **Animal & Plant Science** program traveled to Bartlett for their State Conference. 1st place team-Dairy Foods, Rose Doucette, Exeter, 1st overall, Heather Berlo, Exeter, 2nd overall, Zoe Picanso, Exeter, 3rd overall, Karolina Gilmore, Exeter, 4th overall; 1st place team-Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Jessica Downing, Sanborn, Tiffany Leith and Maren Forsyth both of Exeter; 1st place team-Agriculture Issues, Zoe Picanso, Meghan Abrahamson, Tiffany Leith, Krista Rosencrantz, Charlotte Faria all of Exeter and Matt Valcancick of Newmarket; 1st place Horse Judging team, Michaela Kirby, Exeter, 1st overall, Rose Doucette, Courtney Bolduc, Exeter, 2nd overall, Hannah Proulx, Raymond, 3rd overall; 1st place Livestock Evaluation team, Krista Rosencrantz, 1st overall, Matt Valcancick, 2nd overall, Zoe Picanso, 4th overall, Lucienne Dubois, Newmarket, 3rd overall; 1st place Marketing team, Hannah Proulx, Raymond, Brittany Paige, Newmarket; Matt Valcancick; 1st place Animal Welfare Display, Krista Rosencrantz; 1st place Prepared Speech, Dylan Sullivan, Exeter; 1st place (non-state level) Impromptu, Victoria Bussey, GBeCS; 1st place (non-state level) Demonstration, Heather Berlo, Exeter; 2nd place team-Agricultural Sales, Meghan Abrahamson, 2nd place individual, Charlotte Faria, Lindsey White, Exeter, and Matt Valcancick; 2nd place team-Veterinary Science, Krista Rosencrantz, Courtney Bolduc, Lindsey White and Karolina Gilmore, Exeter; 2nd place Prepared Speech, Lindsey White; Job Interview (11th Grade Division): Karolina Gilmore, 1st place; Dylan Sullivan, Exeter, 2nd place, Heather Berlo, 3rd place, Zoe Picanso, 4th place; Job Interview (12th Grade Division), Meghan Abrahamson, 3rd place, Hannah Buzzell, Sanborn, 4th place, Impromptu, Matt Valcancick, 3rd place, Lindsey White, 4th place; Food Science, 3rd place team, Alex Reda, Winnacunnet; Emily Kimball, Sanborn, Karielle Anzaldi, Sanborn and Michaela Kirby; Creed Speaking, Nick Stafford, Sanborn, 3rd place, Holly Thornton, Epping, 4th place; Demonstration (Juniors) Courtney Bolduc, 2nd place, Karolina Gilmore, 3rd place; Demonstration (Seniors) Michaela Kirby, 3rd place, Meghan Abrahamson, 4th place; Environmental Science, 3rd place team, Brian Berridge, GBeCS, 2nd place individual, Tiffany Leith, Charlotte Faria, Alannah Kunde, Sanborn; Extemporaneous, Katelyn Ahearn, GBeCS, 2nd place; Foriculture, 4th place team, Holly Thornton, Matt Valcancick, Karielle Anzaldi, and Alexa Chase, Sanborn; Animal Welfare, 2nd place tie, Rose Doucette and Holly Thornton; Quiz Bowls: FFA-1st place team, Karielle Anzaldi, Krista Rosencrantz, Rose Doucette and Hannah Buzzell; Equine-1st place team, Hannah Proulx, Karolina Gilmore, Michaela Kirby, Katelyn Ahearn; Outstanding Chapter Officer, Tiffany Leith; Junior Supervised Agricultural Experience, Nick Stafford, Sanborn, Bronze, Karolina Gilmore, Silver, Zoe Picanso, Gold, Lucienne Dubois, Newmarket, State Star; State Degree Recipients; Aimee Eaton, Epping, Jessica Downing, Sanborn, State Bronze Star Farmer; Josh Boswell, Epping, State Silver Star Farmer; Hannah Buzzell, State Star Agriscience; Matt Valcancick, Hannah Proulx, State Bronze Agribusiness; Lindsey White, Meghan Abrahamson, Charlotte Faria, Tiffany Leith, Krista Rosencrantz, State Gold Agricultural Placement; Victoria Bussey, State Star Placement; Brittany Paige, and Michaela Kirby, State Gold Agribusiness; Proficiency Award Winners: Aimee Eaton, Bronze Equine Science; Jessica Downing, Silver Diversified Agriculture; Josh Boswell, Gold Diversified Agricultural Products; Hannah Buzzell, Gold Forestry Products; Matt Valcancick, Gold Home and Community; Hannah Proulx, Gold Equine Science; Charlotte Faria, Gold Small Animal Care; Tiffany Leith, Gold Veterinary Science; Krista Rosencrantz, State Winner Equine Science; Victoria Bussey, State Winner Veterinary Science; Brittany Paige, State Winner Small Animal Care; Voting Delegates, Maren Forsyth, Exeter and Dylan DiGregorio, Sanborn; Courtesy Core, Alexa Chase, Sanborn, Catherine Marggraf, Exeter and Michael Flodstrom, Exeter.