

THE BEACON

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It seems that all I hear on talk radio, television and in newspaper editorials these days is that graduates don't know where they are going or that they will waste money on degrees that don't lead to satisfying careers. That is not the case for Seacoast School of Technology students. They know where they are going and why. Some will join the military or begin a career immediately, putting the skills they learned here to use right away. Others will go to college with a specific goal in sight, many armed with college credit earned at SST, all building on skills gained at SST. Here are a few of the two hundred thirty two stories our class of 2011 tells. Each story is important and each graduate full of promise.

- *Zack Kenneway '11, Welding Technologies, Sanborn Regional High School*

There are many reasons I decided to sign up for the Marine Corps. One reason is challenge – the challenge to try and do something so many others have failed to do. The other reason I decided to go into the Marines is the opportunity to be able to better myself. The need to pursue these traits, however, did not start with the Marines. Every day that I go to the Seacoast School of Technology I am challenged and encouraged to better myself. In many ways, the Seacoast School of Technology has helped to form who I am today and has helped me to make the decision to join the Marine Corps.

- *Julia Kneeland '11, Early Childhood Education, Exeter High School*

I have known that I wanted to be a teacher since the 8th grade. I want to comment on how much SST has prepared me for my career in Elementary Education. Sometimes when I am with our children in the Wright Start Preschool, there is no other place I would rather be. Working in the Preschool has taught me that I actually prefer elementary school children for their maturity and knowledge of basic skills. The Early Childhood class has helped me to solidify the plans that I made as an 8th grader. I am planning to earn my Master's Degree in Elementary Education by completing two years at Great Bay Community College and then transferring to Keene State College. This way, I will be as qualified as possible as a teacher so that I can have my own class of students, the future of our nation, learning from me. I want to be the one who shapes them into good, hard-working people. So bring on the Certificate Ceremony. I want to get to college and on with my career as soon as possible!

- *Michelle Jarosz, Health Science Technologies, Newmarket High School*

For the past two years, I have been enrolled in the Health Science Technologies program. This program has had a huge impact on my life. Without Ms. Cutler and the helpful staff at SST, I would not know what career I wanted to pursue next year. I came into this program questioning whether a career in the health field was for me. Through this class, my love and passion for the field grew. Without Ms. Cutler's teaching on clinical skills, anatomy and physiology and my internship at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, this passion would not exist. Next year, I will be attending Roberts Wesleyan College to study Nursing. I am so thankful to be part of the Seacoast School of Technology Family.

- *Jeremy Leafe '11, Automotive Technologies, Winnacunnet High School*

Over the summer, I will be continuing to work as a technician at Max BMW Motorcycles. Max BMW is the largest dealership in the country. Through working at the dealership, I have been able to achieve my Ohlin's Suspension Technician certification. I will also continue working there through next school year while attending Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). I plan on participating in the 4-year Master's Program in Business Administration and Marketing. While attending SNHU, I also plan on participating in the BMW STEP program so that I can achieve my master technician certification for BMW Motorcycles. Not only did I learn technical skills while at SST, I was able to put together a portfolio that demonstrated my knowledge and helped me obtain my current job. I can honestly say that SST helped me get to where I am today and the skills that I have learned will help me with my career in the future.

- *Kyle Pimentel '11, Animal & Plant Science, Epping High School*

SST has had a great influence on my commencement into the world. After I graduate from high school, I will be joining the Air Force to do special operations. After four years of service, I am going to the University of New Hampshire to get a degree in Equine Studies. I hope to become a professional horse rider and trainer, as well as a stable manager. Animal & Plant Science has given me the education in my field of interest which otherwise I would not have received in high school. The National FFA has also helped me by giving me the confidence in making my goals seem achievable.

- *Mike Corbin '11, Automotive Technologies, Exeter High School*

Upon graduation, I plan on starting my career by working for my dad doing HVAC and in late summer will be taking classes at the Peterson School in Woburn, Massachusetts. The Seacoast School of Technology and the Automotive Technologies program has been a huge influence on what I have always been interested in doing for the rest of my life. I started off by wanting to continue school for Automotive Mechanics and was given a job at Ira BMW of Stratham. After nine months of working alongside several mechanics, I realized that while I liked cars, I didn't want to be an Automotive Mechanic. However, I still wanted to be a mechanic of some sort. Having grown up around HVAC, I decided that this was what I wanted to do. The Seacoast School of Technology has been a huge influence and I am thankful for having the opportunity to venture through this class for the last two years to help me choose what I want to do with my life.

- *Jon DeCecca '11, Computer Programming, Raymond High School*

I am entering the U.S. Marine Corps on July 11, 2011. The occupational field I am entering is Intelligence, so the courses I have taken at SST will translate into some of the work I will be doing as part of my job. I have learned a lot here at SST – both life lessons and lessons in Programming. I do look forward to what I will be doing in the Marine Corps. I believe that coming to SST has opened my eyes to a lot of new things! I am very happy I had the chance to attend this School.

- *Justyn Sterritt '11, Pre-Engineering, Exeter High School*

I chose to come to SST this year because I want to become an engineer. I have enjoyed this course since the first day and it has taught me valuable skills that I can use as I go off to college. I am going to attend the University of New Hampshire College of Engineering and Physical Sciences in the fall. I plan to major in Mechanical Engineering. Taking the first two courses in the engineering program at SST has helped to confirm my decision to become a Mechanical Engineer.

- *Jon Collyer '11, Welding Technologies, Winnacunnet High School*

There are a few reasons why I am choosing to go into the Marine Corps. First, I am looking for a challenge and something to push me into my career. I am also looking to serve our country and do the best I can to keep us free. I intend to go into the Marines as a Mechanic. SST has helped me out with that with my Welding. I will be much further along with my welding skills than the rest of the other Mechanics.

- *Christina Consoli '11, Culinary Arts, Exeter High School*

Ever since I started the Culinary Arts program at SST, I knew this was my passion. The culinary program was the only class I was excited to go to every day. I was pretty nervous during my junior year and not sure what to expect, but as the year went on I grew to love it. As a junior class, we were more guided since we were still learning. In our senior year, we were more on our own and we put more pressure on ourselves. As seniors, we had more responsibilities such as making menus, running the kitchen during Julia's Restaurant and just being good role models for the junior class. This program has made me more confident about my work and has been a great experience. It is sad knowing the program is almost over but I am glad I have completed both years. This program is my favorite class that I have had throughout my school years. I have been accepted to the Baking and Pastry Program at Chez Boucher in Hampton and will begin my studies in the fall.

- *Dustin Gagne '11, Marketing Technologies, Great Bay eLearning Charter School*

The Seacoast School of Technology has been a great place for me to explore my career options. Last year, I took the Pre-Engineering program during the first semester. I soon found out that Pre-Engineering was not my thing and transferred to the Marketing Technologies program for the second semester. Marketing has been so much fun and I have really found a true direction to follow while in college. Next year, I am attending Thomas College in Waterville, Maine. There, I can take a program which will enable me to earn my Master's Degree in Marketing/Management in just five years. SST has helped me find the perfect career.

- *Zachary Miles '11, Automotive Technologies, Newmarket High School*

My time at the Seacoast School of Technology has been an honor and I am very glad I made the choice to attend the Automotive Technologies program two years ago. The teachers and administration have been extremely kind and very willing to help out anyone when they ask for help. I strongly believe that my instructor's teaching style, and the way the program is structured, really helped me make the decision about my future. I am planning to attend Central Maine Community College next year, majoring in Automotive - more specifically, the Ford ASSET program. I thank everyone at SST for their time teaching me and I am very excited to go to college.

- *Travis Munson '11, Digital Communications, Raymond High School*

I am currently a student in the Digital Communications program here at the Seacoast School of Technology. We finished up Web Design last semester and now we are well into Video Production, working on independent video projects. These two courses, as well as last year's courses of Computer Graphics & 3D Animation, have really prepared me for my future. After I graduate from high school, I am moving down to Orlando, Florida where I plan on attending Valencia College and later will transfer to the University of Central Florida. I am going into the Entertainment & Design field since I have a strong passion for theme parks. I plan on branching out into many of the different entertainment fields such as theater and ride production, as well as digital graphic design. Digital Communications has allowed me to explore this field even more, giving me access to many of the professional computer programs and the work environment that can be found throughout the industry. Digital Communications has already given me a jumpstart on my future career and I can't wait to see all the new doors and paths that open up along the way.

- *Patrick O'Brien '11, Raymond High School, Building Construction Technologies*

I really like to work with my hands and while at SST I had the opportunity to get into construction instead of furniture making, which I had done at Raymond. It turned out that I really liked construction. After high school, I plan to go to the Manchester Community College and get my degree in Construction. Then I plan to work for a construction company and enjoy a good life.

- *Kelsey Lord '11, Marketing Technologies, Sanborn Regional High School*

I entered the Marketing Technologies program unsure of what the outcome would be. When I went on a tour of the Seacoast School of Technology my sophomore year, I was unsure of what I was going to college for. I always loved working with children but I also had an interest in being an event coordinator. I thought enrolling in the Marketing Technologies program would help me make my final decision about what I would study in college. After my first year at SST, I realized that Marketing was not something I wanted to major in and that Teaching was the right career form me. Without the Seacoast School of Technology, I still would not know what career path would be right for me. I will be attending Keene State College to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics. I plan to become a second grade teacher and then work on my master's degree.

- *Chris Velletri '11, Pre-Engineering, Exeter High School*

This year I started in the Pre-Engineering program at SST. I loved it from the start. When choosing colleges, I decided that I wanted to study Engineering. I am currently enrolled in the College of Physical and Engineering Sciences at the University of New Hampshire, as a Mechanical Engineering major. SST helped me realize what it is that I want to pursue as a profession.

- *William Soucy '11, Welding Technologies, Raymond High School*

I am here at SST at the end of the Welding Technologies program. I'm writing about what we do at this school. As students of this school, we get asked all the time if it helps us with our future career and if we think it gives us a step ahead of everyone else. Yes, I do think this school helps the students with a future career and does give us a step-up. Now it's the end of the year and I keep hearing the word commencement and it sounds like it means the end. But really it's not the end. If you change the word commencement to the commencing, you will see that it actually means beginning. This is the beginning of our new lives after high school. It is the beginning of the real world. The only thing to come to an end is our high school career. Next year I will either have a Welding Apprenticeship at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard or be studying welding at Lincoln Technical Institute.

I am excited for and proud of each of these students and every student who will be recognized at the Certificate Ceremony on June 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Exeter High School. Please join me at this grand event to celebrate our students. It is my belief that time will show that our School will have played a role in the successful lives they will lead.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Callahan
Principal

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS 2011 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:

- Digital Communications students had a strong showing at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Spring Leadership Conference in Manchester. Students placing in events included: Kaitlyn Roberts, Exeter, 1st and Erin Cantu, Epping, 3rd in Electronic Career Portfolio; Jessica Evans, Sanborn and Kelsey Ling, Epping, 3rd place team for Digital Design and Promotion; Amber Fernald, Exeter, 3rd place Marketing and a \$1000 scholarship to Southern NH University; Nate Giordano, Exeter, 1st place Marketing Communications and a \$1000 scholarship to Johnson and Wales University; Jill Whiteneck, Raymond, 2nd in Digital Video Production.
- Early Childhood Education students traveled to The Grand Summit in Bartlett for the FCCLA Spring Conference. Due to the April 1 snow, students spent an extra night in Bartlett! Caitlin Robbins, Epping, served as Event Runner; Nicole MacAulay, Exeter, served as a workshop host; Nicole along with Samantha Mirandette, both from Exeter, conducted a “Hands on” session for members; Arienna Kranz, Epping, served as the chapter’s voting delegate and participated in the state meeting; Jacob Carreno, Taylor Mabardy, and Brittaney Smith, all of Exeter, 3rd place and earned a bronze medal for State Display; Marisa Hercules and Wei Marley, both from Exeter, 2nd place and won a silver medal in Applied Technology, qualified for Nationals and won a \$750 scholarship to Johnson and Wales University; Heather Burditt, Exeter and Megan McLaughlin, Sanborn, 1st place and a silver medal in National Programs in Action and qualified for Nationals; Lily Jackson, Exeter and Haley Lundgren, Sanborn, 1st place and silver medal for Senior Occupational Manual and qualified for Nationals; Rebecca Charest and Bethany Winget, both of Exeter, 1st place and gold medal in Chapter Service Project and qualified for Nationals; Sarah Coutts and Kaitlyn Wheeler, both of Exeter, 2nd place and silver medal in the Life Planning Event and qualified for Nationals, Julia Kneeland, Exeter, 1st place, gold medal in Illustrated Talk event and qualified for Nationals. The Seacoast FCCLA won the Membership Trophy and 1st place for largest membership in NH. They also won 2nd place in the Chapter Participation Award. Raising \$760.32 for the Children’s Miracle Network earned Seacoast FCCLA the Highest Chapter Donation of 2011.
- Culinary Arts students were recognized for their efforts at the SkillsUSA competition held at the Seacoast School of Technology. Shannen Warner, Exeter, 1st place, Dining Room Service; Tyler MacDonald, Newmarket, 1st place, Hot Foods; Tylor Heath, Exeter, 2nd place, Job Interview; Amanda Jianniney, Raymond, 3rd place, Job Interview; Emily Anason, Exeter, 3rd place, Prepared Speech; Ambrosia Vining, Newmarket, NH SkillsUSA t-shirt design winner; Kelsey MacDonald, 2nd place, Prepared Speech; Patrick Royer, Sanborn, 3rd place, Extemporaneous Speech; Mike Wasiuk, Winnacunnet, 3rd place, Dining Room Service; State Officers, Lee Clouthier, Exeter, President; Mikenzie Watson, Exeter Adult Ed, Vice President; Kaitlin Getman, Raymond, Treasurer; Ben Cole, Raymond, Region 1 Parliamentarian. SST Culinary Arts was recognized for 100% chapter participation. Other competitors included: Ben Cole, Raymond, Hot Foods; Karl Lohndhorf, Newmarket, Job Skills Demonstration; Sean Day, Exeter, Extemporaneous Speech; Kaitlin Getman, Raymond, Commercial Baking and Jen Drelick, Newmarket, Commercial Baking.
- Automotive Technologies had two Ford AAA teams that qualified to compete on centerfield at the Loudon Speedway. Justin Almon of Exeter and Zachary Miles of Newmarket were one team and Tyler Hancock of Exeter and Tyler Secorsky of Raymond were the other.
- Biotechnology students competed in the New Hampshire Science and Engineering Exposition (NHSEE). Winners were: Natalia Dore, Epping, 1st place Behavior; Katelyn Ahearn and Jaime Johnstone, Great Bay eLearning Charter School, 1st place Zoology.
- Welding Technologies students recently competed in the statewide SkillsUSA competition. William Soucy of Raymond placed second in Job Skills Demonstration.

- Health Science Technologies students traveled to Nashua for the 2011 HOSA State Conference. The results are: Tim Hunter, Exeter, 1st place Extemporaneous Speaking; Nathan Peterson, Exeter, 2nd place Job Seeking Skills; Michelle Jarosz, Newmarket, 5th place Job Seeking Skills.
- FFA members of the Animal & Plant Science program had tremendous success at the 81st State Conference held at the Mt. Washington Hotel. Brianna Brand, Winnacunnet, New Hampshire FFA Scholarship; Krista Rosencrantz, Exeter, State Star, Lindsey White, Charlotte Faria, Kelsey Mathouser, all from Exeter, Hannah Proulx, Raymond, Jessica Plante, Sanborn, Stars in Supervised Agricultural Education; Brianna Brand, State Star in Agribusiness; Alayna Perkins, Winnacunnet, Gold State Star Farmer; Kyle Pimentel, Epping, Gold State Star in Agribusiness; Alayna Perkins, State Winner in Specialty Animals; Shawna McGahey, Raymond, State Winner in Poultry Production; Katie Cantrell, Epping, Gold in Home & Community; Kyle Pimentel, Gold in Equine; Brianna Brand, Bronze in Small Animal; Brianna Brand, Meghan Abrahamson, Exeter and Charlotte Faria, 1st place team-Dairy Judging CDE; Brianna Brand, 1st place-Prepared Speech CDE; Alayna Perkins, 2nd place-Prepared Speech CDE; Andrea Batchelder, Exeter, Shawna McGahey, Brianna Brand and Alayna Perkins, Floriculture CDE 4th place team; Hannah Proulx, 2nd place-Horse Judging CDE; Hannah Proulx, Jessica Plante, Michaela Kirby, Exeter, Horse Judging CDE 2nd place team; Brian Berridge, GBeCS, 2nd place, 10th grade div., Job Demonstration CDE; Tiffany Leith, Exeter, 1st place, 11th grade div., Job Demonstration CDE; Meghan Abrahamson, 2nd place, 11th grade div., Job Demonstration CDE; Brianna Brand, 2nd place, 12th grade div. Job Demonstration CDE; Alayna Perkins, 3rd place, 12th grade div., Job Demonstration CDE; Holly Thornton, Epping, 3rd place, Jr./Sr. div., Creed Speaking CDE; Lindsey White, 1st place, Novice Jr. div., Impromptu Speaking CDE; Michaela Kirby, 2nd place, Novice Jr. div., Impromptu Speaking CDE; Jacob Keiling, Exeter, 3rd place, Novice Jr. div., Impromptu Speaking CDE; Sarah Rega, Winnacunnet, 1st place, Novice Sr. div., Impromptu Speaking CDE; Nicole Penta, Sanborn, 2nd place, Experienced div., Impromptu Speaking CDE; Brianna Brand, 2nd place, Extemporaneous Speaking CDE; Lindsey White, 1st place, Jr. div., Job Interview CDE; Aimee Eaton, Epping, 2nd place, Jr. div., Job Interview CDE; Hannah Proulx, 3rd place, Jr. div., Job Interview CDE; Krista Rosencrantz, 4th place, Jr. div., Job Interview CDE; Seth Kahlke, GBeCS, 3rd place, Sr. div., Job Interview CDE; Jessica Downing, Sanborn, Seth Kahlke, Joshua Boswell, Epping, Hannah Proulx, 1st place team-Agricultural Sales CDE; Hannah Proulx, 2nd place, Agricultural Sales CDE; Joshua Boswell, 3rd Place, Agricultural Sales CDE; Andrea Batchelder, Kelsey Mathouser, Brianna Brand, Alayna Perkins, 1st place team-Dairy Foods CDE; Kelsey Mathouser, 3rd place, Dairy Foods CDE; Andrea Batchelder, 4th place, Dairy Foods CDE; Andrea Batchelder, Michaela Kirby, Lindsey White, Seth Kahlke, 3rd place team-Environmental/Natural Resources CDE; Kyle Pimentel and Holly Thornton, Kelsey Madea, Newmarket, 1st place team-Small Animal CDE; Kyle Pimentel, 1st place, Small Animal CDE; Holly Thornton, 3rd place, Small Animal CDE; Meghan Abrahamson, Tiffany Leith, Michaela Kirby, Lindsey White, Matt Valcancick, Newmarket, 1st place team-Agricultural Communications CDE; Tiffany Leith, Michaela Kirby, Meghan Abrahamson, Jessica Downing, 1st place team-Livestock CDE; Tiffany Leith, 2nd place, Livestock CDE; Meghan Abrahamson, 3rd place, Livestock CDE; Michaela Kirby, 1st place, Animal Welfare CDE; Brianna Brand, Honorable Mention, Animal Welfare CDE; Victoria Bussey, GBeCS, Voting Delegate; Rose Doucette, Exeter, Voting Delegate; Alayna Perkins and Brianna Brand, Andrea Batchelder and Maegan Wysocki, Nicole Penta, Karen Sarosiek, Virtual Learning Academy, 1st place team-Agricultural Issues CDE; Ashley Jones (Exeter '09) and Tyler Smith (Raymond '10) are the retiring State Officers. Seven teams are qualified to go to the 2011 National Convention in Indianapolis this October.
- Marketing Technologies students attended the DECA Conference in Manchester. Juliann Westbrook, Winnacunnet, 1st place State Officer qualified for Nationals; Alex Bellman, Newmarket, 2nd place Business Services Marketing, qualified for Nationals; Alison Anzalone, Raymond, 2nd place Hotel and Lodging, qualified for Nationals; Jessica Tow, Winnacunnet, 1st place Retail Merchandising, qualified for Nationals; Taylor MacDonald, Exeter, 1st place Entrepreneurship Written Independent Business, qualified for Nationals; Dustin Gagne, GBeCS, 3rd place Exam Restaurant and Food Service Management; Nate Berner-Tobin, Exeter, 2nd place Role Play, Sports and Entertainment; John Brescia, Exeter, 2nd place Exam, Marketing Management; Joe Strathern, Exeter, 3rd place Role Play, Marketing Management; Brenna Shannon, Exeter, 2nd place Exam, Business Services Marketing; Ashley Trautmann, Sanborn, 3rd place Exam, Hotel and Lodging; Sophia Cook, Home School, 1st place Role Play, Business Services Marketing; Darcie Isabelle, Exeter, Competencies, Apparel and Accessories; Ashley Edwards, Raymond, Ben Ward, Exeter, Allison Berman, Winnacunnet and Juliann Westbrook, Winnacunnet, Competencies, Role Play.

SEACOAST SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

CLASS OF 2011

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

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| Army National Guard | Keene State College | Southern New Hampshire University |
| Art Institute of New England | Laconia Community College | St. Joseph's College |
| Austin Peay State University | Lakes Region Community College | Suffolk University |
| Bay State College | Liberty University | Susquehanna University |
| Becker College | Lincoln Culinary Institute | Thomas College |
| Belmont Abbey College | Lincoln Technical Institute | Trinity University |
| Bridgton Academy | Lyndon State College | U.S. Air Force |
| Burlington College | Manchester Community College | U.S. Marines |
| Cabrini College | MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | U.S. Navy |
| Castleton College | Motorcycle Mechanic Institute | UMASS, Lowell |
| Central Maine Community College | Nashua Community College | Union University |
| Champlain College | National Outdoor Leadership School | Universal Technical Institute |
| Colby-Sawyer College | New England Art Institute | University of Connecticut |
| Culinary Institute of America | New England College | University of Maine |
| E. Tennessee State University | New England Culinary Institute | University of Maine at Farmington |
| Eckerd College | New England Institute of Technology | University of Minnesota |
| Elmira College | New Hampshire Technical Institute | University of New England |
| Franklin Pierce University | Newbury College | University of New Hampshire |
| Fullsail University | Northern Essex Community College | University of Northwestern Ohio |
| Gordon College | Norwich University | University of Rhode Island |
| Granite State College | Oklahoma State University | University of Southern Maine |
| Great Bay Community College | Plymouth State University | University of Vermont |
| Green Mountain College | Rivier College | University of Wisconsin |
| Hesser College | Roberts Wesleyan College | Valencia College |
| Husson University | Roger Williams University | Virginia Wesleyan |
| Ithaca College | Saint Anselm College | Wagner College |
| Job Core | Salem State University | White Mountain Community College |
| Johnson & Wales University | Salve Regina University | Wittenberg University |
| Johnson State College | Simmons College | Wyotech |
| Juniata College | Southern Maine Community College | |