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\$14,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT THE 2016-17 DCTC STUDENT RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual DCTC Student Recognition Dinner was held on May 18, 2017, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. More than 90 students were recognized for outstanding achievements in their CTE programs. Ford Flat Rock Assembly Plant & UAW awarded \$2,000 scholarships to four students, and a new scholarship was presented this year by Ms. Catherine Teifer, the Corky Hancock Memorial Scholarship, which awarded \$2,000 scholarships to three students. Ms. Teifer expressed wishes to support someone pursuing skilled trades.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, students must be nominated by their CTE instructor. They must also be seniors who have been accepted into a college or university.

Flat Rock Assembly Plant & UAW Recipients:

Anthony Williams, Assistant Plant Manager at FRAP, presented scholarships to the following students:

- Samuel Bellaire, Carlson H.S. - U of M Dearborn
- Jessica LaChance, Huron H.S. - Henry Ford College
- Katherine Plassman, Trenton H.S. - U of M Ann Arbor
- Rouan Salim, Flat Rock H.S. - Wayne State University



Corky Hancock Memorial Scholarship Recipients:

Mrs. Catherine Teifer, in honor of her late husband, Corky Hancock and representing Hancock Industries presented scholarships to the following students:

- Nikolai Koseck, S.G. Anderson H.S. - Henry Ford College
- Robert Welsch, Woodhaven H.S. - Henry Ford College
- Leah Monske, Flat Rock H.S. - Eastern Michigan Univ.



2016-17 DCTC Teacher of the Year

DCTC congratulates Dawn Damron, the Dental Occupations instructor at Woodhaven High School, on being named the recipient of the 2016-2017 DCTC Teacher-of-the-Year Award. Dawn works with many students from across the consortium's nine districts making them career and college ready in the dental field. In addition to her daily instructional activities, Dawn is the sponsor of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapter at Woodhaven High School. Through the years, many of her students have received awards at both the regional and state competitions advancing to the national level. All of us at DCTC appreciate Dawn's professionalism and dedication to her students.



DCTC Health Occupations Program Partner awarded state recognition



At the May MOSPA Conference, the Atria Kinghaven Senior Living facility, which partners with the DCTC Health Occupations program at Grosse Ile High School, was awarded the Michigan Occupational Special Populations Association (MOSPA) state award that honors business/industry for their partnership with CTE programs.

Atria Kinghaven, located in Riverview, Michigan, has provided support to the Health Occupations for the special populations students for more than 20 years. Karen Roberts, the Activities Director, has developed activities that incorporate the Health Occupations students. During the first year of the program, students practice communication and employability skills learned in the classroom. The students interact weekly with residents through intergenerational activities and practice taking vital signs during the spring Health Fair. Second-year students participate with residents through a community project for Breast Cancer Awareness. In addition, each May, students and residents come together for a Junior/Senior Prom. Atria Kinghaven has enriched the Health Occupations program by providing practice in the health care setting that allows special populations students to gain confidence and success. This partnership speaks to the success of the interaction between DCTC students and Atria Kinghaven over the years. The award was accepted by Grosse Ile Health Occupations instructor, Judy Kopaniasz.

The Downriver Career Technical Consortium would like to welcome our new instructors to the CTE staff. We are very pleased to have such dedicated professionals.

Gerald Shay, Welding (Flat Rock High School)

Jerry brings a wealth of experience to the Flat Rock Welding program, not only from welding experience, but from teaching as well. He earned degrees in welding from both Ferris State and Eastern Michigan University and began his teaching career in Arizona. In addition to teaching, he has worked in a variety of welding fabrication shops. Jerry loves teaching and providing students the skills they need to solve problems using a variety of tools and processes.



Mark Andrew and Barbara Wanenmacher, EMT/Criminal Justice (Trenton High School).



Mark is the lead teacher for the second year EMT/Criminal Justice program. He brings many years of experience in both the field and classroom to the DCTC program at Trenton High School. He has been an adjunct faculty at Henry Ford College in the health careers for 10 years. He has also been a professional firefighter and paramedic for 20 years. Barbara Wanenmacher (photo not available) is also new to our program and is the first-year lead teacher.

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