



Jersey Shore CTE Newsletter



In order to maintain more continuous communication with stakeholders, this newsletter was created to provide updates and highlights of the career and technical education programs at Jersey Shore Area Senior High School. The goal of this publication is to provide timely updates, push out announcements, promote new initiatives, and educate stakeholders on the happenings within Jersey Shore CTE. We hope this publication serves the best interests of the school, the students, and our stakeholders in providing the most up-to-date information on the progress, successes, and challenges of our comprehensive CTE programs.

Winter 2025

Work-Based Learning Programs

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Grant Update

Federal Perkins Grant
State Competitive
Equipment Grant

FBLA & SkillsUSA Success

Over 25 students are
advancing to state-level
competitions in Hershey in
April

Career & Education Fair

We're bringing back the
Career Fair to Jersey Shore
Area SHS on Friday, April 25!

CULINARY CHICKEN WING COMPETITION

Six (6) students in the culinary arts CTE program prepared their best chicken wing recipes and served them to eager teachers, staff members, and administrators in the high school. The winning wing sauce was Zara del Rosario's "Spicy Asian", followed in a close second by Alaina Dincher's "Dad's Secret Honey Mustard". Mason Lucas delivered a "Sweet & Spicy Teriyaki" that earned him a 3rd Place finish. Congratulations to our Top Chefs!



Work-Based Learning (WBL) Programs

Cooperative Education - 7 students

Co-Op is a capstone WBL experience for CTE seniors placed at worksites directly related to Jersey Shore's CTE programs. Students continue technical training in the field amongst professionals and colleagues while getting paid to learn their craft. Thank you to Main Street Auto Repair, Blaise Alexander Nissan, Pine Mountain Auto Repair, Sweitzer's Garage, and Paulhamus Diesel Performance for hosting Automotive Technology students. We would also like to thank Way to Grow Learning & Development Center - Childcare and Bald Birds Brewing Company - Maintenance & Repair for providing co-op placements this year.

Diversified Occupations - 4 students

This senior-year WBL CTE program places students at worksites training in occupations for which Jersey Shore does not currently have a CTE program. Thank you to Geisinger Jersey Shore - Respiratory Therapy, UPMC Lock Haven - Women's Health, River Valley YMCA - Sports Management, and Rocky Auctions - Supply Chain Logistics for hosting student placements for 2024-2025.

CTE Internship Experience - 1 student

Grade 11-12 students can take advantage of part-time internships via the CTE experience program. Currently the JSASD Business Office is hosting an accounting intern. In past years, the JSASD Technology Department also hosted networking and IT interns as part of this WBL program.

To the right, Willow Eveland a Grade 12 diversified occupations CTE student, works at Rocky Auction Services in Milton. On-the-job technical training is a highlight of the work-based learning programs. Willow's career objective is to become a general operations manager.



MRS. ODEN - WBL COORDINATOR SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Dolly Oden is Jersey Shore's Work-Based Learning Coordinator. In addition to teaching business education courses part-time, she is responsible for developing partnerships, onboarding students, meeting with employers, and conducting site visits to ensure students have a productive and successful work-based learning experience. Mrs. Oden has been teaching for 29 years, 28 of which have been with us at Jersey Shore!

Grant Funding for CTE

Federal Perkins Grant Update

JSASD receives approximately \$36,000 annually to support salary & benefits for our CTE Paraprofessional Mrs. Lisa Tibbens, purchase SkillsUSA memberships for all CTE students, provide industry-recognized credentials/certifications, send instructors to professional development conferences, and purchase equipment. JSASD completed a Perkins Compliance Review in January 2025 and received only one corrective action related to continuous stakeholder communication.

A new power disc/belt sander was purchased through the 2024-2025 Perkins grant to teach CTE students technical skills in carpentry. To the right, Jude TenEyck, a Grade 12 student in CTE building property maintenance, uses the sander to bevel a piece of lumber for roof installation.



Thanks to the 2024-2025 federal Perkins grant, all Jersey Shore CTE students complete approved safety training and earn OSHA 10-Hour General or Industry-Specific certification. This credential is valid for life, but refresher training is recommended every 3-5 years as part of regular on-the-job safety training requirements.

Competitive Equipment Grant Awarded!

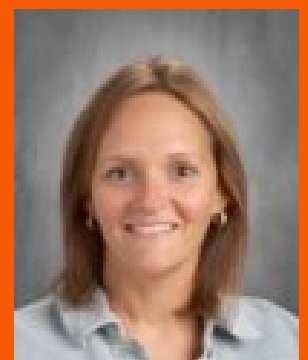
\$85,000 was awarded to JSASD CTE programs for the purchase of the following equipment:

- Aqueous Parts Washer for Automotive
- On-Car Brake Lathe for Automotive
- Sharp Vertical Manual Mills for Machining
- LanTek Cable Meter for Networking

Congratulations to Mr. Lorson, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Alexander on receiving the grant funds to purchase this new equipment for your CTE programs! It will surely be put to good use.

MRS. ARMBRUSTER - SKILLSUSA ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Sheena Armbruster is the CTE childcare instructor at Jersey Shore and serves as SkillsUSA Advisor. She also serves as adviser to Ski Club, Bible Club, and is coordinator of the Bullpups Preschool Program. Mrs. Armbruster has been teaching in Jersey Shore for 10 years.



Career & Technical Student Organizations

Fabulous FBLA Finalists

JSCTE is thrilled to recognize excellence in business education with 21 FBLA members advancing to state-level competitions! We wish the following students the best of luck as they represent JSCTE in state-level competitions:

Accounting 1	Allie Drajem 2nd
	Saul Hensler 3rd
	Mckendra Stoetzel 4th
Accounting 2	Caitlyn Shrodo 1st
Business Comm.	Bailey Brooks 3rd
	Jaymison Stellfox 6th
Business Ethics	Lynna Clark 2nd
Business Law	Makayla Wrench 3rd
Cyber Security	Lucy Engel 2nd
Health Care Admin	Trinity Bilbay 2nd
Impromptu Speaking	Timothy Snook 1st
Intro Business Comm.	Aralynn Kimble 1st
Intro to FBLA	Gabriela Trunzo 2nd
Intro Info Tech	Camdyn Stellfox 1st
	Hunter Staron 2nd
	Mitchell Branton 3rd
	Zara del Rosario 3rd
	Gabriel Prosser 5th
	6th
Job Interview	Andres Belcher
Personal Finance	Ben Dalton
Sports Management Team	Mazden Lupton

SkillsUSA Success

Congratulations to the following SkillsUSA members for placing Top 5 in District 6 competitions in January at Penn College!

Automotive Service Technology

1st Place Alex Boush

CTE Demo

1st Place Savannah Kramer

Early Childhood Education

2nd Place Maggie Johnson

Precision Machining

2nd Place Landon Knipe

Nurse Assisting

4th Place Reygan Van der Putten

Best of luck to Savannah and Alex who will represent Jersey Shore at the SkillsUSA State Competitions in Hershey in April!



Jersey Shore FBLA officers Zara del Rosario and Lucy Stevenson attended a leadership workshop during regional-level competitions in January.



MR. DERSHEM - FBLA ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Tim Dershem is one of four business educators at Jersey Shore Area SHS. In addition to teaching courses in business leadership, personal finance, and entrepreneurship, Mr. Dershem serves as FBLA advisor and also coaches tennis. He has been working at Jersey Shore for 4 years and teaching for 24 years.



Career Education & Workforce Development

7th Grade CTE Expo

On Thursday, November 21 CTE took over the MS gymnasium as 170 students in Grade 7 rotated through 12 stations to learn about career pathways. Each station focused on which skills, abilities, interests, courses, and clubs align best to each of the CTE programs at the HS. SkillsUSA and FBLA members dressed to industry-standard and wore the uniform/attire of their trade. Students were also exposed to non-traditional career pathways by seeing female CTE students working in construction and accounting technology.



Above, Jacob Berkheiser, a Grade 12 construction CTE student, assists a MS student in using a driver as part of a hands-on activity during the 7th Grade CTE Expo in the MS

To the right, Mr. Turner and Mr. Bittner led a field trip for precision machining students in Grades 10-11 to explore careers and workforce pathways.

Precision Machining Field Trip

Fifteen students in the precision machining CTE program visited the Central PA Institute of Science & Technology in Pleasant Gap and First Quality in Lock Haven to learn about education, training, and career opportunities in manufacturing & engineering fields.



Health & Medical Assisting Field Trip

Seventeen students in Health & Medical Assisting CTE visited Geisinger Jersey Shore on January 24. Students toured the facility and previewed career opportunities in Emergency Medicine, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy, General Surgery, Skilled Senior Care, Pediatrics, and Orthopedics. Geisinger has supported the development of the new Health & Medical Assisting CTE program with professionals serving as Occupational Advisory Committee members as well as donating equipment, providing guest speakers/presenters, and hosting field trips.



MRS. TIBBENS - CTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT/PARAPROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Lisa Tibbens is the CTE paraprofessional and Perkins instructional assistant at Jersey Shore. She provides instructional support primarily within the childcare and culinary arts CTE programs. This staff position is funded by 60% federal Perkins dollars and 40% local funds. Mrs. Tibbens has been working in Jersey Shore for 8 years.



Upcoming Events in Career & Technical Education

NOCTI Exams - April 7-16, 2025

The end-of-program assessment for CTE programs is the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) exams which will be administered April 7-16. Evaluators are needed to ensure compliance with safety guidelines and protocol, monitor test time, maintain a presence in the testing area, evaluate student work, and document any irregularities. Instructors will be reaching out to OAC members to secure evaluators within the next few weeks.

Biennial Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment - CLNA - Summer 2025

The purpose of the CLNA is to support data-driven decision making and more closely align planning, spending, and accountability activities under Perkins V to focus CTE initiatives at the local level. As required, JSCTE will host/conduct its CLNA Consortium Meeting this summer in collaboration with LycoCTC, SUN Tech, Williamsport CTE, and Keystone Central CTC. More information is forthcoming.

Spring OAC Meetings - May 2025

Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) meetings will be held in May with a focus on curriculum review. Instructors will be reaching out this spring with more information. If you would like to learn more about serving as an OAC member, email Mr. Bittner [dbittner@jsasd.org] for an application link.

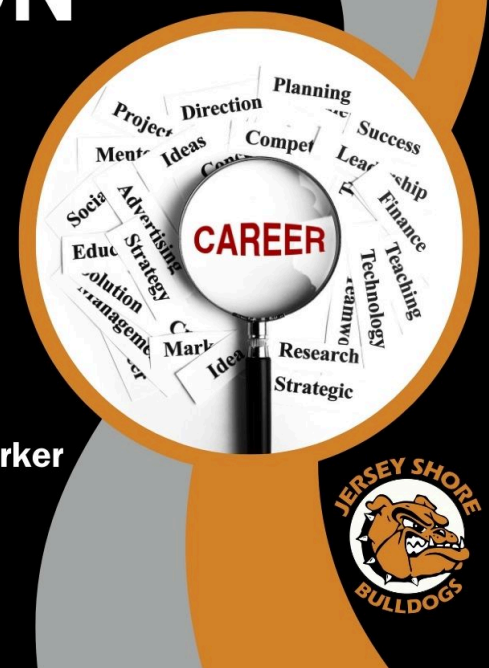
JERSEY SHORE CAREER & EDUCATION FAIR

Hosted in the Jersey Shore
Area SHS Gymnasium

April 25, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Featured Career Opportunities

- Auto Service Technician
- Machinist
- Nursing Assistant
- Chef
- Construction & Maintenance Worker
- Preschool Teacher
- Computer Systems Technician
- Accountant
- Business Owner/Operator
- Digital Media Technician
- Sales & Marketing Manager



Let us connect you to your future leaders and talent. Email dbittner@jsasd.org for more information or a registration link to secure your spot today!