CCTI Students Set School Record
at SkillsUSA Competition

On April 18, 52 CCTI students traveled to the SkillsUSA State Competition in Hershey, PA. CCTI attained medals in 15 of the 24 contests entered. 34 students earned medals at the competition (10 gold, 4 silver, 20 bronze). 10 students will go on to compete at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 25-29 in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the highest number of students that CCTI has ever sent to the state and national competitions. This is the most medals attained by CCTI in the school’s history.

Due to the high number of skilled students who compete at the state level, the vast majority of competing schools do not earn multiple gold medals and sometimes can go years without attaining a single gold medal. CCTI is proud of the fact that they consistently perform well at the state level against 80+ schools with career and technical programs. Many of these schools have much larger student populations and greater resources than CCTI. Due to the hard work and dedication of the students and staff and support from parents, OAC members, and Joint Operating Committee; CCTI has steadily built an exemplary Skills USA program.

According to Kevin Kuehner, SkillsUSA main advisor, “Student performances at SkillsUSA proves that the students have the job readiness skills it takes to enter the workforce in their chosen fields. CCTI might be a small technical school in the state of Pennsylvania but we sure did make a big impact at SkillsUSA PA competition by bringing home 10 gold 4 silver and 20 bronze medals. This is a true indication why we are the best technical school in the state.”

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This year, CCTI set a schoolwide goal of increasing the number of students participating in SkillsUSA. The goal was achieved. Last year they had 36 students attend the state competition. This year, they had 52 students attend - a 44% percent increase! This year’s advisors, Kevin Kuehner, Chris Graver, Tammy Marshall, and Maritza Mendez-Reinbold have done a tremendous job promoting and organizing SkillsUSA activities and events. A special thanks and congratulations to our advisors.

The following is a list of medalists:

**Gold Medal Winners:**

**Automotive Refinishing Technology - Devin Strohl**
Instructors - Dennis Starry and Don McGorry

**Career Pathways, Health Services - Jenna Berry, McKenzie DaCosta, Alyssa Parramore**
Instructors - Michele Dominic and Autumn Frey

**CNC Technician - Jakson Ring**
Instructors - Kevin Kuehner and Chris Gallagher
Industry Partner - Technical Process and Engineering, Lehighton, PA

**CNC Turning Specialist - Derbe Stroup**
Instructors - Kevin Kuehner and Chris Gallagher
Industry Partner - BTM, Jim Thorpe, PA

**Collision Damage Appraisal & Total Loss Evaluation Technology - Lynzi Binder**
Instructors - Dennis Starry and Don McGorry
Industry Partner - Wentz Auto Body, Lehighton, PA

**Occupational Health & Safety (Multiple) - Sean Bevilacqua, Wyatt Cassidy, Jacob Hauser**
Instructors - Brian Wirth and Maritza-Mendez-Reinbold

**Silver Medal Winners:**

**Promotional Bulletin Board - Victoria Hetrick, Autumn Kocis, Theresa Muniz**
Instructor - Michele Klock

**Industrial Motor Control - Adrian Holthusen**
Instructors - George Cope and Rob Pathroff

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Bronze Medal Winners:

**Career Pathways, Human Services** - Paige Card, Sarah Moran, Breanna Santiago  
Instructors - A.J. Burke, Ashleigh Papay, Michele Troutman, Maritza Mendez-Reinbold

**CNC Milling Specialist** - Hayden Kresge  
Instructors - Kevin Kuehner and Chris Gallagher

**Community Service** - Alissa German, Shannon Higgins, Alyssa Stamets  
Instructors - Michele Dominic, Stephanie Barto, and Sandi Kohutka

**Cooperative Logbook** - Justin Mahmde  
Instructor - Stephanie Barto

**Entrepreneurship** - Cody Fronheiser, Elijah King, Eric Nothstein, Justin Romanuski  
Instructor - Kevin Kuehner

**Opening & Closing Ceremonies** - Meagan Gildner, Skyler Graver, Teegan Green, Alyssa Halada, Rebekah Lorah, Kayla Nothstein, Bryce Rivera (Alt. Emily Highland)  
Advisors - Chris Graver and Tammy Marshall

**Plumbing** - Zackary Klotz  
Instructor Brian Wirth  
Industry Partner - R.F. Ohl, Lehighton, PA.
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Back row: Hayden Kresge, Devin Strohl, Zackary Klotz, Jason Walck, Adrain Holthasuen; Middle row: Nathaniel Starrett, Justin Hiester, Jakson Ring, Gunnar Williams; Front row: Alyssa Parramore, McKenzie DaCosta

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CCTI DECA District Winners

Carbon Career & Technical Institute’s DECA chapter hosted the annual DECA district 7 competition on December 7, 2017. Over 275 students from 10 schools participated in the event. The competition includes a 100 question written test and a role play scenario that the student must solve and present to a judge. The combination of the scores determines the final results of each event. Events include various marketing, hospitality and sports events. The top six students in the individual events and the top four team participants advanced to the state conference in Hershey in February. Fifty-eight CCTI DECA members participated. The chapter had seven 1st place winners. A total of 31 students qualified for the state conference. Congratulations to all of our winners.

CCTI DECA Advisors and chaperones are: Mrs. Stephanie Barto, Mrs. Sandi Kohutka, Mr. Bill Stoudt and Mr. Scott Bartholomew.

Apparel and Accessories:
Emily Devonshire - 2nd (Junior, PVSD)
Vicky Hetrick - 4th (Sophomore, PASD)

Automotive Services:
Shannon Higgins - 1st (Junior, PASD)
Jakson Ring - 2nd (Senior, PASD)
Lynzi Binder - 5th (Senior, LASD)

Business Services Marketing:
Rachael Dickson - 1st (Junior, PASD)
Rebekah Lorah - 2nd (Sophomore, PASD)
Alyssa Murphy - 4th (Sophomore, WASD)
Kaitlyn Solomon - 5th (Sophomore, LASD)

Food Marketing Series:
Nick Ellis - 1st (Junior, PVSD)
Cheyenne Campbell - 3rd (Junior, PASD)

Hotel and Lodging Management:
Ashley Srogi - 2nd (Senior, PASD)

Marketing Communications:
Dylan Everett - 5th (Senior, JTASD)
Angel Stilitino - 6th (Sophomore, PVSD)

Quick Serve Restaurant Management:
Bryce Rivera - 1st (Junior, JTASD)
Kiah Murphy - 2nd (Senior, JTASD)
Klarissa Wilder - 5th (Freshman, PVSD)

Retail Merchandising:
Morgan Neumann - 1st (Junior, LASD)
Tabitha Hardy - 5th (Freshman, PASD)

Sports and Entertainment Marketing:
Skyler Graver - 1st (Junior, PASD)
Eric Nothstein - 3rd (Junior, PASD)
Alyssa Stamets - 4th (Senior, JTASD)
Garrett Demkovitz - 6th (Senior, PASD)

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism:
Mason Chew - 1st (Junior, PVSD)
Carissa Burger - 2nd (Freshman, JTASD)
Emily Highland - 3rd (Freshman, JTASD)

Principles of Marketing:
Ben Roberti - 4th (Freshman, JTASD)

Entrepreneurship:
Jonathan Dudak - 3rd (Junior, JTASD)
Nate Starrett - 5th (Senior, PASD)

Human Resources:
Katelyn Green - 5th (Sophomore, PASD)

Job Interview:
Amber Curran - 6th (Sophomore, LASD)
CCTI DECA District Winners (continued)

Pictured: 1—Cody Fronheiser, Alyssa Halada, Ashley Srogi, Alissa German, Morgan Neumann, Maia Lacy; 2—Ashley Srogi; 3—Emily Devonshire; 4—Shannon Higgins; 5—Lynzi Binder; 6—Emily Highland, Carissa Burger, Mason Chew; 7—Nick Ellis, Cheyenne Campbell; 8—Gabe Henry, Garrett Demkovitz, Ben Roberti; 9—Tabitha Hardy, Morgan Neumann; 10—Amber Curran; 11—Emily Devonshire, Vicky Hetrick; Kiah Murphy, Bryce Rivera
CCTI DECA District Winners (continued)

Pictured: 1—Kaitlyn Solomon, Rebekah Lorah, Rachael Dickson, Alyssa Murphy; 2—Garrett Demkovitz, Alyssa Stamets, Skyler Graver, Eric Nothstein; 3—Dylan Everett; 4—Jakson Ring, Lynzi Binder, Shannon Higgins; 5—Jonathan Dudak, Nate Starrett
Congratulations to our CCTI DECA state competitors. 38 DECA members traveled to Hershey February 21-23, 2018 to compete with 2,300 other members from across the state. Our chapter earned the “Thrive Award” for completing three national campaigns (Community Service, Global Entrepreneurship Week, DECA Advocacy). We also earned the highest level of the State Action Plan, and were acknowledged for this achievement on stage during the opening ceremony.

During the mini-awards ceremony on the evening of February 22nd, 21 members earned 44 medals. Congratulations to the following students.

**Quick Serve Restaurant Management**
Kiah Murphy (Senior, JTASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test
Bryce Rivera (Junior, JTASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test

**Apparel and Accessories Marketing**
Vicky Hetrick (Sophomore, PASD), 1 medal - Role Play B
Emily Devonshire (Junior, PVSD), 2 medals - Role Play A and Role Play B

**Auto Service Marketing**
Lynzi Binder (Senior, LASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test
Jakson Ring (Senior, PASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test

**Business Services Marketing**
Rebekah Lorah (Sophomore, PASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test
Kaitlyn Solomon (Sophomore, LASD), 2 medals - Role Play B and test

**Retail Merchandising Series**
Morgan Neumann (Junior, LASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test
Tabitha Hardy (Freshman, PASD), 2 medals - Role Play B and test

**Sports and Entertainment Marketing**
Kayla Nothstein (Freshman, PASD), 2 medals - Role Play B and test
Elijah King (Senior, PASD), 1 medal - Role Play A

**Food Marketing Series**
Cheyenne Campbell (Junior, PASD), 2 medals - Role Play A and test

**Principles of Hospitality**
Carissa Burger (Freshman, JTASD), 2 medals - Role Play B and test
Mason Chew (Junior, PVSD), 2 medals - Role Play A and test

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CCTI DECA State Winners (continued)

Entrepreneurship
Jonathan Dudak (Junior, JTASD), 1 medal - test
Alyssa Halada (Junior, PASD), 1 medal - Role Play B

Hotel/Lodging Management
Stacie Blihar (Junior, LASD), 3 medals - Role Play A, Role Play B, and test

Marketing Communication Series
Angel Stilutino (Sophomore, PVSD), 2 medals - Role Play B and test

Marketing Cluster Exam
Maia Lacy (Junior, PASD), 1 medal – test

Pictured: 1 – Carissa Burger; 2 – Mini-Award Winners; 3 – Lynzi Binder; 4 – Maia Lacy; 5 – Morgan Neumann, Tabitha Hardy
The following students were overall winners during the Grand Awards Ceremony:

Team of **Alyssa Halada** (Junior, PASD) and **Rebekah Lorah** (Sophomore, PASD)
1st place in the Chapter Awards Program.
Won the Thrive Award, qualifying them to attend the Thrive Academy at Nationals.

Team of
**Maia Lacy** (Junior, PASD), **Corra Chincola** (Sophomore, WASD), **Lacey Highland** (Junior, JTASD)
1st place – Chapter Banner

Team of
**Alyssa Stamets** (Senior, JTASD), **Shannon Higgins** (Junior, PASD), and **Rachael Dickson** (Junior, PASD)
2nd place – Chapter Community Service. Qualified for Nationals

**Skyler Graver** (Junior, PASD)
2nd place - Chapter Public Relations Campaign. Qualified for Nationals.

**Alissa German** (Senior, PVSD)
5th place - Job Interview

**Amber Curran** (Sophomore, LASD)
6th place - Job Interview

**Alyssa Stamets** (Senior, JTASD)
Awarded a $1000.00 DECA scholarship

CCTI DECA Competitors enjoy a visit to Hershey’s Chocolate World.

Thank you to Mrs. Barto, Mr. Stoudt, Mrs. Kohutka, and Mr. Bartholomew for your time and dedication to CCTI DECA.
CCTI DECA State Winners (continued)

Pictured: 1—Alyssa Halada, Rebekah Lorah; 2—Skyler Graver; 3—Alissa German, Mrs. Barto, CCTI DECA Advisor, Alyssa Stamets; 4—Corra Chincola, Lacey Highland, Maia Lacy; 5—Alyssa Stamets, Rachael Dickson, Shannon Higgins; 6—Alissa German, Amber Curran; 7—Rebekah Lorah, Alyssa Halada; 8—Skyler Graver
CCTI DECA State Winners (continued)

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Back: Skyler Graver, Alyssa Stamets, Shannon Higgins, Rachael Dickson, Alyssa Halada, Rebekah Lorah, Alissa German
Front: Amber Curran, Lacey Highland, Maia Lacy, Corra Chincola

DECA International Competition

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Back: Rachael Dickson, Shannon Higgins, Alyssa Stamets, Alissa German
Front: Mr. Dave Reinbold, CCTI Administrative Director

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Skyler Graver (Junior, PASD), won second place at the state conference for the public relations campaign for her outstanding project. Skyler is a welding student and a non-traditional student at CCTI in addition to being an active DECA member. Skyler used her personal story as the foundation for her DECA project and our school-wide initiative to encourage students to explore non-traditional careers and technical programs at CCTI. We currently have seven female non-traditional active DECA members. Skyler’s campaign and initiative had positive results on our incoming non-traditional population. This year, we had an increase in students applying for non-traditional programs. Skyler placed in the top 20 of her event at the International Conference. She is the first CCTI student to be a finalist in a marketing research event. Skyler competed with 180 groups from across the United States, Canada, Guam, Germany, Japan, China and several other countries. We are very proud of her achievement!
Rebekah Lorah (Sophomore, PASD), Alyssa Halada (Junior, PASD), and Alissa German (Senior, PVSD) represented CCTI in the Leadership Development Academy. They were among 500 students from various states and countries. They worked in small groups to address communication skills, networking, chapter management strategies, and ways to promote DECA and the many opportunities it offers to high school students. They earned these positions in this prestigious academy by winning the “Thrive Award.” CCTI was one of two chapters in the state of PA to earn this award. The Thrive award consisted of three chapter campaigns that were completed by December of 2017 for review by National DECA. Global Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Chapter Promotional campaign all required various activities and events that had to be hosted and documented by the chapter officers and submitted for review. CCTI has successfully earned this award over the past 10 years. This group also placed first in the chapter awards project event at the state conference.

Above: Skyler Graver, Rachael Dickson, Alyssa Stamets, Alyssa Halada, Rebekah Lorah, Alissa German, Shannon Higgins

Through the community service project, CCTI students earned 1,364 hours of community service in addition to the amazing amount that was raised. This project also allowed us to showcase the talents of our technical areas at CCTI. Congratulations to all of our DECA members who have achieved great success this year.

Right: Rachael Dickson, Shannon Higgins, Alyssa Halada, Rebekah Lorah, Alissa German, Skyler Graver, Alyssa Stamets
Even though the Future Health Professionals (HOSA) State Leadership Conference was cancelled this year because of bad weather, that did not stop our HOSA chapter from having one of our best years to date. HOSA students raised $2,600.00 for Hurricane Harvey victims. All proceeds went to the Houston Food Bank, a local organization right in the middle of the devastating hurricane. Three meals were served for every one dollar donated. Thanks to CCTI’s HOSA chapter, 7,800 meals were served to victims of Hurricane Harvey.

HOSA also hosted three blood drives. Once again, CCTI students stepped up to help save lives in our community. This year we collected 178 units of blood, saving 534 lives. Our HOSA community is looking forward to next year. We already scheduled our first fall Miller Keystone blood drive for September 28th. Our goal is to collect 200 units!

HOSA and our Distributive Education Clubs of America joined forces to raise money for the Carbon/Tamaqua American Cancer Society Telethon. Together, we raised $6,000.00 for the ACS and presented the check on live TV at the telethon!

Despite our State Leadership Conference (SLC) being cancelled, HOSA students were able to compete in a virtual competition. While it was not as exciting as attending the conference, we entered our events with the same enthusiasm, drive and dedication preparing for the SLC demands.

We had eleven competitors with the following students receiving medals:

Sydnie Christman (Sophomore, PASD) – Gold, Community Awareness
Khamaria Harris (Sophomore, JTASD) – Gold, Community Awareness
Meagan Gildner (Sophomore, LASD) – Silver, Medical Terminology
Zoe Arnold (Senior, PVSD) – Silver, Community Awareness
McKenzie DaCosta (Senior, LASD) – Silver, Community Awareness
Alyssa Parramore (Senior, JTASD) – Gold, Prepared Speaking
Karissa Nenscel (Junior, PASD) – Silver, Prepared Speaking

Assisting at one of the three blood drives are Health Medical students Zoe Arnold, Ashleigh Miller, Jess Walsh, Megan Belford, and Autumn Hunter.
HM/NA HOSA Happenings (continued)

The HM/NA pinning ceremony is an annual event for students and their families to celebrate the student’s completion of the Nurse Assistant Program at CCTI. Students dedicate their pins to a family member who then place the pin on the graduate’s lab jacket. The students work on their dedications for weeks to get them perfect. The dedications are read as the pinning takes place. Students then recite the Nurse Aide pledge and blow out their candles. It’s a beautiful and emotional ceremony for both the student and their family.

The following senior HM/NA students passed their NATCEP exam and are graduating as Certified Nursing Assistants:

Zoe Arnold (PVSD)                             Jenna Berry (LASD)                             Avery Keller (LASD)
Carly Arthur (LASD)                            McKenzie DaCosta (LASD)                       Ashleigh Miller (LASD)
Megan Belford (PVSD)                           Autumn Hunter (PVSD)                          Alyssa Parramore (JTASD)

CCTI continues to prepare students for their future careers. The following seniors will be heading off to college in the fall:

Zoe Arnold – United States Navy, Hospital Corpsman
Carly Arthur – Lehigh Carbon Community College, Respiratory Care Technician
Megan Belford – Moravian College, Biology Concentration Pre-Med
McKenzie DaCosta – LCCC, prerequisites – transfer to Bloomsburg University, Nurse Mid-Wife
Ashleigh Miller – Old Dominion University, Nurse Anesthetist
Alyssa Parramore – Lehigh Carbon Community College, Registered Nurse
Jessica Walsh – Pennsylvania College of Technology, BSN

From left: Zoe Arnold, Carly Arthur, Megan Belford, Jenna Berry, McKenzie DaCosta, Autumn Hunter, Avery Keller, Ashleigh Miller, Alyssa Parramore, Jess Walsh

Congratulations Seniors!
2018 National Technical Honor Society Membership Induction Ceremony

On April 5th, Carbon Career & Technical Institute held its annual ceremony to induct new members into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The event included tremendous support from friends, family, faculty, and staff as we celebrated the entrance of 18 new members from 9 different technical programs into our local chapter. The inductees included:

Sean Bevilacqua, Junior - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, JTASD
Lynzi Binder, Senior - Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician, LASD
Cassandra Bortz, Junior - Carpentry, PASD
Paige Card, Junior - Culinary Arts, LASD
Wyatt Cassidy, Junior - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, JTASD
Todd Daldos, Junior - Carpentry, PVSD
Rachael Dickson, Junior - Marketing/Distributive Education, PASD
Skyler Graver, Junior - Welding, PASD
Teegan Green, Junior - Carpentry, PASD
Alyssa Halada, Junior - Marketing/Distributive Education, PASD
Wade Haydt, Junior - Welding, PASD
Shannon Higgins, Junior - Marketing/Distributive Education, PASD
Adrian Holthausen, Junior - Electrical Distribution and Automation/Electrician, PASD
Sarah Moran, Junior - Culinary Arts, PASD
Karissa Nenscel, Junior - Health/Medical Assistant/Aide, PASD
Alyssa Parramore, Senior - Health/Medical Assistant/Aide, JTASD
Destini Richards, Junior - Drafting & Design Technology/Technician, JTASD

Current Members & New Inductees present at event were Front: Karissa Nenscel, Alyssa Halada, Skyle Graver, Lynzi Binder, Rachael Dickson, Cassandra Bortz; Middle: Todd Daldos, Sean Bevilacqua, Teegan Green, Paige Card, Sarah Moran, Alyssa Stamets, Hailie Brosky, Ashleigh Miller, Shannon Higgins, Alyssa Parramore, Ryanne Hoffman; Back: Wyatt Cassidy, Bryce Rivera, Adrian Holthausen, Justin Phillips, Hayden Kresge, Justin Heister, Wade Haydt, Derbe Stroup; Present at event but missing from photo: Destini Richards and Gage Seip
2018 National Technical Honor Society Membership Induction Ceremony
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Mr. Jeremy Pease, the 2017-2018 NTHS Advisor, began the celebration by welcoming everybody to the event and introduced Mr. Brent Borzak, CCTI’s Principal, to the gathering. Mr. Borzak opened the ceremony with an explanation of the requirements for becoming a member of the NTHS and expressed his pride in the accomplishments of the new Inductees. The ceremony continued by showcasing NTHS members from the Class of 2018 as they offered their thoughts through both live and video presentations. At this juncture, the inductees were called forward individually by Mr. David Reinbold, CCTI’s Administrative Director and were presented with their membership credentials by members of the faculty. The celebration was capped with a dinner buffet put together by CCTI’s Culinary Arts students under the guidance of Chef A.J. Burke.

Pictured: 1—Hayden Kresge, Ryanne Hoffman, Adrian Holthausen, Derbe Stroup, Wade Haydt; 2—Sarah Moran, Destini Richards, Paige Card; 3—Gage Seip, Skyler Graver; 4—Mr. Pease, CCTI NTHS Advisor, Destini Richards; 5—Ms. Kathy Fallow, PASD School Board Member & CCTI Joint Operating Committee Representative, Mrs. Kate Baumgardt, PASD School Board Member & CCTI English Teacher, five of the ten PASD new inductees—Wade Haydt, Skyler Graver, Rachael Dickson, Alyssa Halada, Cassandra Bortz
Jesse Eberly, has been accepted to the Joint Science and Technology Institute (or JSTI) summer research program. JSTI is a highly competitive, two week fully funded, residential STEM summer research program accepting only 48 current high school students in the United States and Department of Defense Schools around the world. The program takes place at Oakridge Labs in Aberdeen, Maryland between July 21st and August 3rd. The purpose of the program is to inspire and encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. During the two weeks students will participate in multiple projects such as, Cyber Security, Digital Forensics, or Robotics. Students will also get the opportunity to attend activities in the area, including trips to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and the Museum of Natural History. The program is mentored by the Department of Defense research scientists and other subject matter experts.

Jesse is an 11th grade student from the Palmerton Area School District who has been in the Computer Engineering Technology technical area for 2 years. Jesse also participated in the LCCC SHINE Career Academy at CCTI in 7th and 8th grade. He currently has attained the following certifications: Comptia IT Fundamentals, Certiports IC3, ETA’s Customer Service Specialist, and Microsoft Technology Associate – Network Fundamentals. He has taken Part 1 of the Comptia A+ Certificate and passed. He will be taking Part 2 this coming summer. Jesse resides with his mother Emily and plans on continuing his education after high school at Lehigh Carbon Community College. Congratulations to Jesse and his instructor, Mike Lewis.

On March 26, 2018, Kevin Sowa, CCTI teacher accompanied six CCTI students who competed in an academic challenge with other students from our sending schools at the Weatherly Area High School.

The students that represented CCTI were: Wyatt Cassidy (Junior, JTASD), Cassandra Bortz (Junior, PASD), Hannah Schappell (Sophomore, LASD), Alexis Pantella (Junior, LASD), Kiah Murphy (Senior, JTASD) and Megan Vrablic (Senior, LASD). These students practiced on Monday’s and Thursday’s after school and also by using a trivia app on their phones. Lisa Walck and Tammy Marshall, staff at CCTI, helped pull the team together and provided much needed moral support.

The academic challenge is a “Jeopardy-style” quiz bowl that includes questions on topics from science, literature, geography, social studies and current events. The CCTI students competed in three matches and compiled 320 points. Based on this score, CCTI did not earn enough points to compete in the final round. Jim Thorpe Area, Palmerton Area and Panther Valley schools played in the final round.

The CCTI students had a great time working together on trivia questions and competing against the other schools.
CCTI Students Visit the Capitol

On February 6th, Representative Doyle Heffley hosted Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI) students at the Capitol. Visiting on Tuesday were from left, Megan Vrablic, Alyssa Stamets, Todd Daldos, Skyler Graver, Kyle Edwards, Alyssa Halada, Mr. Jeffrey Hazelton, and Rebekah Lorah. Not pictured: Mrs. Stephanie Barto, Mr. Eugene Colosimo, Mrs. Sandi Kohutka and Mrs. Peggy Kalogerakis.

It was my pleasure to host a great group of students from Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI) at the Capitol on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to hear the governor’s budget address from the House gallery! I am very proud of our CCTI students who, for the fourth consecutive year, had the highest School Performance Profile academic score in the state among 16 comprehensive career and technical schools. —PA State Representative Doyle Heffley

Front: Mrs. Peggy Kalogerakis, Mr. Jeffrey Hazelton, Skyler Graver, Rebekah Lorah, Alyssa Halada; Middle: Mr. Eugene Colosimo, Todd Daldos, Kyle Edwards, Mrs. Stephanie Barto, Alyssa Stamets; Back: Megan Vrablic, Mrs. Sandi Kohutka
Congratulations and
Best of Luck, Seniors!

Zoe Arnold
Carly Arthur
Alejandro Aybar
Jarred Bartholomew
Megan Belford
Imani Berrios
Jenna Berry
Lynzi Binder
Eric Bolton
Garrett Broadfield
Hailie Brosky
Austin Buyce
Jacey Carr
Nevada Currier
McKenzie DaCosta
Garrett Demkovitz
Kimberly Danowski
James Doerr-Niver
Bryanna Driscoll
Kiersten Dusheck
Tracy Edmunds
Dylan Everett
Owen Everett
Sharin Fischer
Cody Fronheiser
Linsey Fronheiser
Timothy Gebhard
Alissa German
Gabrielle Hicks-Haupt
Trevon Hauser
Nicholas Hawk
Krysanthra Hedden

Justin Hiester
Ryanne Hoffman
Madisyn Howard
Autumn Hunter
Elijah King
Zakary Klotz
Jonathan Knecht
Hayden Kresge
Austin Kuehner
Syngen Lucas
Justin Mahmde
William Martin
Joseph McAr-dle
Ashleigh Miller
Evan Moretz
Kody Mulderig
Kiah Murphy
Mason Neff
Jacob Newton
Michael O’Brien
Devin Oswald
Alyssa Parramore
Daniel Patterson
Jason Phillips
Justin Phillips
Mitchell Quigley
Jakson Ring
Triston Ritchie
Tyler Sacks
Gunner Sanchez
Gage Seip

Austin Scheckler
Wesley Shumard
Austin Smith
Libby Smith
Ashley Srogi
Alyssa Stamets
Nathaniel Starrett
Krysten Stein
Garth Sterling
Rayna Stilitino
Devin Strohl
Derbe Stroup
Megan Vrablic
Jessica Walsh
Sierra Wehr
Troy Williams

Receiving diplomas from Palmerton:
Stephanie Brunetto
Katie Grohotolski
Michael Snyder