

Worcester Tech School Report

February 2018

On January 31st, Worcester Tech's newest cohort of cosmetology students and their parents were invited to attend a dinner and orientation. Former students, who are now employed in local salons, and in one case owns a salon, told the new students about the many opportunities available to cosmetologists and encouraged them to dedicate themselves to earning a cosmetologist license while in high school instead of having to pay \$20,000 for it later at a school like Delmarva Beauty Academy.

On February 1st, WBOC highlighted three pre-engineering students, Cade Solito, James Mathias, and Spencer Carbaugh, all from SDHS, who wrote to President Trump supporting nuclear energy and who received a response letter from him.

On February 7th, WBOC put Worcester Tech in the news again interviewing Mrs. Bloxom and Mike Beja, a senior pre-engineering student, also from SDHS, about the benefits of Career and Technology Education.

On February 8th, Mrs. Bloxom and a representative from Salisbury University, made a presentation to the Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee on Worcester Tech's new Teacher Academy of Maryland Program and their partnership with SU where students can earn college credit and a scholarship while pursuing a degree in education.

Approximately 200 visitors attended Worcester Tech's 4th Annual Open House and SkillsUSA Competitions on Saturday, February 10th. The visitors, including middle school students and parents, watched 130 students compete in 32 contests,

participated in activities, visited booths hosted by local colleges and industry, and took a school tour. Both prior to and after Worcester Tech's Open House and Skills USA Competitions, articles appeared in OC Today and the Bayside Gazette. Next up will be the State SkillsUSA Competitions in Anne Arundel County April 13th and 14th.

Worcester Tech is celebrating Future Farmers of America Week February 23rd through the 29th. The week begins today with the Agriculture Science students traveling to Annapolis for FFA Day and will culminate Friday with a breakfast for local farmers prepared by culinary students and hosted by Ag students.

Mrs. Aarti Sangwan, who teaches in the pre-engineering and biomed programs at Worcester Tech, sponsors an after-school Science Olympiad Club for high school and middle school student teams. The three teams will be headed to College Park this Saturday, February 24th to compete at the state level.

Finally, March 8th through 10th, Future Business Leaders of America students will network and compete at the state level in Baltimore.