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Trades and tech programs build valued skills and careers

Today Delaware County Council recognized February as Career and Education Month by recognizing student scholars and highlighting the Delaware County Intermediate Unit's technical education programs, its teachers, staff and students.

"In Delaware County, we are privileged to have excellent technical education programs which train and guide students," said Councilman Michael Culp. "The programs provide a quality education in the emerging technical fields which benefit students as well as the county's entire workforce and economy."

Council awarded certificates to 27 students who were named by their instructors as scholars and classroom innovators. "I commend all of you for your dedication and I know you'll all be very successful," Councilman Culp said. "The education and training you are receiving will give you the edge you need to get quality jobs in a field that you're passionate about and will propel your future success."

Alexis Smalls, a student Upper Darby High School, is pursuing a career in Cosmetology. She led the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting.

Delaware County Technical High Schools have two main locations, in Aston and Folcroft, and they also hold programs at the Delaware County Emergency Training Center, the Marple Education Center and four partnering hospitals.

Some of the fields in which they train include carpentry, electrical technology, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), culinary arts, cosmetology, dental technology, automotive technology, health occupations and commercial arts. Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed assorted pastries baked by students from the Culinary Arts School in Aston.

Students recognized are as follows: Alexis Smalls: Cosmetology student, Upper Darby High School; Liam Valinote: Logistics & Inventory Management, Ridley High School; Joseph Caponigro: Automotive Technology, Bonner/Prendie High School; Zachary Moufti: Culinary Arts, Interboro High School; Winona Campo: Health Sciences, Springfield High School; Olivia DiAngelus: Early Childhood, Penncrest High School; Jerome Fletcher: Emergency & Protective Services, Pennwood High School; Christopher Rhoads: Building Trades, Ridley High School; Richard Petlikowski: Collision Repair Technology student, Sun Valley High School; Jon Fritz: Advertising Design & Commercial Art, Interboro High School; Justin Kuc: Apple Systems & Design, Sun Valley High School; **Hunter Fanjoy**: Building Trades, Penncrest High School; Christopher Robinson: Carpentry student from Chester High School; Simon Sonsini: Computer Networking & Digital Forensics student. Springfield High; **Dominique Lee-Alston**: Cosmetology student from Sun Valley High School; Layla Allen: Culinary Arts, Strath Haven High School; Sarah Allen: Culinary Arts, Haverford High School; Anthony Largo: Dental Technology, Upper Darby High School; Devin Davis: Electrical Construction Technology, Ridley High School; Joe Szwajkowski: Engineering Technologies, Penncrest High School; Larry Coaxum: Exercise Therapy & Sports Science, Garnet Valley High School; Demetrius Starling: HVAC/Plumbing student from Upper Darby High School; Madison Oxenberg: Medical Careers student from Bonner/Prendie High School; Reina DiCamillo: Medical Careers, Academy Park High School; Tara McGinn: Medical Careers, Springfield High School; Kyra Wilson: Medical Careers, Penncrest High School; Taylor Johnson: Medical Careers student from Springfield High School.