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## Hunterdon Commissioners Recognize Polytech Students Achievements In State Competitions

Ten Hunterdon County Vocational School District (Polytech) students were recognized by the County Commissioner Board, at the March 15th Board meeting, for the students' academic accomplishments, competing against teams from schools across the state, placing within the top ten of competitors in two different fields of study.

The Board's Deputy Director Zach Rich, who serves as liaison to the Vocational School District, said, "One of the key values of Polytech for the County is to provide opportunities for individuals to be better prepared for college and the workforce.

The fact that ten students were awarded during competitions demonstrates the success of the Polytech program and its training."

Eight students from the Environmental Sustainability and Engineering Academy within the Hunterdon County Polytech Career and Technical High School competed in the Land Judging and Forestry Career Development Event.

"The Board extends praise and congratulations to the students of the Environmental Sustainability and Engineering Academy, instructor Renee Stillwell and the entire Polytech Community, for continuously creating an award-winning environment where students can compete and be recognized for their skills," Deputy Director Rich commented.

Polytech winners of the Land Judging and Forestry Career Development Event:

- 1st Place: Ned Scannel
- 2nd Place: Meredith Whitlock
- 3rd Place: Alyssa Pershad
- 4th Place: Amelia Weldon
- 5th Place: Kirstyn McKee
- 6th Place: Julian Bonomi
- 7th Place: Nina Weiland
- 10th Place: Emily Robbins



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Dr. Todd Bonsall, Superintendent of the Hunterdon County Vocational School District, said, "We are proud not only of our students' achievements but also their desire to pursue excellence in their career areas. Through competitions like these, students can demonstrate their dedication to the field while also developing the technical and professional skills needed for career success."

Two juniors at Polytech, Christopher Colasurdo and Ethan Walker, both finished in first place at the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association Event, competing against teams from technical schools across the Lehigh Valley area.

Deputy Director Rich continued, "These students were cited for being effective at identifying bugs and technical difficulties in their car during the competition.

Both juniors receiving first place awards demonstrates each student's dedication to their craft, and they deserve a hearty congratulations for their impressive first place achievement."

Colasurdo and Walker each received a ratcheting wrench set, their name on a billboard along Route 22 in Pennsylvania and full scholarships to the Universal Technical Institute due to their first-place win.

"The Board would also like to recognize Automotive Technology instructor Chris Scheuerman for his hard work and skill in teaching students' valuable skills that will allow them to have employment opportunities," Rich said.

Since 1992 the Hunterdon County Polytech Career & Technical School has been providing career and technical education in over nineteen programs. Academy students enroll in four years of cohesive curriculum beginning in the 9th grade, allowing students to earn college credits while in high school.

For more information, visit the Polytech website, [here](#) or call 908-284-1444 for the Central Campus.