



OACTEP

OCTORARA AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

IT'S NOT JUST SCHOOL...
IT'S A LIFESTYLE

OABEST Expo

The Octorara Agriculture, Business, Environmental Science, and Technology Expo (OABEST Expo) is back!

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Activities New to the EXPO



FUN FOR ALL!

Crafters
Vendors
Rides for all Ages
Presentations
Music
Food Trucks
Art Show

First Responder Displays
Free Eye Screening
Educational Mobile Labs
Student Presentations
Raffle Items
Tractor Show
Octorara Student Groups
OACTEP Demonstrations
Student Awards

TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT:



- Crafter/Vendor - Lisa McNamara, lmncnamara@octorara.org
- Yard Sale - Jill Hardy, jhardy@octorara.org
- Corn Hole Fundraiser Tournament - Kristen Brown, kristen.l.brown@ampf.com
- Shoe Drive - Joe Lynch, jlynch@octorara.org
- Raffel - Kay Caldwell, kcaldwell@octorara.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! OACTEP TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT DRIVE

The OACTEP Student Career and Technical Education Student Organizations first group Toys for Tots fundraiser was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thanks to all your toy contributions we were able to **donate 168 toys** to the Chester County Toys for Tots

Congratulations to the OACTEP Team for meeting 100% of the Perkins V. Audit Requirements!

February is CTE Month

OACTEP Students have come together to celebrate CTE month through fun activities to promote their programs. Each week a program is doing some type of activity to promote their programs. Monitors throughout the JSHS are showing advertisements for all the programs as well as morning announcements.



Octorara FFA Week

Octorara FFA Students have been working hard and making a difference!



MidWinter Convention

Another successful FFA Midwinter Convention! Two Octorara students (Mason Woodall, Case Lusby) were chosen to receive their jackets and three students (Tiffany Ross, Dana Smoker, Rachel Swann) received their keystone state degrees.



Mechanical Systems Technology students, Mason Woodall, Billy Miller, Merle Reyburn, Cyrus Stoltzfus, and Dylan Colagreco, won the "People's Choice" award at the PA Farm Show for their Hydraulic log splitter.

FFA Members went to the FFA ACES (Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success Leadership Conference) in Harrisburg February 18th and 19th, and learned social, leadership, teamwork skills.



OACTEP Students Making a Difference

Octorara Engineering Students Travels to the Regional Conference



The Technology Student Association (TSA) just held its 2022 annual leadership and regional conference at the Conestoga Valley school district on January 28th. Seven students and one advisor, Mr. Lefever, from Octorara High School attended the conference, competing in a total of five STEM related events. Octorara students achieved success in four out of the five events. Four students either placed or qualified in multiple events for the state conference and three of those four placed or qualified in all the events that they had registered for. Left to Right - Mr. Lefever, Alexis Reynoso-Ponciano, Domenick Sutton, Austin Kurtz, Austin Mattson, Carson Schempp, Gavin Boyer, and Brady Zimmerman

Graphic Design and Illustration

Three of our very talented OACTEP Design & Illustration students have just participated in a great real world opportunity - a chance to design the cover of the 2023 Parkersburg Area Business Association's yearly publication. Although all three worked hard, only one could be chosen. Congratulations go to Maverick Troop for creating the winning design.

What's it like to be a real-world designer?

Three OACTEP Design & Illustration students found out as they pitched their logo designs to the Atglen Public Library. The students were told that although their designs were all very different, that all three of them "hit the mark" and were wonderful! The Library will have a tough time deciding for sure.

Culinary and Baking/Pastry Arts

On March 1st Culinary teams will be participating in the ProStart competition at Penn State main campus.

Octorara is sending two teams this year: 1- Culinary Team: Josh Captis, Alex Mendez - Hernandez, Gavin Cross, Olivia Thorn, Faith Budzik (Team Captain) 2 - Management Team: Emmerson Ware - Junior, Kennason Ware - Freshman, Olivia Thorn - Senior, Gavin Cross - Junior

The Culinary Team will be tasked with creating a 3 course meal - appetizer, entree, dessert in one hour with no access to electricity, and on two portable butane burners. Not only will this test the team's culinary ability but their leadership, communication, time management, and teamwork skills.

Our Management team will present their restaurant concept to a panel of judges discussing the following points: location, target demographic, Concept, menu, decor, organizational chart, marketing campaign complete with ROI metrics

Students have been practicing since early December and look forward to great representation for Octorara!



Career Corner

Providing career options for Octorara Students

On March 1st OACTEP teachers will presenting their programs to 9th grade students to show them all the opportunities OACTEP and their programs have to offer!



CONGRATULATIONS to OACTEP Students of the Quarter!



The Octorara Area Career & Technical Education Programs (OACTEP) Student of the Quarter award goes to students who lead by example and are role models for others in the class for their leadership skills, attitude, technical skills, and knowledge of occupational concepts. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as the Octorara Area Career & Technical Education Student of the Quarter.

FIRST QUARTER



Homeland Security and Protective Services Academy

AM Law: Seraphina Payonk - Owen J Roberts HS

AM EMS: Colin Beiler - Octorara JSHS

AM Fire: David Jones - Octorara JSHS

East HS

PM EMS: Luis Lopez - Oxford HS

PM Law: Ezra Halliday - Oxford HS.

PM Fire: Matthew Thomas - Downingtown



Front Row: Emmerson Ware - Culinary and Baking/Pastry Arts; Chloe Badman - PM Mechanical Systems Technology; Elizabeth Bicking - Graphic Design & Illustration; Denise Washington - Business Academy

Back Row: Jude Adams- AM Mechanical Systems Technology; Thomas Falls - Child Care Education; Aidan Stafferi - Animal and Plant Science; Alexis Reynoso-Ponciano - Engineering; Angel Gabriel Ramirez- Aguilar - Computer Technology

Individual Pictures: Renee Termine - Diversified Occupations; Johan Estrada Torres - Woodworking Technology

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