

# TECH TALK

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A Newsletter for Administrators & Guidance Counselors

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## Outdoor Power Equipment & Technology

The future demand for technicians to repair snowmobiles, motorcycles, lawn and garden equipment and, particularly, marine craft is excellent as leisure time activities continue to grow. Wilson Tech's Outdoor Power Equipment & Technology program is training students to meet this demand. Accredited by the Equipment & Engine Training Council (EETC), students in the first year of the program focus upon core skills required in all aspects of the recreational vehicle industry. In the second year, students specialize in diagnosing, repairing and installing engines, drive trains and control parts on landscape, marine, motorcycles or other recreational vehicles.

Of the graduates from the class of 2005, 33% are employed, 67% are continuing their education, 0% are unemployed. With SED approval to offer the Technical Endorsement on the Regents Diploma, the program integrates one credit in each of technical math, technical science, English 12 and economics/participation in government. Successful students can



*Chris Simmons (l.) of Kings Park demonstrates an engine repair with his teacher in Outdoor Power Equipment & Technology, Mark Bischoff (r.), during Parent Night..*

earn advanced standing from a number of colleges, including SUNY Cobleskill and the University of Connecticut.

## Center For Alternative Education is More Than GED

The BOCES Center for Alternative Education is known primarily for its alternative high school and GED programs, however, the center also offers two specialized programs:

### PARENTING TEENS SERVICE

This year we restructured the Parenting Teen Service so it now provides parenting instruction, child care, home instruction and a half-day CTE program. Dependent upon student needs, these young parents can meet academic requirements by enrolling in our Center for Alternative Education, a BOCES Special Education program or classes at the home school district.

### 9TH GRADE TURNAROUND

8th graders who may not be prepared for high school work now have the opportunity to "catch up" and return to high school as 10th graders in good standing by participating in Tech's Ninth Grade Turnaround Program. Up to 15 students are scheduled as a single group or "cottage." They can earn up to 7.5 academic

credits in math A, ELA, science and meet requirements for global studies, health, physical education and art. In Tech's unique Environmental Science unit, students spend all day each Friday studying the natural environment of LI. The 28 students enrolled in the program last year returned to their high schools as 10th graders.

## Upcoming Events!

Open House – All campuses	June 6
Wilson Tech Final Exams (written)	June 12
Wilson Tech Final Exams (practical)	June 13
Conflict Resolution and/or Make-up Exams	June 14
Last Day for students to attend Tech	June 16
Student Recognition Ceremonies, 8 PM	June 20
<b>Elwood Middle School</b> (for Northport, Manor Plains & Thomas' School of Horsemanship)	
<b>Half Hollow Hills East</b> (for Dix Hills & Republic)	



**Off to Nationals!** (l. to r.) Vincent Chiarelli, Sarah Carter, Richard Muesch, Brian Loiacono, Allison Vonbraunsberg and Toniann Lopez will compete at the SkillsUSA National Contests in Kansas City June 18–24.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NYS SKILLS USA WINNERS

AWARD	CATEGORY	STUDENT	TECH PROGRAM	HIGH SCHOOL
1st Place	Culinary Arts	Brian Loiacono	Culinary Arts	Walt Whitman
	Architectural Drafting	Richard Muesch	Drafting/CAD	West Babylon
	Floral Design	Sarah Carter	Horticulture/Floriculture	HHH East
2nd Place	Small Animal Care	Stephanie Feldman	Vet Assisting	Commack
	Related Math	Alec McLaughlin	Aviation Maint.Tech	Massapequa
3rd Place	Video Production	Catherine Siegel	Video Production	North Babylon
	Video Production	Rohit Sachdev	Video Production	Amityville
Area VI, Vice President	Hydronic Heating	Thomas J. Messina	HVAC	Copiague
	Plumbing	Matthew Hibner	HVAC	Huntington
	Small Animal Care	Kimberly L. Baldaeus	Vet Assisting	Lindenhurst
John Grimes Leadership Award	Job Skill Demo.	Melissa Sauer	Vet Assisting	Kings Park
		Allison Vonbraunsberg	Aviation Sci/Flt	Walt Whitman
National Delegate		Vincent Chiarelli	Aviation Sci/Flt	Smithtown East
		Toniann Lopez	Cosmetology	Commack

### BULLS OF EAST AND WEST CHARGING

Approaching the final pole in our friendly inter-district attendance race, Smithtown East is holding on to its' CTE lead (92.56%), followed closely by Amityville (91.39%), Lindenhurst (91.26%) and North Babylon (90.60%). For the inaugural GCTE plaque, Smithtown West (92.72%) leads HHHW (91.88%).

### EXAM FOR TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENT

Wilson Tech students who were eligible for the Technical Endorsement on their diplomas recently completed the required practical and written standardized assessments. Tech administered exams by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI), International Communications Industries of America (ICIA) and National Career Competency Test (NCCT). Seals will be distributed to districts in early June.



### TECH ENROLLMENT INCREASES FOR '06-07

#### Programs at Capacity

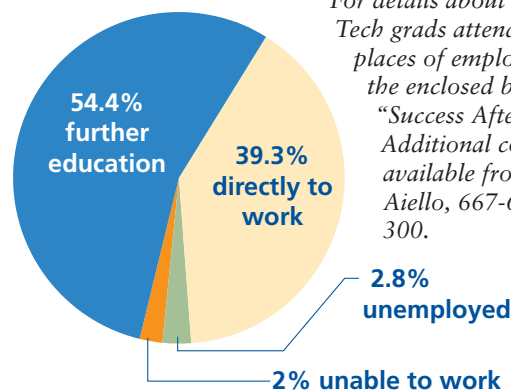
Professional Health Careers, AM session, Dix Hills  
Nurse Assisting, PM session, Republic  
Police Science, AM & PM sessions, Manor Plains  
Veterinary Assisting, PM session, Manor Plains

#### Programs Nearing Capacity

Automotive Technology, AM session, Dix Hills  
Carpentry, AM session, Dix Hills  
Fashion Merch/Design, AM & PM sessions, Dix Hills

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CLASS OF 2005?

Nine months after their high school graduation, 94% of Tech's 2005 graduates are either employed or continuing their education.



*For details about the colleges Tech grads attend and their places of employment, see the enclosed brochure "Success After Tech." Additional copies are available from Ciro Aiello, 667-6000, ext. 300.*

### GUIDANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

9:30 AM, June 14, DH Campus, Wilsonian Rm  
*Brunch to recognize Administrative Professionals and Retirees*  
Program: Youth Leadership & SkillsUSA/FFA



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