

## Lebanon County Career and Technology Center

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### Annual Gingerbread House Competition

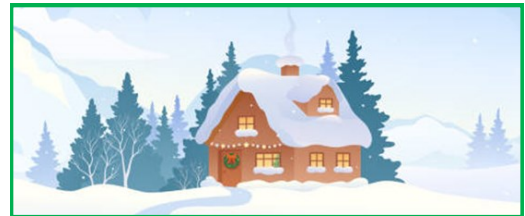
On Friday, November 15, 2024, the Hilltop Café hosted their annual gingerbread house competition.

#### And the winners are . . .

First Place ..... Alanis Baez

Second Place ..... Kyla Strupp

Third Place ..... Jeralys Sanchez



Pictured left to right:  
2nd place - Kyla Strupp, NL - Pastry Arts  
1st place - Alanis Baez, LH - Pastry Arts  
3rd place - Jeralys Sanchez, CL - Pastry Arts



# Well Done!



## Culinary & Pastry Arts Programs Attended an American Culinary Federation Meeting

On November 18, 2024, students from both the Culinary and Pastry Arts programs attended the monthly meeting of the ACF Harrisburg Chapter hosted at Dauphin CTC. The event was sponsored by Smithfield who presented their product line and gave out numerous door prizes. One of the big winners was Courtney Maurer from Pastry Arts who won a large ham from the event. The ACF (American Culinary Federation) is the largest professional organization for chefs in America. Both Culinary and Pastry programs are accredited by the Federation and numerous members sit on their OAC Board. The ACF is a huge supporter of these programs through employment, advising, evaluating, and providing demonstrations over the years.



## Please welcome new Director . . .

### Charles (Chuck) Benton

The Lebanon County Career & Technology Center (LCCTC) is proud to welcome Charles (Chuck) Benton as the new Administrative Director. Chuck will officially join LCCTC on December 16, 2024, and transition to the Director role on January 2, 2024.

Chuck brings over 28 years of experience in education, specializing in career and technical education. Most recently, he served as Director of Career & Technical Education for the Dover Area School District, where he implemented innovative programs, coordinated grants, and managed district-wide career and work standards. His experience includes curriculum development, STEM initiatives, industry partnerships, and leadership on district and regional committees. Chuck's professional journey includes teaching positions at several schools across Pennsylvania, including Hannah More School (Maryland), Donegal Area School District, Southern York County School District, and Dover Area School District. Throughout his career, he took on leadership roles such as department chair, career guidance coordinator, and extracurricular coach for wrestling, football, and Science Olympiad. In addition to his classroom work, he has shared his expertise nationally through public speaking engagements and published articles on topics like Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and STEM education. In 2013, he earned the prestigious USGIF Academic Achievement Award for his efforts in geospatial technology education.

Chuck holds an impressive academic background. He earned his Superintendent Letter of Eligibility in Secondary Education & Administration Leadership from California University of Pennsylvania and a Vocational Administrative Director Certification in Workforce Education and Development from Penn State University. He also holds a Master of Science in Education with a focus on Developmental Strategies from Wilkes University and a Bachelor's Degree in Technology Education from California University of Pennsylvania.

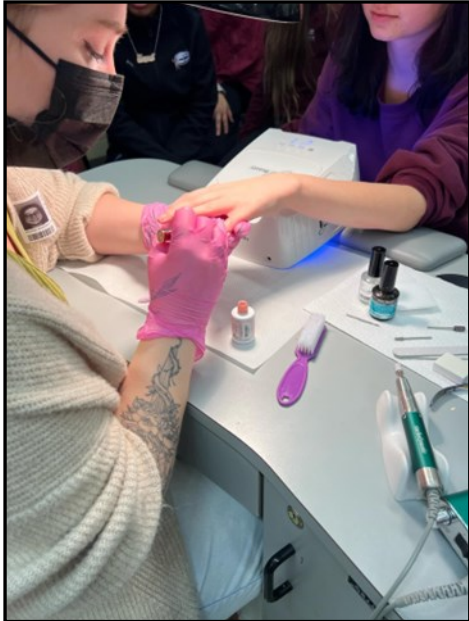
Chuck resides in Dover (York County) with his wife Michelle, to whom he has been married for 29 years. Together, they have two daughters. Anna, who completed Dover's CTE program in Commercial & Advertising Art, is now a Social Media Specialist. She is married to Caleb, and together they own NOVA Root Farm. She also works in Lebanon (Wengers of Myerstown) while Caleb is a full time, welder. Grace, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky studying Agricultural Engineering, completed Dover's CTE program in Engineering and participated in agriculture courses. Grace also served as a 2022-2023 Pennsylvania FFA State Officer.

Outside of work, Chuck enjoys college football, wrestling (as a loyal Penn State fan), and motorsports like NHRA and NASCAR, plus working on his first car (1969 Chevelle). He and Michelle also share a love for being outdoors, traveling and are working on completing Pennsylvania's 50 best hikes.

Chuck is excited to bring his wealth of experience to LCCTC and looks forward to preparing students for meaningful careers.

## Cosmetology Program's Guest Speaker

Dani Hess, a stylist at Studio 15, provided valuable information to the Cosmetology class. Her expert demonstrations covered essential skills in two distinct areas: builder gel application for manicures and shampooing and styling curly hair. Both sessions not only highlighted practical techniques but also detailed the step-by-step processes and products involved. This was beneficial for students as they build their foundational skills and industry knowledge.



Thank you!



## Catch up with LCCTC FFA

### Our officers for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Hunter Shuey (CCA) - President
- Jacob Theal (CL) - Secretary
- Jaydrien Matias (NL) - Junior President
- Aniyah Garcia (CL) - Junior Vice President
- Ethan O'Roark (EL) - Junior Secretary
- Makenzie West (NL) - Junior Treasurer



### What we've been doing:

- September 19 - A group of LCCTC FFA members attended the "County Get Acquainted Night" hosted at the Lebanon Fair Grounds. This is where members were able to interact with other members from Lebanon County chapters. The evening was filled with games, food, and connections!
- October 10 - Our members attended the "FFA Leadership Meet" hosted by Cedar Crest. Members attended workshops that focused on leadership skills, employability skills, and communication with peers. During the meet, students interacted with regional chapter members by learning new skills, eating, and playing games.
- October 22-25 - Senior CTC FFA members attended the FFA National Convention located in Indianapolis. Students toured Dickenson Cattle Farm in Ohio; the Victory Baseball field grounds where they learned about turf management; Indianapolis Speed Way to learn the history of racing. They also attended the FFA Rodeo, as well as the National Convention Ceremony, where they explored the convention center for modern agricultural opportunities. They ended the trip by having a blast playing TopGolf!
- November 12 - A group of members competed at the Fall Career and Leadership Development Events at the Lebanon Expo Center. They competed against regional members in various subjects relating to the Landscape and Horticulture class.

### Placements:

- ◆ Cameron Freet (CL) placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Agricultural Mechanics
  - ◆ Ben Groff (PA) placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Nursery/Landscape
  - ◆ Jacob Theal (CL) placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Forestry
  - ◆ Hunter Shuey (CCA) placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Forestry
- Throughout the school year our officers are putting together chapter meetings that update members on events and FFA happenings. They also add interactive lessons on employability and leadership skills for students to learn. We also have had chapter events such as the Friendsgiving Party and we will also be having a Holiday Party.



### Upcoming CTC FFA at the Farm Show!

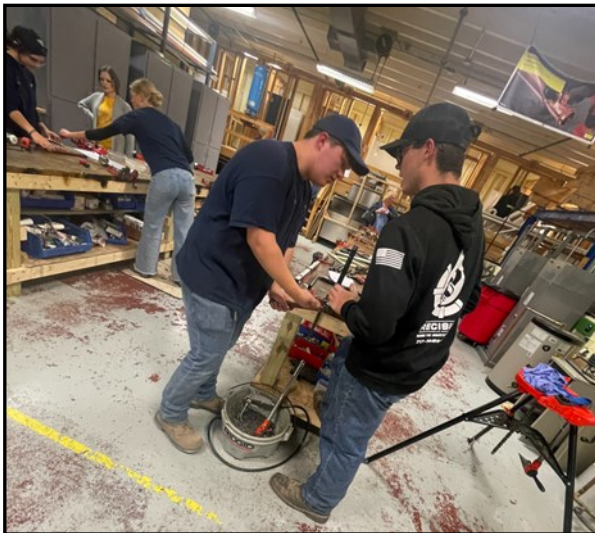
- Antique Riding Mower Restoration - Lebanon County Career and Technology FFA students Cameron Freet, Ben Groff, and Yeliar Gomez, from the Landscape and Horticulture program, are restoring a 1985 John Deere Garden Tractor for the 2025 Farm Show. This machine started off as something that we could barely move because the tires were worn out and the engine would not turn over. Our restoration process of this garden tractor involves a lot of attention to detail and rigorous work on refurbishing everything. We took the garden tractor down to the frame and are rebuilding everything including the engine, chassis, and restoration of the paint. Through this project, we are trying to revive the classic tractor to give it another life. Lancaster Farming will have an article on these students in the December 28 newspaper.
- Large Landscape Design Competition - students Hunter Shuey and Jacob Theal have been working on creating a 14.5'x10' landscape design based on the theme of lines and textures for the 2025 Farm Show. We've had a lot of support from the local community such as: Logs and Lumber from Campbelltown donating lumber; Hummer Turf Grass Systems donating sod; Ed Copenhaver donating a bench, his time, and plants; David Dejesus donating his time and stone for hardscaping, as well as many others for passing along ideas.
- FFA Mid-Winter Convention - Along with many other members from around PA, our member Aniyah Garcia will be receiving her first FFA jacket. Thanks to John Guth for donating the money for her jacket. As a chapter we will attend the ceremony and convention.
- Horticulture Competitions - Other CTC FFA members will be competing in other horticulture competitions throughout the Farm Show. Make sure you support the CTC by visiting their submissions!

Good Luck at the Farm Show!

## Community Open House

On November 14, 2024, the CTC held its annual Community Open House event. We had a great turnout of 665 visitors who came to see why the CTC is the place to be! They had the opportunity to speak with instructors, current and former students, view live demonstrations, and even apply right on the spot! A huge thank you goes to our special food truck guests that evening: Italian Oven on Wheels, Castañedas, and Haj Paj.

A shoutout to Mrs. Barret, English teacher, for her awesome display case highlighting current staff who were also CTC graduates. The display was the perfect touch to the evening and will remain up for students and visitors to view.



# Students-of-the-Quarter

**1st MP**

Student	Program	HS	Student	Program	HS
Anella Adorno	Law Enforcement	CL	Casey Mahony	Culinary Arts	EL
Donald Anderson	Culinary Arts	PA	Lidsaura Matos De la Torre	Law Enforcement	NL
Jewel Bartal	Culinary Arts	LH	Courtney Maurer	Pastry Arts	CL
Bethany Berry	Law Enforcement	CL	Aiden Mays	Law Enforcement	CL
Katie Bochenek	Law Enforcement	EL	Lydia McClintic	Welding Technology	CL
Taylor Brosey	Law Enforcement	EL	Amber Mcghee	Law Enforcement	PA
Rowan Brummett	Medical Assistant	NL	Alivia Moyer	Law Enforcement	EL
Noah Bucks	Pastry Arts	EL	Kennette Oquendo	Network Technology	LH
Shayla Burrus	Medical Assistant	CL	Jorelis Perez	Culinary Arts	LH
Leilianie Colon Fuentes	Law Enforcement	LH	Penelope (Max) Rank	Law Enforcement	NL
Joelynn Curtis	Masonry	PA	Giovanni Rios	Law Enforcement	CL
Iyana Davis	Culinary Arts	LH	Blaytin Risser	Law Enforcement	PA
Stefanya Davis	Law Enforcement	CL	Nayeli Rolon	Law Enforcement	EL
Gabrielle Dieter	Law Enforcement	NL	Lucas Ronald	Law Enforcement	CL
Devon Doll	Law Enforcement	AC	Abigail Santos	Culinary Arts	LH
Diarlenys Fernandez Tejada	Medical Assistant	LH	Javier Santos Estrella	Law Enforcement	LH
Alondra Figueroa	Law Enforcement	LH	Victoria Sauter	Law Enforcement	EL
Hailey Fisher	Culinary Arts	NL	Alexa Shanaman	Health Careers	EL
Alexa Frankhouser	Cosmetology	PA	Juan Solis-Ayala	Law Enforcement	LH
Ismaer Franqui Segarra	Health Careers	LH	Hailey Sweitzer	Health Careers	EL
Ryan Gunderson	Medical Assistant	AC	Liyeli Taveras Espinal	Law Enforcement	LH
Kailey Hable	Medical Assistant	EL	Mohrabel Tawadrous	Law Enforcement	CL
Kaylee Haring	Law Enforcement	EL	Darwin Tejada	Network Technology	LH
Emma Hill	Law Enforcement	NL	Daryarelis Velazquez	Dental Assistant	CL
Mason Hoffman	Culinary Arts	CL	Makenzie Wamsher	Cosmetology	CL
Lacey Lane	Medical Assistant	CL	Viktoria Williams	Law Enforcement	CL
Johbrianna Long	Law Enforcement	NL	Lydia Wilson	Welding Technology	AC
Kylei Longenecker	Culinary Arts	PA	John Yordy	Law Enforcement	AC
James Lyter	Media Communications	CL	Gavin Zimmerman	Law Enforcement	PA

**Good Job!**

# CTC FUN PAGE

Color and Unwind



## School Counseling Calendar

### January: It's Getting Real

- 1:** Winter Holiday Break
- 2-3:** Act 80 Days for Staff
- 10:** Annville-Cleona HS Recruitment Visits to CTC
- 14:** SkillsUSA District Competitions at Dauphin Co Tech
- 20:** Martin Luther King Holiday
- 21:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
- 22:** Resume building workshop (9:30-10:30am and 1:10-2pm)
- 27-31:** Elementary and Middle School Tours

### February: Celebrate Today Own Tomorrow

- CTE Month**
- 3-7:** National School Counselor's Week
- 3-7:** Mock Interviews
- 12:** Mini Info Session: Self-Care at 9am and 12pm- sign up for students to attend
- 13:** PACTA Workforce Symposium Conference
- 14:** Holiday Break or Make-up day
- 17:** Presidents' Day Holiday
- 18-21:** Elementary and Middle School Tours
- 25:** Progress Reports Due
- 27:** National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 6pm

Save the Date for  
Lebanon CTC's Chicken BBQ

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

*This Fundraiser Supports Lebanon County CTC's CTSOs*



## Rotary Students-of-the-Month December 2024



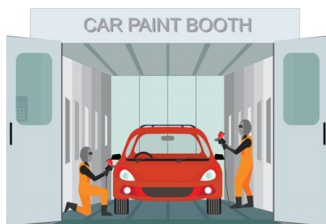
**Shelby Gabner, PA,  
Auto Body**

SkillsUSA at the CTC. Last year, she received a gold medal in the SkillsUSA District Competition and placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the State Competition. She plans to compete again this year. Shelby also participates in the CTC's Cooperative Education program. She currently works at Maguires Ford in Campbelltown.

After graduation, Shelby plans to enter the workforce in the Auto Body field and improve her skills.

Shelby Gabner is the daughter of Ryan and Reagan Gabner, Palmyra, PA. Shelby is a senior at Palmyra High School and is enrolled in the Auto Body Technology program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Shelby is a member of the student organization



**Noah Bucks, EL,  
Pastry Arts**

student organization SkillsUSA. He is the President of the Culinary and Pastry Arts programs at CTC and a member of the quiz bowl at ELCO High School. Outside of school, he is a member of the youth group at his church. On weekends he helps at his grandparents and great aunt's house.

After graduation, Noah plans to do seasonal work in the Pastry Arts field. He desires to become a Certified Pastry Chef and to delight his customers with his expertise.

Noah Bucks is the son of Cynthia Gavrish, Myerstown, PA and Gregory Bucks, Marietta, PA. Noah is a senior at ELCO High School and is enrolled in the Pastry Arts program at Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

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