

Cumberland County Technical Education Center

Fall 2016 | Volume 1 - Issue 1 | A publication of Cumberland County Technical Education Center



THE VISION

Meet Your Freshmen Student Council

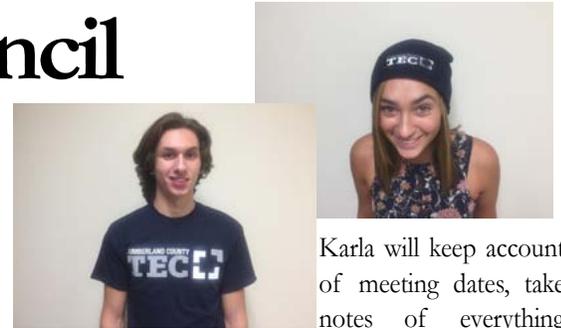
Alex Orea - Writer
CCTEC

CCTEC's first Student Council election was held this year as students competed for titles that would make them the first elected members of our new school. Students running knew that if they were elected, they would represent their fellow classmates and would help in making this school year one to remember.

The process for electing officers would not only give us what we needed but also what we wanted. It was a well fought battle. If students were interested in running, they first needed to fill out the student council election forms. Once that step was complete, students began preparing their propositions that would make heads turn. The nominees presented in such a way that the crowd of students were holding their breath and crossing their fingers in the hopes of getting the best of the best. When asked about the number of students running Mrs. Delaney, Student Council advisor, said a total of 30 students ran for one of the available positions. In the end our elected felt very accomplished as they were congratulated for their win.

Nick Casalnuovo was elected as President. In this position he will lead, guide, and serve as a voice for the Class of 2020. As well as participating in Student Council activities and events, he will also act as a facilitator during discussions. Our chosen Vice President is Brandon Hernandez. Brandon will work closely with the President and assume the President's duties when needed. Students voted Secretary to Karla Mejias;

Tabitha and Nick show off their CCTEC gear!



Karla will keep account of meeting dates, take notes of everything spoken at meetings, and

maintain contact with anything Student Council related. Chosen for Historian was Ni'Yonah Coriano. Ni'Yonah will help with taking pictures, keeping track of all the documents and help with making a photo album that documents all Student Council events. Martin Adame is our 2020 Treasurer. Martin is in charge of dealing with the money collected and raised from school events and fundraisers. Lastly, our Sergeant at Arms position was given to Tabitha Gentiletti. Tabitha will bring meetings to order, make sure everyone stays on task, and keep attendance of the officers who attend the meetings.

Student Council is led by two advisors, Mrs. Delaney and Mr. Riggins. Both advisors know they have a great team. Mrs. Delaney advised students, "By participating as much as you can, you're making memories not only for yourself but for the entire class, and laying the foundation for classes to come."

Congratulations to our Student Council Executive Officers. To the Class of 2020, know that these officers will work hard on the long but exciting journey to make the school year a memorable one.



Left: Meet your new Student Council Executive Officers!

From L to R: Martin Adame, Treasure; Brandon Hernandez, Vice President; Nicholas Casalnuovo, President; Ni'Yonah Coriano, Historian; Karla Mejias, Secretary; Tabitha Gentiletti, Sergeant at Arms.



We've Got Spirit

Alyson Lorence - Writer
CCTEC - October 24th-October 28th

As the month of October came to an end, CCTEC's school spirit was expressed through a week full of different themes for attire. Every day brought a new way to show school spirit.

Monday was the kickoff for spirit week and was program color day. Students wore colors based on what program they were enrolled in. Tuesday was CCTEC day, the day to wear school gear and to show appreciation for the high school itself. Wednesday - a favorite amongst the school - was pajama day, a fun filled day to kick back and relax for a day of hard work in the classroom. Thursday was superhero day. Students wore superhero shirts and capes based on what superhero best represented them. On Friday, Halloween Day, students dressed in colors of orange and black or wore spooky Halloween apparel. The week ended with CCTEC's first annual Halloween Dance.

Right, Above, and Below:
Students participating in
Spirit Week.

Photo Credit: Chloe Swift
and Evely Vaquero

Students participated in different themes of each day. Spirit week was not just for the students. Teachers and staff were encouraged to get involved, and they did just that. It was interesting to see how the students and teachers were interpreted the themes. Pajama day was the day most teachers and students participated. Up and down the halls you could see an ocean of onesies and slippers. The more you looked, the more creative the onesies seemed to get. They varied from unicorns to chickens in leather jackets. Superhero day was interesting as well. It wasn't just shirts with superheroes; it was capes, too. Some students even went as far as to take superhero blankets and made them into capes.

This week really showed how the school could come together as one. Ariana Torres, a freshman who participated every day said, "I loved spirit week because I was able to express myself through the different themes of each day." Another student, Natalie Lucena, summed up what spirit week is all about. She said, "Spirit week brings our school together as one big group, almost like a family." Our first spirit week at CCTEC was a great success. Everyone got involved and promoted a positive attitude!



What's the 411?



Chisano Mutts - Writer
CCTEC

With such a diverse and expansive school, it should come as no surprise that the students of CCTEC are doing something new everyday. From field trips to the Halloween dance to spirit week, the past months have been a hectic few. Today, however, I want to inform my readers about the physical education program and the recent Robotics competition.

Unless you've been absent for a long while, you've likely participated in the Functional Training program. Mrs. Trimble and Mr. Caregnato constructed the program in order to promote physical fitness amongst students, and it seems as though they have succeeded in doing so. "The students really enjoyed it," said Mrs. Trimble. "We got a lot of positive feedback. ... Our students are building a fitness community." The Project Adventure unit also took place, allowing students to cooperate in teams in order to perform different tasks, such as folding a tarp in a certain fashion or maneuvering a golf ball through tubes. With the plethora of activities the physical education program has planned, the school year is bound to be a fun one.

Physical education isn't the only program with events. Robotics recently had a competition at Rowan University in the game Starstruck. The object of the game is to launch star- and cube-shaped projectiles over to the opposing team's side of the field to earn points. "It's our first competition, so I'm really excited about it," said Mrs. Barreiro, the coach for the Robotics teams. The robots at the event used all kinds of designs to score points: forklifts, shovels, and even pushing the projectiles under the fence dividing the arena. The robots made by the CCTEC Robotics teams were no different. Team B's robot functioned largely as intended, however, Team A had a myriad of problems with their machine. From wonky control to a failed mechanism to the robot shutting off mid-match, Team A was plagued with setback after setback. However, the group never lost face and, with the help of a kind gentleman, managed to iron out the kinks in the robot. Ultimately, Team A placed 21st while Team B got placed 16th out of 32 teams. Neither team made it to finals, but both of them walked away feeling accomplished. They didn't place last and, seeing as how the machines were built in a little over two weeks (whereas other teams started in April), they had a lot to be proud of.



CCTEC's Interact Club Participates In Pedals for Progress

On Thursday, November 3rd, 2016, TEC of Cumberland County High School Interact Club partnered with Vineland Rotary and the VHS Interact Club to breakdown and process bikes for Pedals for Progress. Pedals for Progress is a non-profit organization that has a mission to supply aid by recycling bicycles in the U.S. and shipping them to the people of the developing world. TEC of Cumberland County Interact students, Nyleah Bown (President), Bianca Cortes, Semajh Goldsboro, Alyson Lorence (Vice President), and Paola Mercado, worked diligently to break down 36 bikes that add to the 100 plus the Rotary Club has already collected. These bicycles will be shipped to Guatemala and provide means of transportation for people to commute to work, transport produce to market, or access health care and other services. This is just one example of how students of Technical Education Center of Cumberland County are making a huge difference internationally and represent a true passion for service.



Above: Members of our Interact Club, along with co-advisor Miss Bernhardt, collaborate with Pedals for Progress.

CLUBS

Get Involved with Clubs and Activities at CCTEC



Interact Club

Advisors: Miss Bernhardt & Mr. Campbell

Interact gives CCTEC High School students the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. CCTEC will be building service learning projects throughout the county as the year moves on.



Special Olympics

Advisors: Mr. Albert, Mr. Wright & Mrs. Trimble

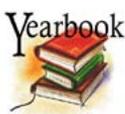
Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. Special Olympics help to make the world a better, healthier and more joyful place -- one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time. CCTEC will be participating in Biking, Bowling, Track and Field and Boccee events.



Student Council

Advisors: Mrs. Delaney & Mr. Riggins

Student Council, or TECSC, will be involved in improving life at CCTEC by providing students with leadership opportunities; maintenance and promotion of communications between faculty, students, and administrators; and creation of enjoyable social events for students. TECSC will foster leadership, organizational, and management skills that will carry over into the workplace or college. TECSC sponsors community service events, movie nights, open mic nights, dances, and many more.



Yearbook

Advisor: Miss Miller

Yearbook club provides students with the opportunity to have input in how the yearbooks are produced. Members work closely with Ms. Miller to help design our school yearbooks. Students are expected to take lots of pictures, fundraise, and plan yearbook pages.



Newspaper

Advisor: Miss Gaudio

Reporters, photographers, creative writers, editors, and artists wanted for CCTEC's Newspaper Club! Students in CCTEC's Newspaper Club will engage in the full journalistic writing process from identifying article ideas, interviewing sources, drafting, revising, editing and laying out pages for publication.



HOSA

Advisors: Ms. Birdsall & Ms. Vicari

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality healthcare by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs of the healthcare community. CCTEC will also compete in many healthcare related competitions throughout the school year on a regional, state and national level.



SkillsUSA

Advisors: Mr. Bonner & Ms. Michael

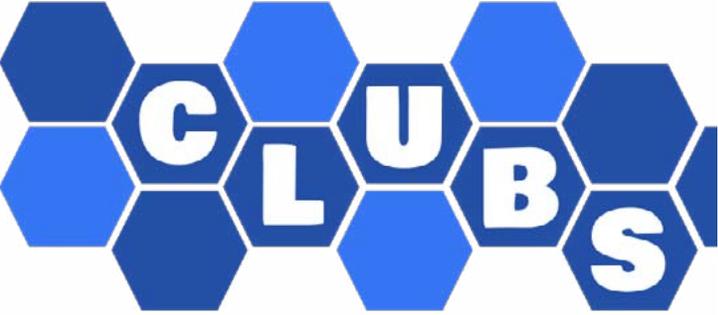
SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. SkillsUSA provides educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms. CCTEC students have the opportunity to continue the rich history of competition at the regional, state and national level in all areas of career skills.



Art Club

Advisor: Mr. Page

Art Club provides students with an opportunity to expand their artistic skills, meet like-minded students, and collaborate in group art projects. Art Club members will bring an active awareness and appreciation of the fine art to the campus and the community.



Continued... Clubs and Activities at CCTEC



Humanitarian Club

Advisor: Mrs. Demery
The Humanitarian Club gives members the freedom to explore their passion of helping others. Each member is given the opportunity to engage themselves in special projects. The Humanitarian Club allows members to brainstorm and participate in projects that support whoever or whatever needs assistance by closely working with community organizations. The Humanitarian Club encourages self-development by strengthening the ability of critical leadership skills. Members take leadership roles and these roles help them understand the true meaning of being in charge and working with others. The Humanitarian Club is an enjoyable, life impacting, experience that will expand social networking.



Mock Trial/Model Congress

Advisors: Mrs. Tietjen, Mr. Riggins & Miss Miller
The Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial is a competition for NJ high schoolers. Every January or early February, student attorneys and witnesses go head-to-head in a real courtroom, competing against other schools in the county in the hopes of becoming the county champion and moving on to the state finals. In addition to preparing for trial, students will also learn to write legislation and the basics of debate, in preparation for the NJ Model Congress at Rider University, which takes place in March.



Channel ONE

Advisor: Mr. Neder
CCTEC's Channel One Club will be responsible for broadcasting the school's daily morning video announcements from the Production Studio in Room 223. Channel One Club members will receive hands-on training utilizing state-of-the-art broadcast technology, including cameras, audio equipment, lighting and stage design, as well as control room operation and post-production editing, which includes the use of graphics and special effects. Whether you're interested in being on-camera or prefer to work behind-the-scenes, the Channel One Club is perfect for the technology-driven student interested in learning more about video production and broadcasting.



Spanish Club

Advisors: Miss DeJesus & Mrs. McCarthy
The Spanish Club celebrates the Hispanic culture and promotes interest in the study of Spanish through cultural experiences, sharing of interests, peer tutoring, and helping others in our community through service. Through student leadership, the club will provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and to make a difference in the school and community. Finally, the students will also gain a global perspective of foreign cultures, people, and geographical aspects in an informal atmosphere.



Spirit Club

Advisors: Mrs. Trimble
Spirit Club is all things CCTEC. Blue, Silver, and White are our favorite colors. Spirit Club loves the Tigers and is ready to cheer on CCTEC in any way possible. Spirit Club meets every Tuesday and is currently learning the basics of cheerleading, motions, cheers, chants, jumps, stunts, and dances.



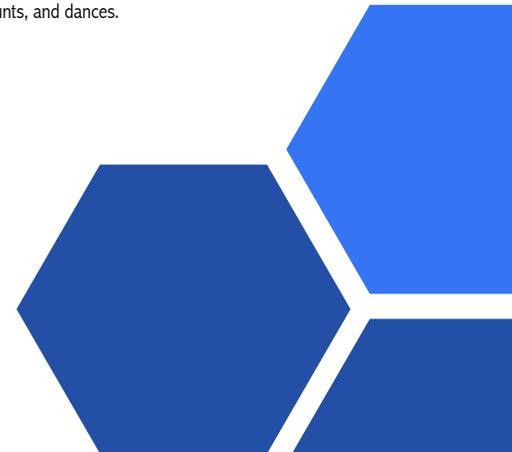
Robotics Club

Advisor: Mrs. Barreiro
In Robotics Club, teams of students are tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams from around the world in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels.



Gay-Straight Alliance

Advisors: Miss Miller & Mrs. Barreiro
A Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a club that provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia. GSA's provide support, build community, and take action to create change.





CCTEC's First Annual Halloween Ball

Shelyn Alvarez - Writer
CCTEC - October 31

On the night of October 31st at Cumberland County Technical Education Center, children were scattered everywhere. Everyone was screaming. But what could have happened?

Well, just recently, CCTEC had their very first Halloween ball! Earlier this year, the school's student council decided it would be best to host a Halloween ball for all the students and teachers to take a break from their work and enjoy the day that comes only once a year. Before the event took place, the committee had to work out how things would go. They assigned certain peers to bring in different equipment like balloons, candy, fake spiderwebs, and many other Halloween themed items to fill the gymnasium with.

The day before the dance, a group of students that signed up for setup stayed after school to prepare for the most exciting party of the month. An arch with cotton cobwebs was put in the doorway of the gymnasium along with orange, purple, and black balloons and multi-colored streamers. Outside the gym, there were tables full of candy, cookies, and soda. At approximately seven, everyone began to get their mysterious apparel

on and head back to school. On that very night, most of CCTEC danced until they dropped dead. The chaperones and teachers had the chance to have fun too. They got the chance to dress up according to the party's theme.

Everyone seemed to have had the time of their lives. When asked about the festivity, chaperone Sheila Alvarez said, "I thought everybody behaved, and that students were able to have time to socialize and spend time together, relax and have fun without the stressful academic work." She agreed that the event gave not only students, but teachers a time to interact and have a good time. The DJ the school hired played music that fit everyone's interest and all the colored lights shining down on the small crowd made the place look incredible. It was a memorable night for everyone.



Who's Who?



Tess Klugewicz - Editor
CCTEC

When a new school opens to the public with new teachers, staff, students, and a new style of teaching, it is imperative that everyone is made aware of who the teachers are and how they will influence this school year. The Newspaper Staff decided to pick two teachers for every issue to interview for you to discover who they are and what their programs are all about! For the first issue of the year, we chose Mr. Carlos Morales and Ms. Rachel Michael.

Mr. Morales is our Informational Technology (I.T.) teacher and teaches Intro to Computer Science, while Ms. Michael is our business teacher and teaches Business Fundamentals. We asked each teacher a series of questions that will allow everyone to

get to know both teachers. Some of the questions included were, "What are some of your hobbies?" "What is something everyone should know about you as a teacher and a person?" and "Why did you choose to teach this subject?"

We learned a lot about Ms. Michael based on her answers to the questions. Ms. Michael majored in business in college but did not know that she wanted to teach this subject until after working in business for a few short years. If she didn't teach business, she would want to teach science because she is interested in the environment and loves learning about and spending time in nature. Some of Ms. Michael's hobbies include spending time with her dogs, fishing, and going to the beach in the summer. After taking this course, she would like students to be able to make good decisions and be comfortable making decisions, especially dealing with finance. Some interesting facts about

our Business Fundamentals teacher is that she taught herself to crochet from YouTube videos and that she has passed every single written field hunting exam in New Jersey. Ms. Michael believes that taking her course is important because you will learn that decision making is an important aspect to life and something that everyone will have to do at many points. A lesson she has learned that has influenced her is to always be honest. Her role models are our very own assistant principals, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Nolan, because they are always positive and willing to help no matter how many things they have on their own plate. The most important thing for everyone to know about Ms. Michael is that honesty and respect are priorities in her



classroom and in her everyday life. When she isn't teaching, she is spending time with her family and dogs, fishing, crocheting or reading. She attended a week long professional development for personal finance at the Federal

Reserve Bank of Philadelphia that influenced her greatly in her career. Her goal in life is to always be able to make good decisions. By the end of her teaching career, she would like to have inspired as many students as possible. Finally, our Business Fundamentals teacher gave a brief statement to sum up who Ms. Mi-



chael is as a teacher, what she represents, and why her program is beneficial. "Good decision making is necessary for living life productively and effectively. I hope to teach my students to make and be confident in their decisions so that they will become the next leaders in our community."

Mr. Morales never planned on becoming a teacher and he says he "fell into teaching." He says that technical teachers come from the industry and he was never interested in I.T. until his brother peaked his interest in it because he was such a "computer geek." Mr. Morales' main desire is to help others and educate students. The thing he enjoys most about teaching is the energy the students bring into his classroom. If he wasn't teaching I.T., Mr. Morales would teach culinary not because he is a great cook, but because he enjoys cooking and would love to learn more and improve his skills. Some of his hobbies include traveling to foreign countries with his son, playing guitar, and spending time with his family. The thing he wants students to take away from this course is how to logically think and to receive a good, sound education. An interesting fact about him is that he speaks two languages. He was not born in the United States but in Peru, and did not learn English until the age of fourteen. He believes that the most important aspect to I.T. is the process of thinking. The experience that impacted and influenced Mr. Morales the most is the fact that he was not born in the United States and he did not learn English until his teenage years. He says this positively impacted him because, "It allows me to see people in different ways or to see both sides of the coin, I guess you could say."

We hope you enjoyed these fun facts about our teachers and that this will help you to get to know them even more! Don't forget to read the next issue of The Vision to get to know more CCTEC teachers and staff on a deeper level.

Students of the Month



September SOTM

Karla Mejias

Congratulations to 9th grader Karla Mejias, CCTEC's first ever full-time Student of the Month.

Karla always goes "above and beyond" to help her classmates, both academically and personally. According to science instructor Amanda Mason, "Karla shows empathy and compassion toward her peers, whether it be offering them extra assistance on an assignment or accompanying them to the nurse. She never has to be asked to lend a hand."

This positive and helpful attitude extends to Karla's interactions with her teachers. Math teacher Michele Demery notes that "Karla goes above and beyond to clean up the classroom and be helpful, even staying beyond the bell on a Friday afternoon." Her willingness to lend a hand and assist her teachers demonstrates her "great character," according to Demery.

Karla is an Allied Health student who aspires to be an OB/GYN in the future. In her spare time she enjoys reading and playing the piano. Her personal motto is, "Strive for the best."



September SOTM

Sammie Lee Esquelin

Sammie Lee Esquelin has been selected as CCTEC's CTE student of the month for September, 2016. Sammie is a student in Chef Robert Ohlens' Culinary Arts class. According to Chef Ohlens, not only is Sammie "positive and outgoing," but she is "one of the best student-team players I've seen in years." Because of her positive attitude and work ethic, Chef Ohlens "looks forward to working with her and watching her grow" in whatever culinary field she pursues. It's no surprise, then, that Sammie "loves the culinary arts program." Not only has she forged "a lot of friendships" through the program, but she "loves to share her creations" with those friends. Sammie hopes to open her own restaurant or bakery in the future. We have no doubt that with her positive outlook and team-centered approach, Sammie will be able to succeed with all future endeavors. Great job, Sammie!



September SOTM

Teghan Keeney

Teghan Keeney has been selected as Cumberland County Technical Education Center's STRIVE Student of the Month for October 2016. Teghan, a sophomore in our STRIVE program, is a kind and conscientious student in and out of the classroom.

"Teghan takes the initiative in the classroom. She continuously helps all of her teachers without hesitation. Teghan will pass out materials before sitting down and helps other classmates when needed," her English teacher, Mrs. Harkins, said.

In her spare time, Teghan enjoys drawing, writing, and spending time with her family.

Teghan is very proud to be selected as a Student of the Month. "I was a little surprised but very happy. I'm quiet in class and it's nice to be recognized," she said.

Congratulations, Teghan!



October SOTM

Kiana Bogan-Ellis

Congratulations to 9th grader Kiana Bogan-Ellis, CCTEC's October Full-Time Student of the Month.

Kiana responded to a request to volunteer to help facilitate activities for United Way's Bone Run and Walk at Parvins State Park. Kiana showed up at Parvins at 8:00 A.M. and jumped right into the activities, building with cardboard boxes and playing with the children.

Kiana is earning A's and B's in all her classes and is a member of Interact, a service-based club. According to Timothy Campbell, English teacher and Interact advisor, "She is always willing to help others whether in class or in club, even sacrificing her own time for the good of others."

Kiana aspires to be an entrepreneur after college. She would like to use the experience she is gaining through her cosmetology program to build a business in the future. She loves to volunteer at school and in the community. She frequently assists at her church's food bank. In her spare time Kiana enjoys cooking and spending time with friends. She lives by the philosophy that hard work will always pay off in the end.



October SOTM

Clinton Bennett

Clinton Bennett has been selected as CCTEC's CTE student of the month for October 2016. Clinton is a student in Mr. Bonner's welding class. Mr. Bonner stated that, Clinton "has improved so much from last year on so many levels. His attendance, his attitude, and his work ethic" has increased a hundredfold. Clinton has found motivation in the act of welding itself and has channeled that enthusiasm in a positive way; he is always willing to help his peers in class so that they can better themselves. It's no surprise, then, that welding has also motivated Clinton outside of school as well. According to Mr. Bonner, Clinton "has a lot on his plate outside of school and where most adults would struggle to handle that workload, Clinton does it and does it well." We have no doubt that with his work ethic and willingness to help others, Clinton will be successful with welding in the future. Congratulations, Clinton, and thanks for making CCTEC proud!



October SOTM

Eric Kinash

Eric Kinash has been selected as Cumberland County Technical Education Center's STRIVE Student of the Month for October 2016. Eric, a sophomore in our STRIVE program, is a trustworthy and reliable student in and out of the classroom.

"Eric has made huge strides in both his academic areas and social skills. His achievements cannot go unnoticed," his English teacher, Mrs. Harkins, said.

Eric is thrilled to be selected as a Student of the Month. "I was glad I was selected because I wasn't expecting anything. I have been trying my best to be a good student this year and achieve my goals."

In his spare time, Eric enjoys playing video games and researching myth folklore.

Congratulations, Eric!



ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Dina Elliott
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mario Olsen
ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Greg McGraw
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Patricia Robbins
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Celese Nolan
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Katelyn Skimmer
STEM SUPERVISOR

Newspaper Staff

Advisor:
Miss Gaudio

Editors:
Tess Klugewicz
Heather Raguckas

Writers:
Ally Lorence
Shelyn Alvarez
Alexandra Orea
Wesley Donnelly
Chisano Mutts

Photographers:
Chloe Swift
Evely Vaquero

Design:
Mackenzie James
Breanna Rowley

check out our website at
www.cctecnj.org



The Cumberland County Board of
Vocational Education does not
discriminate on the basis of race, color, national
origin, sex or disability.