Wolverine Print Henry Abbott Technical High School

RECOGNITION



Annie Rodrigues was honored with the Student of the Month award by the Danbury Rotary Club.

Jarlene Rodriguez exhibited her work at the Brookfield Craft Center Student Art Show. This is a regional juried show with an application process and hanging requirements.

Carley Bonansinga and Paul Caliano are CAS Arts Honorees this year from Abbott.

PMT class of 2021 all passed their first NIMS this last cycle. Also, 80% of PMT seniors are on WBL. Many of them have been given state pre-apprenticeships, including full college reimbursement.

Check out the Club Highlights section to read about our exciting new clubs at Abbott.



SBHC HIGHLIGHT

Warning - Did you know: Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), commonly called e-cigarettes, are hand-held electronic devices that can be reusable or disposable. The device consists of 3 parts; a power source, a heating device, and a cartridge. Puffing Activates the heating device which vaporizes the e-liquid, or juice. The act of inhaling is called vaping. The e-liquid comes in thousands of flavors; some of the flavors like Gummy Bear, Bubble Gum or Swedish Fish appeal directly to youth. The Juul is considered a high-nicotine e-cigarette; containing more nicotine than other products on the market. Its maker claims the product can deliver nicotine up to 2.7 times faster than other e-cigarettes, thus increasing the potential for youth addiction. According to the Centers for Disease Control, e-cigarettes are now the most commonly used form of tobacco by youth in the United States. Said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "no form of youth tobacco use is safe. Nicotine is an addictive drug and use during adolescence may cause lasting harm to brain development (cdc.gov 2016)." "The Educator," A publication of the Drug Free Schools Committee of HVCASA - October 2018.

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TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Mr. Dickson first started teaching at Abbott Tech in January of 2013. When he came, he felt multiple emotions. He was excited, nervous, scared, hopeful and challenged. The reason why he came to Abbott Tech was because it presented a unique experience unlike other high schools. Before he came to Abbott, he worked as a math interventionist at Rogers Park Middle School and graduated with two bachelor degrees from WestConn, one in psychology and one in mathematics. He has no children or pets and grew up in Ridgefield. His hobbies include singing and playing the trumpet. In fact, he actually sings in many groups! Mr. Dickson also enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons and enjoys sci-fi and fiction books. Two of the most recent books he has read are <u>Song of the Ice and Fire</u> and <u>The Old Kingdom</u>. One of the things he most enjoys about teaching is the look on students' faces when they "get it." When we asked him where he pictured himself in five years, he said he would be happy to be teaching at Henry Abbott Tech.



SPORT HIGHLIGHT



Pictured: Joel Barlow, Weston, Abbott Co-Op Ice Hockey team starting players. HATS Sr. Kevin Brennan (3rd fr L).

Did you know we have an ice hockey team at Henry Abbott Tech? We are part of a tri-op with Joel Barlow and Weston High Schools. Right now there are four players: Kevin Brennan (starting goalie), Connor Sweeney (goalie), Jack Lachance, and Brayden Hallis. Two-thirds of the ice hockey teams in our league are co-ops, which means each school must provide a certain number of players for the team and most are co-ed. Ice hockey players all know each other. The process of putting the team together started about a year ago, and required many commitments including a substantial financial commitment. Our first season produced good friendships, admiration of opposing teams, and having the benefit of providing a new sport for Henry Abbott Technical students and families. Practices and home games are held at the Danbury Ice Arena. Practices typically start around 6:00-6:30 p.m., and games start at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Our first season was a huge success. The team qualified for the league and state tournaments. We finished second in the SCC/SWC league, and we were in the quarter finals of the Division 3 State Tournament. Congratulations to our players for creating a successful ice hockey season!

CAREER TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHT

In MDET, the seniors are working on a toy project. The students have to create a toy and all the mechanisms, 3D print them, and make sure they are functioning. They animate it in their software and make it look life-like. Mr. Velez explains that this is his favorite project to assign. He said that this year's class have had the best projects out of every class that has been assigned the project so far! The Juniors are working on learning the SolidWorks program and getting their certifications. The program is extensive and the test itself is very difficult, so preparing and practicing for it is necessary! The Juniors are also working on a courtyard project. The sophomores are working on auxiliary views. This is representing a shape through different views and this includes surfaces that





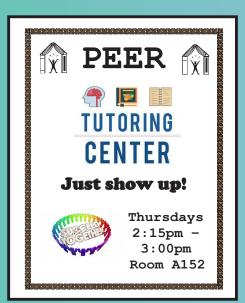
are angled. The freshmen are working on orthographic projection. This is representing a 3D shape in 2D form (drawing different views of the object). Essentially, it is the same as auxiliary views with the exception of not working, with surfaces that are angled.





CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Fashion Club: Starting with about 28 students, Aisha Saif-Ullah held the first Fashion Club meeting, and then they began to grow as a club. During the meetings, they talk about trends, plan fashion shoots, talk about fashion, and they discuss or do something new. They say that they did not expect the club to flourish as it did. As a child, Mr. Boland was in multiple clubs and is now happy to see himself being an advisor to one. Aisha says that one of the reasons why she enjoys the club is because the students run the club more than the advisor does, and they have more chances to help each other through the experience. As the president of the club, Aisha says that even though it is difficult to balance school, work, and run a club, it is certainly possible. She proves that by making all her club members able to feel comfortable and excited to be there. One of Aisha's hopes is that this club gets passed down from class to class. The meetings are located in Ms. Womack's room every Monday after school.



Peer Tutoring Club: we are looking for some 12th graders to tutor. Currently, there are six 10th and 11th grade tutors. The tutoring center is open on Thursdays after school in A152 from 2:15 to 3:00. All students are welcome to drop in to tutor or for extra help.

Teen Leadership Health Council (TLHC): we are working with Stand Together to Make a Difference and Danbury Police to host an educational event regarding vaping and drug use and various topics about teen substance abuse. Anyone interested in joining, contact: **GTjuniorKeren.santana@cthss.org.**



Robotics FTC: Andrew Haitsch and **Kay Bell** are members of the Danbury FTC Robotics teams. The team won the two top awards at a recent competition, and Andrew was crowned State Champion. The world competition will be help April 23-26. Picutred is the team awaiting the announcement of the winners (Andrew in the center) and the team champions (Andrew is third from the left holding their robot. Kay is 7th from left holding their trohpy). Good luck to the team!





The Art Club: Art club is full of great ideas and that is no exception to their newest work, the mural outside the fitness room. The Art Club had approached Mr. Nadeau to see if he wanted a mural, and when he said yes they began sketching up a design. Blue and white graphics and a sports theme for the wall outside of the Fitness Room. All the students are pitching in, while specifically the Seniors are painting the mural on the wall. The mural is estimated to be completed by the end of April. Be sure to stop by and see it!

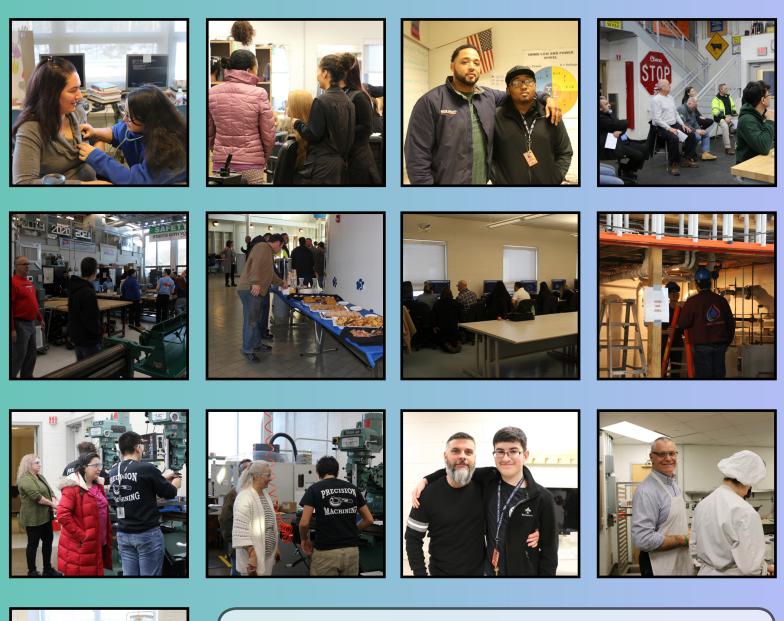


Bring Your Parent To Career Pathway Day

Celebrating student work and parent/guardian appreciation in our school. Parents came in and lived a day in the life of their child at our school. Parents participated in trade work and learned what their child does everyday.









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