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Thomas Whearty Recognized For Academic Excellence

Tri-County Superintendent, **Stephen Dockray**, named senior **Thomas Whearty** as the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' (MASS) Certificate of Academic Excellence. This honor is bestowed upon the senior with the highest grade point average. **Dockray** remarked, "This is an outstanding honor and I am pleased to recognize **Thomas** for his excellent career technical and academic performance as well as his involvement in the Tri-County community."



Whearty, a carpentry student, is employed at Carpentry by Tom Antonellis of Norfolk through the Tri-County's Cooperative Education program. **Whearty** notes, "The Tri-County Carpentry program has given me the chance to develop skills in my trade. I really enjoy the hands-on aspects of the work." **Whearty** has enjoyed great success in carpentry; he earned the gold medal at the district level of the SkillsUSA competition for his work on the Team Build challenge. He has also received the Carpentry shop excellence award. In addition to his vocational achievements, **Whearty** excels in his academic studies. He is currently enrolled in all honors courses, and he is a member of the National Honor Society.

Apart from his studies, **Whearty** is active in both his own community, as well as the Tri-County community. He is a four-year member of the cross country and track team, where he currently serves as co-captain. He is an Eagle Scout with Troop 44 of Walpole. He applied his carpentry skills to complete his service project by building a signpost for the Walpole VFW. **Whearty** will receive his MASS Certificate of Academic Excellence certificate at Honors Night in June.

Library Dedicated to Former Superintendent

On November 16, **Barbara Renzoni**, former Tri-County Superintendent, was honored by the Tri-County community. **Stephen Dockray**, current Superintendent, was joined by members of the School Committee, the current administration and Renzoni's family to dedicate the Tri-County library to **Ms. Renzoni**. During her fifteen years of service at Tri-County, **Renzoni** worked in several capacities including her role as the Academic Coordinator, Principal, and finally Superintendent. Her contributions to Tri-County include the creation of the Homework Center, Summer Academy and the mentoring program, and the addition of Advanced Placement courses and new career technical programs. Additionally, **Renzoni** worked on the expansion of Tri-County's Continuing Education program.

School Committee member, **Jonathan Dowse**, unveiled the dedication plaque outside the library. Superintendent **Dockray** noted, "In each of her roles, **Ms. Renzoni** always took great pleasure in her students' achievements. She is a wonderful mentor, and we are very grateful for everything she has done for Tri-County." **Renzoni**, reflecting on the dedication, added, "There are few things in life that have touched me in the way that this has. The best part is that all these accolades have resulted in the advancement of vocational and career technical education. I believe that this kind of education is so important because the work ethic and skills that it teaches are truly the foundation of this country."



SkillsUSA In-House Competition Results 2011-2012

During November, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students took test in their respective vocational areas, and the four highest scoring students in each contest received medals at the in-house awards banquet on January 19. The following students will represent Tri-County at the District Massachusetts SkillsUSA Competition in the named skill areas:

Architectural Drafting: Cristina DeGaetano Shannon West Mary Elizabeth Walsh Shannon Croatto	Cosmetology Over 500 Hours: Kalya Messier Keera Belvii Jocelyn Travers Julie Dobachesky	Graphic Communications: Haley Switzer Julia Martello Morgan Adamonis Jamie Lacasse	Motor Controls: Michael Onofrio Timothy Furrh Anthony Cataldo Mathew T. Donovan	Robotics & Automation Technology: Team Build #1: Robert Fiorelli Thomas Whearty Kenneth Martin Zachary Knight
Auto Refinishing Technology: James Veradt James Walsh Joseph Staples Brian Tiza	Cosmetology Under 500 Hours: Colleen Mistler Olivia Coppelman Elizabeth Conroy Rebecca Neves	Health Knowledge Bowl Team: Emily Patterson Jessica Neves Kacie Fitzpatrick Megan Mulcahy	Nail Care: Julia Correa Crystal Grieve Jessica Bayer	Team Build #2: Aaron McLaughlin Marco Giorgio Bradley Hoderny Michael Goudy
Automotive Technology: Zackery Gregg Matthew Christopher Paul Setterlund Jason Guimond, Jr.	Culinary Arts: MacKenzie LaVoie Connor Levine Allison Scott Danielle DuPont	Health Portfolio: Ashley Cornelio Lindsey Carrigan- Laquidara	Nursing Assistant: Keara DeRose Jaclyn Tenaglia Nicholas DeMore Elizabeth Gitschier	Tech Prep Team #1: Thomas Dalzell Kelsey Miller Jake Hobson
Basic Health Care Skills: Kylie Blakely Kelsey Michaud Katie Waitkevich Lauren Hall	Customer Service: Johanna Leazott Julianne Talamini Deborah Dillenburg Malerie Beatty	HVAC & R: Thomas Rudkowski Bobby Pacuk Jonathan Bates John Nickerson	Occupational Health & Safety Scrapbook Haley Drake Brittany Sheroff Ashley McLean	Tech Prep Team #2: Brooke Callaway James Ryan Welch Ian Plath
Cabinetmaking: Nicholas Grasse Samantha Morandi Joseph Galligan Nathaniel Lagos	Dental Assistant: Samantha Richard Taylor Bukoff Brittany Bowman Amanda Duren	Industrial Motor Controls: Michael Onofrio Timothy Furrh Anthony Cataldo Matthew Donovan	Office Computer Applications: Austin Truax Drew Lessard Derek Deveau Charles Findlen	Technical Computer Applications: Ryan Cunningham John Nicastro Edward Purtell James Meredith
Carpentry: Hannah Mingo Emily Heno Gregory Metrick Andrew Robinson	Design & Advertising: Adam Bertrand Maureen Spillane Holly Turner Micah Firth	Internetworking: Charles Crombie Zachary Gillespie Mike McLaughlan Jordyn Swenson	Power Equipment Technology: Christopher Dwyer Jake Pantano Zachary Dumont Craig Maloney	Technical Drafting: Jacob Billington Nicholas West Cody Maynard Kendall Sarapas
CNC Milling Technology: Kevin MacAllister Tracy McDonagh Timothy Fougere Adam Civilinski	Diesel Equipment Technology: Shane Dillon Vitor Duarte Bruce Young	Knowledge Bowl: Emily Patterson Jessica Neves Kacie Fitzpatrick Megan Mulcahy	Photography: Andrew Braeley Destiny Coates Alexandria Bobola Ronelle Erickson	Technical Related Math: Jacqueline Tedesco Lukas Hawkins
Collision Repair Technology: Shane Quinn Jason Driscoll	Electronics Technology: Geoffrey Penchuk Zachary Roy Patrick McLaughlin	Masonry: Daniel Todd Christopher Santos Rayanna Osenton Andrew Waple	Plumbing: David McLintock Andrew Kerr Cameron Dalton Virginia Carr	Web Design Team #1: Corey Waple Ryan Giusti
Commercial Baking: Alexander Blacker Theresa Conley Emily LaRosa Austin White	Engineering Technology: Emily Dull Tyler McWilliams Samuel Maignet Timothy Winship	Medical Assisting: Alexis Felix Megan Hanlon Vincent Fowler, Jr. Ashley Monterotti	Preschool Teaching Assistant: Abigail Gay Taylor Davis Samantha Meerbott Kayla Hoyt	Web Design Team #2: Peter Holyoke Zachary Cusack
Computer Maintenance: Nicholas McCaffrey Tyler Schnitzlein Steven Howland Robert Goddard	First Aid/CPR: Aleana Kilcullen Jane Wambui Bridget McHugh Arianna Sandland	Medical Math: Brittany Skelly Tracy Crosby Joshua Smith Andrew Hall	Residential Wiring: Jeffrey Geikie Clayton Paquin Mathew Ouellette Hannah McNeill	Web Design Team #3: Robert Carneiro Cameron Krasner
Computer Programming: Nicholas Allevato Joseph Diorio David Gavel Ted Baker	Food & Beverage Service: Brandon DiMartino Jacqueline Horner Robert Evers Emily Bolton	Medical Terminology: Rachel Guisti Layla Marchand Rhaira Oliveira Maggie McHugh		Web Design Team #4: Emily Scannell Benjamin Kent
				Welding: Johnny Ketz Nicholas Devlin William Cherry Duncan Vince

Tri-County Honors John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Winners

On Monday, December 12, fifty two students were recognized with a breakfast in Gerry's Place for achieving eligibility for the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students qualify for this scholarship based on MCAS scores. Eligibility requires scoring 260 to 280 in either Language Arts or the Mathematics portion of the tenth grade MCAS and scoring in either the Advanced (260-280) or Proficient (240-258) range in the other subject area on the assessments. In addition, student scores must be in the top 25% of their class. Students meeting these criteria will receive a tuition scholarship for Massachusetts state colleges and universities.

The students eligible to receive this scholarship include **Daniela Aguilera, Amanda Newman, Anthony Fenter, Jessica Bayer, Amanda Daignault, Cristina DeGaetano, Zachary Gillespie, Maverick Keene, Jourdan McKenna, Joshua McNeill, Michael Rebello, Ryan Sharp, Haley Switzer, Jacob Bibel, David Inglis, Tyler Schnitzlein, Michael Goudy, Tyler Lobisser, Julia Correa, Christopher Drews, Stefanie Waite, Alexander Blacker, James Carlson, Nicholas DeMore, Corrie Desilets, Alexis Felix, Jeffrey Geikie, Joshua Isaiah, Catherine Lawing, Kayla Mitchell, Evan Moriarty, Dariel Nunez, Michael Onofrio, Benjamin Plantz, Zachary Roy, Ryan Swanson, Olivia Vieira, Corey Waple, Taylor Bukoff, Gretchen Gundlach, John Jones, Lyndsay Ouellette, Richard Saraf, Maureen Spillane, Matthew White, Molly Marcotte, Hannah Mingo, Jacob Phaneuf, Erin Powell, Thomas Rudkowski, Zachary Knight, Samantha Morandi, Jessica Neves, Samantha Richard, Tiffany Spillane, Thomas Whearty, Emily Bishop, Robert Fiorelli, Benjamin Kent, Logan McCarthy, Shane Quinn, Catherine Rando, and Jaclyn Tenaglia.**

Voice of Democracy Competition

Freshman, **Jenna Burke** of Rehoboth, along with seniors, **Samantha Richard**, of Walpole and **Olivia Vieira** of North Attleboro were selected by a panel representing Local VFW Post 3402 as the winners of Tri-County's Voice of Democracy speech contest. This year's speech addressed the prompt "Is there pride in serving in our military?" These three winners went on to compete in the Norfolk County District 5 Voice of Democracy competition in early December and ultimately **Jenna Burke** won the district competition. She went on to compete at the state level in Milford on January 15. **Burke** reflected, "It was amazing to be the district winner. The question was difficult to answer, so before I wrote my essay I asked a few people who are in the military and then talked to some other people about



Jenna Burke

their opinions." All three students will be honored at a dinner this March where they will receive a certificate and a monetary award.

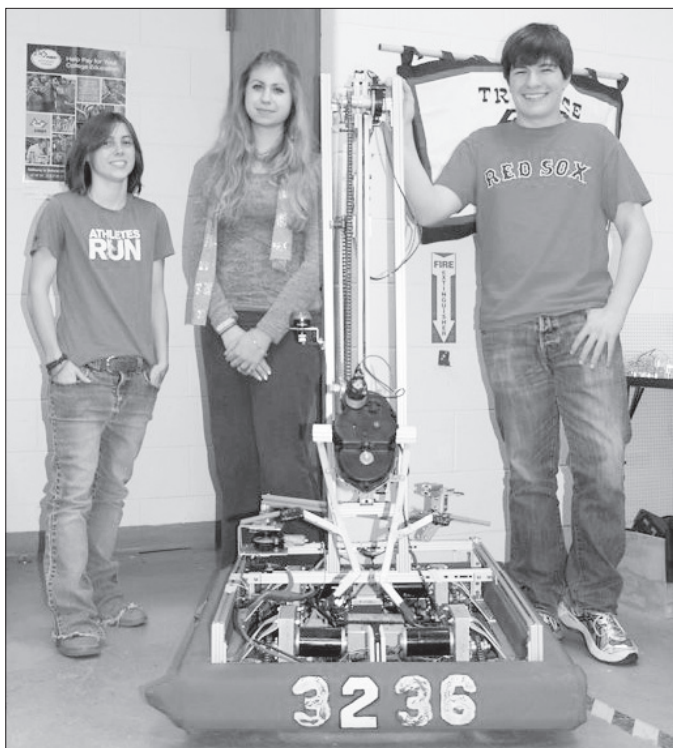
SkillsUSA Leadership Conference

Nine Tri-County students attended the 23rd Annual SkillsUSA Fall State Leadership Conference in Marlborough from November 20 to 22. Students spend the three days participating in workshops and training sessions and competing in order to learn more about the organization and about fundamental leadership goals. Junior **Erica Pollock** was awarded the silver medal for Total Quality Management and the Ducky Derby. **Jacob Billington** won a bronze medal and **Joseph Galligan** won a silver medal in R Cubed (recycle, reuse, reduce). **Ryan O'Gallagher** won a gold medal in Membership Promotion. **Kayla Hoyt** earned a gold medal in Community Service and a Safety Award. **Kylie Blakely** earned a Leadership Award. In the Team Profile category, **Ashley Johnson** won a gold medal, **Dillon Hoyt** won a silver medal, and **Lukas Hawkins** won a bronze medal. **Mr. Michael Garland**, SkillsUSA Advisor and Tri-County Engineering Instructor, received a bronze medal in the Advisor Presentations category. He reflected on the conference stating, "I started with nine students on Sunday, and at the close of the conference, came back to Tri-County with nine leaders."

Tri-County FIRST Robotics Team Earns Sponsorship

The Tri-County FIRST Robotics Team was awarded a \$1000 corporate grant from JCPenney. The robotics team will coordinate with a local JCPenney store and will be given the opportunity to develop a business and marketing plan as well as generate new ways to raise funds through the partnership. The FIRST Robotics Team Advisor and Engineering Instructor, **Michael Garland** noted, "We are so grateful for JCPenney's support. The JCPenney grant will be used to help offset the \$5,000 fee that schools pay to participate in the FIRST Robotics competition."

The Tri-County Robotics Team began preparation for this year's competition after receiving the start-up kit in early January. Tri-County's team will compete at the FIRST Boston Regional at the Agannis Arena at Boston University in March. The team is led by advisors **Michael Garland** and Tri-County Math Instructor **Brian Rhodes** with support from CIS Instructor **Kimberly Zogalis** and Engineering Instructors **Mohammed Bakr** and **Angela Batt**. Engineering members of the Tri-County FIRST Robotics Leadership Team are Team Co-Captains **Corey Waple**, who also serves as Programming Team Leader, and **Michael Onofrio** who also serves as Construction Manager. Engineering Team Leaders are **Jacqueline Tedesco** and **Stephen Hagen**. Media Team members are Lead Team Photographer **Corrie Desilets** and Lead Web Designer **Ryan Giusti**. Team leader **Ste-**



Robotics Team Members Corrie Desilets, Jacqueline Tedesco, and Stephen Hagen pose with last year's robot.

and support from grants pays for the box of parts, entering the competition, and shipping our finished robot to the arena.”

Tri-County Goes Green

Earlier this fall, Tri-County hosted a presentation given by ACE, the Alliance for Climate Education. Tri-County students were informed about environmental concerns and the impact of our everyday decisions on the environment. This presentation inspired the formation of the TC-Green Club, Tri-County's first student run environmental club. **Nancy Sibilia**, science teacher and club advisor, meet with students in November to elect club officers and to generate environmental initiatives for Tri-County to adopt. **Mary Elizabeth Walsh** was elected President and **Logan McCarthy** was elected Vice-President. **Corrie Desilets** was elected Treasurer while **Jack Prendergast** was elected Secretary. The TC-Green Club on focusing on a few environmental initiatives this school year while working together to become more personally involved with environment.

Additionally, the Student Council began a green fundraiser this fall. Under the advisement of **Nancy Haney** and **Susan Stone**, Student Council officers sold energy efficient light bulbs and power strips provided by National Grid to raise money while helping the environment. A contest was held to recognize the students who sold the most products. Two juniors, **Ashley Cornelio** and **Lucas Topalis**, were the contest winners.

phen Hagen commented, “This is a six-week challenge and it's a really big job. We'll be working after school five days a week and on weekends to get it done.” As a team leader, Stephen is responsible for leading the team in the design and construction of the robot. Engineering junior, **Jacqueline Tedesco** said, “I really enjoy the competition

Fall Sports Awards

Fall athletes received the rewards of their hard work in the annual Fall Sports Awards Ceremony. Tri-County Athletic Director, **Peter Kubiak**, thanked the athletes, coaches, parents, boosters, administrators and faculty for their support of the fall programs. The following students who received special recognition for their outstanding contributions were:

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| <p>Golf:
 Mayflower League All-Star: Drew Zaiter
 Rookie of the Year: Jake Ducharme
 Coaches' Award: Michael Rebello
 Sportsmanship Award: Drew Zaiter</p> <p>Girls' Soccer:
 Mayflower League All-Star:
 Lindsey Parent
 Coaches' Award: Lauren LaFlamme
 Defensive Player of the Year:
 Lindsey Parent
 Offensive Player of the Year:
 Brittany Skelly</p> <p>Boys' Varsity Soccer:
 Mayflower League All-Star:
 Nicholas Crowley
 MVP: Nicholas Crowley
 Coaches' Award: Seamus Geehan
 Unsung Hero: John Carroll</p> <p>JV Soccer:
 Coaches' Award: Steven Riggot
 Coaches' Award: Tyler Senecal</p> | <p>Varsity Volleyball:
 Mayflower League All-Stars:
 Kacie Fitzpatrick
 Molly Marcotte
 MVP: Molly Marcotte
 Outstanding Hitter: Emily Bishop
 Coaches' Award: Kacie Fitzpatrick</p> <p>JV Volleyball:
 MVP: Bridget McHugh
 Sportsmanship Award: Bryanna Haskell</p> <p>Boys' Cross Country:
 Mayflower League All-Stars:
 Andrew Kerr
 Thomas Whearty
 Most Improved: Collin Spillane
 Coaches' Award: Roland Houle
 Rookie of the Year: David Lucas
 Rookie of the Year: Anthony MacLellan</p> <p>Girls' Cross Country:
 Mayflower League All-Star: Corrie Desilets
 Most Improved: Emily Toomey
 Rookie of the Year: Jenna Burke</p> <p>Varsity Cheerleading:
 Coaches' Award: Meghan Thompson</p> | <p>Most Dedicated: Alexa Crugnale
 Leadership Award: Nicole Cafarella</p> <p>JV Cheerleading:
 Coaches' Award: Sara Fernberg
 Coaches' Award: Emily Spillane</p> <p>Varsity Football:
 Mayflower League All-Star:
 Jason Guimond
 Steve Hogan
 Tyler Kaufman
 Ben Martin
 James Veradt
 MVP: Tyler Kaufman
 Defensive Player Award: Stephen Hogan
 Leadership Award: Ben Martin
 Lineman of the Year: James Veradt</p> <p>JV Football:
 Outstanding Player Award: Nate Lagos
 Sportsmanship Award: Nate Lagos</p> <p>Freshmen Football:
 Outstanding Player Award: Evan Sheehan
 Sportsmanship Award: Evan Sheehan
 Outstanding Lineman Award:
 Patrick Lynch</p> |
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