

# SENIOR REFLECTIONS

## GREAT STUDENTS – EXCITING FUTURES!

Spring 2017

# career connections

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*Celebrating  
our students  
and their  
journey to:*

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## Director's Message

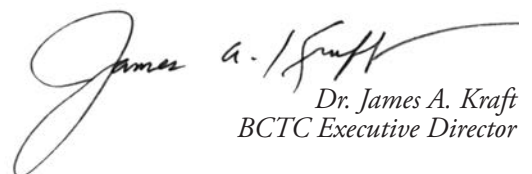
The achievements of our students continue to amaze me.

This issue of *Career Connections*

takes a look at 20 of our more than 400 seniors who will complete a career and technical program at BCTC. The 2016-2017 school year has been another extremely successful year for BCTC's students and staff. We started out strong and we finished even stronger. Evidence can be found within the level of student achievement as well as the numerous awards our students received from competitions and leadership opportunities. Here are just a few of the significant achievements and awards bestowed upon our students this year:

- Students competed in the SkillsUSA, HOSA and FCCLA national competitions in June and July of 2016. BCTC had 16 students either place in the top three places in the country or receive a national level of achievement.
- Both the East and West Campus received the Career and Technical Education Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for having 75% or more of 2016 seniors score at the "advanced" level on the end of program National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) exam. BCTC campuses were two of just 13 Career and Technology Centers (CTCs) to receive this distinction.
- BCTC continues to achieve at the top 5% of all CTCs in the state for students earning transferrable industry validated certifications prior to graduation.
- 97 students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.
- 18 students received awards for their entries at the fall Oley Fair.
- Four students from Automotive Technology qualified and participated in the 24th Annual Greater Philadelphia Automotive Technology Competition. Two students placed third and two students placed fourth.
- Two students from Communication Media took first place in the National NOCTI video contest.
- All three Career and Technical Student Organizations had state competitors this year and will have students competing at the national level this summer.
- The Business Management & Entrepreneurship students won two awards at national competitions this spring through the Virtual Enterprises International Network that included more than 400 schools.
- Construction Cluster students and teachers completed the Student Built House in Oley. This is another example of the pride BCTC students and staff take in their work. The house will be featured in the Berks County Parade of Homes in June.

Whether the path ahead for our students leads to college, full-time employment, military service, or some combination thereof; we can be proud of their numerous accomplishments. We wish the students a wonderful summer and success as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

  
Dr. James A. Kraft  
BCTC Executive Director

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to prepare all students for successful careers and higher education through a highly acclaimed, integrated academic and technical education experience.*

# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

## Jessica Brown

Advertising Art & Design  
Technology (West Campus)

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD

“My experience here has opened a new pathway of career opportunities that I wasn’t aware of previously. BCTC has helped me prepare for the future by teaching me the skills needed to further pursue my career in the Graphic Design field.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** Adobe Certification (Photoshop) | Adobe Certification (Illustrator) | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Completed an internship at Napoleon Group, an integrated creative production company in Manhattan, NY. Responsibilities included making graphics for a commercial, newsletters, and flyers. SkillsUSA 2017 - Districts – 2nd

**District / Community Activities:** Reading Olympics Club

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Mansfield University (Mansfield, PA) to major in graphic design.

## Brandy Chen

Health Occupations  
(East Campus)

EXETER SD

“I got to meet new people from different schools and learn skills that will help me in the future.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** Nurse Aide Training | CPR | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Completed a clinical work experience at the Berks Heim Nursing Home assisting residents. HOSA State Competitor 2015 – 2017

**District / Community Activities:** Key Club

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Towson University (Towson, MD) to major in biology with future plans of becoming a physician.

## Bryndyn Cummings

Plumbing & Heating  
(East Campus)

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD

“My favorite part of BCTC is the hands-on work and learning. Through my practice of installing and working on plumbing, I have the skills I will need for a future of success.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** NCCER | TracPipe | Gastite | Uponor | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter

**BCTC Activities:** SkillsUSA 2017 States – 2nd

**District / Community Activities:** Volunteer for Project Restoring Hope

**Plans after Graduation:** Seek immediate employment and an apprenticeship to become a plumber.

## Erica Eyrich

Graphic Imaging Technology  
(West Campus)

OLEY VALLEY SD

“The best part of BCTC is that they prepare you for your future. The experience of coming to BCTC has improved my skills and widened my job opportunities with a better knowledge of the career I’ve chosen.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** Adobe InDesign: Print & Digital Media Publication | Adobe Illustrator: Graphic Design & Illustration | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Created a plaque and school posters for BCTC. SkillsUSA President | SkillsUSA Reporter | SkillsUSA 2015 Districts - 1st, States - 2nd | 2016 Districts & States - 1st, Nationals - 14th

**District / Community Activities:** Chorus, Year Book - Cover Designer

**Plans after Graduation:** Enter the workforce in the printing industry and attend college in the future.



## Desiree Giraldi

Culinary Arts (West Campus)

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD

“The best thing about BCTC is how you are able to learn things hands-on, not everything is in a classroom. BCTC has helped prepare me for starting at the Culinary Institute of America with their curriculum.”



### BCTC Credentials Earned:

ServSafe: Manager Course | Chef Apprentice | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** FCCLA 2016 - States – Gold Medal, Nationals - Silver Medal

**District / Community Activities:** National Honor Society | Chorus

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend the Culinary Institute of America (Hyde Park, NY) to major in culinary arts and earn a bachelor's degree in business management. Future plans to become a restaurant owner.

## Dylan Haas

Computerized Machining (West Campus)

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SD

“I like the access to advanced machinery and great teachers. Since 10th grade, BCTC has been my home full of friends that I call family.”



### BCTC Credentials Earned:

Certifications: Benchwork, Layout, Turning, Milling, Drill Press, Measurement & Safety, CNC Turning, CNC Turning Operator, CNC Milling, CNC Milling Operator | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Completing a co-op assignment at American Machine (Orwigsburg, PA) as a machinist through BCTC's Work-Based Learning program. Worked with classmates to design, develop, and fabricate awards for “What's So Cool About Manufacturing” video contest. Awards were given out county wide to winning contestants. SkillsUSA 2017 States – Gold Medal

**District / Community Activities:** Band | Agriculture Club

**Plans after Graduation:** Enter the workforce as a manual machinist at American Machine (Orwigsburg, PA).

## Jordan Goldstein

IT Networking (East Campus)

EXETER SD

“I like that BCTC has helped me learn the skills I need to further my education in this field. Everyone may learn the same thing, but in the end how you use it makes you unique.”



### BCTC Credentials Earned:

Technical Academy Student | MTA - Security Fundamentals | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**Technical Academy:** Enrolled at BCTC and RACC while in high school. Completed RACC college courses at BCTC. Earned college credits towards a degree.

**Experience / Activities:** Job Shadowed at LYNX Technology (Wyomissing, PA)

**District / Community Activities:** Volunteer at Elmcroft Senior Living Center (Reading, PA)

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend East Stroudsburg University (East Stroudsburg, PA) to major in computer security. Future plans to work in network security in private industry.

## Rece Harman

Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Therapy (East Campus)

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD

“I like the hands-on experience I get in the shop. My experience while attending BCTC has helped prepare me for the work force as well as helping me decide what career path I will pursue.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** National Technical Honor Society | Basic Life Support | Heart Saver First Aid | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**District / Community Activities:** Basketball

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Alvernia University to major in occupational therapy.

## Liam Jones

Drafting Design Technology  
(East Campus)

EXETER SD

“BCTC has opened doors for me that I never would have had access to otherwise. I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** National Technical Honor Society | ADDA Drafting Certification | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** SkillsUSA President | SkillsUSA Reporter | SkillsUSA 2017 Districts – 2nd

**District / Community Activities:** Volunteer fire fighter – Mt. Penn Fire Company | Boy Scouts of America | Quiz Bowl

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Pennsylvania College of Technology (Williamsport, PA) to earn a bachelor of science degree in building science and sustainable design. Further goals of obtaining a master’s degree in architecture to become a licensed architect with a focus on creating ecologically sound and efficient projects.

## Nicholas Moyer

IT Programming  
(West Campus)

HAMBURG SD

“I liked the people the best. The skills I learned here, both social and technical, will help me later in life.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** Technical Academy Student | IC3 Certification | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter

**Technical Academy:** Enrolled at BCTC and RACC while in high school. Completed RACC college courses at BCTC. Earned college credits towards a degree.

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** SkillsUSA 2017 Districts – 2nd, 2016 – 1st

**District / Community Activities:** Community Service through Boy Scouts

**Plans after Graduation:** Enlist in the United States Air Force to pursue a technical career.



## Wyatt Laigaie

Recreational & Power  
Equipment (West Campus)

DANIEL BOONE SD

“The thing I like best about BCTC is the shop environment that you learn in. It has prepared me tremendously for my future by teaching me what I need to know.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** National Technical Honor Society | Timken Tech Series | Dayco Belt | Meritor Bullpen | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** SkillsUSA 2017 States – 2nd

**District / Community Activities:** Daniel Boone Ice Hockey, JROTC

**Plans after Graduation:** Join the National Guard and attend Bloomsburg University for electrical engineering.

## LeeAnn Pauley

Diesel Technology  
(East Campus)

FLEETWOOD SD

“I enjoyed the experiences and training I received while making valuable friendships. I also learned important life skills that I use daily and have learned how to problem solve in my everyday life.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** S/P2 Heavy Duty Fleet Safety | S/P2 Heavy Duty Fleet Pollution Prevention | Haldex Certification | Multimeter Certification | State Inspection License | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter

**Plans after Graduation:** Enter the workforce in the diesel technology field.

## Deiondre Presley

Building Construction  
Occupations (East Campus)  
CONRAD WEISER SD

“The thing I like best about BCTC is that I have such an amazing teacher. I believe that BCTC has prepared me to enter the workforce and succeed.”



### BCTC Credentials Earned:

NCCER Certification | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** PBA Member

**District / Community Activities:** Conrad Weiser's Football, Wrestling, Track and Lacrosse Teams

**Plans after Graduation:** Plan on attending First Energy's Power Systems Institute (PSI) Training program to become a substation electrician.

## Erin Rapp

Business Management  
& Entrepreneurship  
(West Campus)

BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS SD

“BCTC prepared me for college by being able to complete college courses in high school.”



### BCTC Credentials Earned:

Technical Academy Student | National Technical Honor Society – President & Secretary | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**Technical Academy:** Enrolled at BCTC and RACC while in high school. Completed RACC college courses at BCTC during sophomore and junior years. Completed courses on the RACC campus during senior year. Earned transferrable college credits enabling entrance to Kutztown University as a college sophomore.

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Completed an internship at SofterWare, Inc. (Horsham, PA). SkillsUSA Vice President & Secretary | SkillsUSA 2016 State Competitor – 3rd, 2015 – 2nd

**District / Community Activities:** National Honor Society, Boy's Basketball Manager, Hands & Feet Ministry, Brandywine Community Church, Faith Kitchen

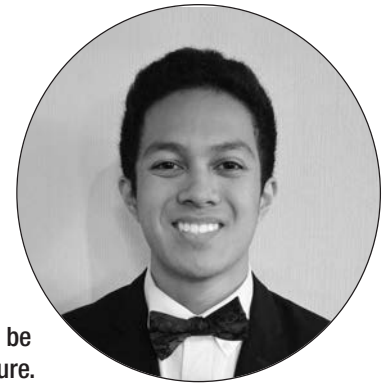
**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Kutztown University, starting as a sophomore, to major in business administration: management.



## Joaquim Diego Santos

Medical Health Professions  
Dual Enrollment Program with Penn  
State Berks & The Reading Hospital  
DANIEL BOONE SD

“My favorite part about the program would be the opportunity to job shadow in various departments at Reading Hospital. I was able to determine which fields of medicine I would be most interested in exploring in the future. My invaluable experience at BCTC has truly cemented my decision in becoming a doctor.”



**Dual Enrollment Student:** Enrolled at Penn State Berks and BCTC for the senior year. Attended Penn State two days a week completing Chemistry and Physiology. Took medical related theory classes twice a week at Reading Hospital and shadowed healthcare professionals at the hospital weekly.

**Penn State | BCTC Credentials Earned:** Earned college credits for completing Chemistry & Physiology at Penn State. BLS for the Healthcare Provider | First Aid | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award | HOSA President | HOSA State's 2017 – Gold Medal

**District / Community Activities:** National Honor Society | Many district & community activities including: Class President, Key Club President, Varsity Cross Country Captain, The Blazer Newspaper Editor, Relay for Life Mission & Advocacy Chair, Special Olympics Coordinator, Blood Drive Volunteer, Varsity Club.

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend a four-year university majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology on a pre-medicine track. Future plans to become a surgeon to save lives and improve the standards and quality of medicine for all people.

## Michael Snyder

Electrical Occupations  
(West Campus)  
CONRAD WEISER SD

“The best thing I liked about BCTC is the hands-on real world experience that it gave me.”

### BCTC Credentials Earned:

OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** PBA Secretary | SkillsUSA Parliamentarian

**District / Community Activities:** Baseball

**Plans after Graduation:** Complete an apprenticeship through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to become an electrician.





## Nicholas Tomko

Mechatronics Engineering  
Technology (West Campus)  
FLEETWOOD SD

“BCTC gave me a great head start on my future goals.”

### BCTC Credentials Earned:

Technical Academy Student | National Technical Honor Society | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award



**Technical Academy:** Enrolled at BCTC and RACC while in high school. Completed RACC college courses at BCTC during sophomore and junior years. Completed additional courses on the RACC campus during senior year. Earned transferrable college credits while in high school.

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** Completed a co-op assignment at East Penn Manufacturing as an Electrical Mechanical Technician through BCTC's Work-Based Learning program.

**District / Community Activities:** Varsity Golf Team

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend RACC to major in mechatronics and then attend Penn State Berks to major in electrical mechanical engineering to become an engineer.

## Evan Velez

Horticulture  
(East Campus)  
GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD

“BCTC has helped increase my knowledge of Horticulture / Landscaping and has given me an idea of what to expect in the real world while working in my industry.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** FFA President | Regional Small Engine Competition 2015 & 2016

**District / Community Activities:** Stage Crew, Boy Scouts

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Pennsylvania College of Technology (Williamsport, PA) to major in landscaping. Future plans to start a landscaping business.

## Jalissa Towles

Health Related Technology  
(East Campus)  
CONRAD WEISER SD

“At BCTC I had an amazing experience. BCTC has taught me many different diagnostic and therapeutic skills that I will use in my future and has helped build my communication and leadership skills in many ways. I met many different people from all around Berks County. BCTC has helped me look back on the past, focus on the present, and look forward to my future.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** BLS Healthcare Provider | Heartsaver First Aid | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** HOSA President & Vice President | HOSA State's 2016 – 4th, 2017 – 1st

**District / Community Activities:** Girls Basketball | Mini Thon | Girls Soccer Manager | Big Brothers Big Sisters

**Plans after Graduation:** Attend Bloomsburg University to major in medical imaging to become an x-ray technician with future plans to earn credentials in radiation therapy and ultrasound.

## Garrison Webb

Cabinetry &  
Wood Technology  
(East Campus)  
ANTIETAM SD

“My favorite part of BCTC is being able to plan and build projects with wood. I have always loved building ever since I was a kid. This brilliant experience has given me hands-on learning to get me ready to work hard for an employer.”



**BCTC Credentials Earned:** National Technical Honor Society | NCCER Certification | OSHA Industry Certification | BCTC Student of the Quarter | BCTC Perfect Attendance Award

**BCTC Experience / Activities:** PBA Member

**District / Community Activities:** Bowling | Assisted Antietam School District

**Plans after Graduation:** Enter the workforce in the woodworking field and secure a position in cabinetry with the opportunity for advancement.

# Berks Career & Technology



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### Business & Information Technology

Business Management & Entrepreneurship (W)  
IT Networking (E)  
IT Programming (W)

### Communications

Advertising Art & Design Technology (W)  
Communication Media Technology (W)  
Graphic Imaging Technology (W)  
Photo Imaging Technology (W)

### Construction

Building Construction Occupations (E)  
Cabinetry & Wood Technology (E)  
Carpentry (E)  
Electrical Occupations (B)  
HVAC / Refrigeration (E)  
Masonry (E)  
Painting & Decorating (W)  
Plumbing & Heating (E)

### Engineering & Manufacturing Technology

Drafting Design Technology (W)  
Electronic Engineering Technology (W)  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology (W)  
Precision / Computerized Machining Technology (W)  
Robotics & Automation Technology (W)  
Welding Technology (W)

### Healthcare

Dental Occupations (E)  
Health Occupations (W)  
Health-Related Technology (E)  
Medical Health Professions (W) *(seniors only)*  
Sports Medicine & Rehabilitative Therapy (E)

### Services

Cosmetology (B)  
Culinary Arts (B)  
Early Childhood Education (B)  
Horticulture (E)  
Protective Services (E)  
Service Occupations (E)

### Transportation

Automotive Collision Repair Technology (B)  
Automotive Technology (B)  
Diesel Technology (E)  
Heavy Equipment Technology (E)  
Recreational & Power Equipment Technology (W)

### Technical Academy Programs

Business Management & Entrepreneurship (W)  
Health Occupations (W)  
IT Networking (E)  
IT Programming (W)  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology (W)

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*(W) indicates the program is offered only at the West Campus in Leesport.*

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