

Stafford Technical Center Director's Report 9-27-12

New RAB Members

RAB membership will see the following individuals joining the Board as a result of standing membership within the organizations they represent:

- Marvin Cota, Department of Labor
- Sandra Wilkes, Principal at Mount St. Joseph Academy or a representative on her behalf.

We will also be welcoming the three Student Representatives:

- Morgan Ballard – Human Services – Mill River Union High School
- Cassie Ciejko – Culinary Arts – Fair Haven Union High School
- Teresa Isabelle – Hospitality & Entrepreneurship – Proctor Jr./Sr. High School

In addition, the RAB will be asked to endorse the nominations of the following business and industry leaders:

- Robert Buzzell, Siliski & Buzzell P.C.
- David Dunn, Green Mountain Power

2012-2013 Student Enrollment

A comparison of announced tuitions for technical centers around the state is attached for your review. You will note that STC is 12th on a list of 15. There are many reasons for this, foremost being our relationship with Rutland Public Schools, which creates cost efficiencies based upon the size of the District. We will discuss this in the upcoming Finance Committee meetings as we deliberate over the FY14 budget. **(Enclosure- Announced Tuitions)**

Stafford Technical Center currently has 273 students enrolled. Full enrollment, given our schedule, would be approximately 285. The enrollment attachment provides an overview of how the students are distributed by program. **(Enclosure- Enrollment Report by Program and Sending School 2012-2013)**

▪ **Application History**

School Year	Applications Received	Students Enrolled 9-18-12
2012-2013	369	273
2011-2012	341	243
		(One fewer program than '10-'11.)
		Students Enrolled Oct 15 th
2010-2011	302	229
2009-2010	380	244
		(One fewer program than '08-'09.)
2008-2009	370	246
		(Two fewer programs than '07-'08.)
2007-2008	377	257
2006-2007	395	276

2005-2006	385	268
2004-2005	356	270
2003-2004	360	273
2002-2003	359	251
2001-2002	339	256
2000-2001	300	227
1999-2000	250	228

Members of the RAB should note that not all students who apply are accepted to Stafford. I have enclosed an information sheet that points out the criteria for acceptance. Some students that applied were not ready for the curriculum that they were interested in. **(Enclosure – Entry Requirements for 2012-2013)**

- **Academic Diversity**

Academic diversity within programs has continued to expand.

2012-2013 49% of students receive services

44 IEP's - Students on IEPs (Individual Education Plans-Special Education)

43 504's - Students with 504 plans (not qualifying for special education services but requiring support)

46 EST's - Students with 157 plans (limited educational accommodations required)

2011-2012	47% of students received services
2010-2011	49%
2009-2010	42%
2008-2009	44%
2007-2008	38%
2006-2007	31%
2005-2006	38%
2004-2005	42%
2003-2004	39%
2002-2003	36%
2001-2002	29%

News in Brief

If you have any questions about any of the particular items noted below, please contact me or speak with me at the RAB meeting.

Legislative Breakfast

Mary Powell, President and CEO of Green Mountain Power, will be the guest speaker at our upcoming Legislative Breakfast. The Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the Doll House Restaurant. You will receive more information concerning the breakfast in the near future.

Summer Events

- As soon as school ended in June John Bixby (Electrical/Plumbing), Jeff Fowler (Construction Technology) and Cheryl Niedzwiecki (Hospitality & Entrepreneurship)

were off to the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City with four of our students. As always, the students represented themselves, Stafford and Vermont very well.

- Sue Densmore (Human Services) traveled to Orlando Florida with three students for the 67th Anniversary National Convention of FCCLA. Three students took part and returned with a Silver Medal at that National Level. Congratulations Sue! We will want to hear more when everyone returns.
- Summer Arts and Technology Camp was again very successful this year. Dave Warrender organized a summer offering that included the skills of George Ambrose (RAB member), former STC students and current instructors. Almost 70 students took part and enjoyed a wide variety of activities.

Soon thereafter, week-long camps in Digital Arts (Karen Kysar), Music (Bill Comstock) and Culinary Arts (Lisa Fennimore) took place with 9th grade aspiring students. A culminating celebration was well attended by family and friends.

At the same time, John Bixby's two-week Summer Construction Camp, was appreciated by another talented group of young up and coming Stafford students. Students learned more about the options available to them in the construction industry. While doing so, they built high quality picnic tables and donated them to area non-profit organizations and schools.

Also, Sharon Ryan (Special Educator) began oversight of Friday MOVE Camps, which involved students from Rutland Middle School's summer program. Again, current Stafford instructors support the sessions with their skills.

- Bill Lucci's Continuing Education Program will be hosting the VTC/CCV Associate Degree in Nursing Program this fall. Initially, students will take their first year on the VTC campus and then have the option of completing the second year at STC.

Room 218, the former Computer Technology lab, will be the new space for the General Electric Electronic Technician Program, which is a collaborative effort between GE, VTC and STC.

- Several rooms have been upgraded this summer. New paint has freshened up the Automotive Technology program. New tile and paint in Health Careers has added that needed 'clinical' look that instructor Dianna Bassett has hoped for. And, the newly renovated First-year Cosmetology classroom greeted new students in room 216.
- It is time to revamp the STC website. Stay tuned for details from Peg Bolgioni (Outreach Coordinator) and other's as it is rolled out to the public.
- A check in the amount of \$500 was provided to STC from the Rutland Area Vehicle Enthusiasts at the Annual RAVE Car show in July. It will be used for student scholarships and/or equipment.
- The Student Craft Corp is negotiating a land purchase that will support students continuing to build energy efficient homes. Jeff Fowler has put the finishing touches on one of the Student Craft houses on Stafford Lane. It is under contract and the closing is scheduled for October 15th. The second house is on the market and has had a number of positive "looks". We are keeping our fingers crossed.

- Green Mountain Power has requested permission from the Public Service Board to donate a hybrid Toyota Prius and solar panel to STC as part of renewable energy education. Stay tuned.