

Stafford Technical Center Director's Report 9-18-13

New RAB Members

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

- Wendy Morse, Department of Labor

We will also be welcoming the three Student Representatives:

- Joseph Folwer, Power Mechanics & Welding – Home School Student
- Dayna Hughes, Leadership & Marketing/Digital Arts – Fair Haven Union High
- Samantha Lacz, Health Careers – West Rutland High School

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

- Chrispin White - Director of The Robert T. Stafford Center for the Support and Study of the Community at Castleton State College

2013-2014 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 247 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 2013-2014)**

Application History

School Year	Applications Received	Students Enrolled 9-18-13
2013-2014	339	247
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 2013-2014)**

- **Academic Diversity**

Academic diversity within programs has continued to expand.

2013-2014 44% of students receive services
 50 IEP's - Students on IEPs (Individual Education Plans-Special Education)
 29 504's - Students with 504 plans (not qualifying for special education services but requiring support)
 29 EST's - Students with 157 plans (limited educational accommodations required)
 1 ELL - English Language Learner

2012-2013 **49%** of students received services
 2011-2012 **47%**
 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

The date for the 2013 Legislative Breakfast has been set for Tuesday, November 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the Doll House Restaurant. You will receive more information concerning the breakfast in the near future.

Summer Updates

- We are all pleased to welcome the following new staff members.

Tony Bosnich (Power Mechanics & Welding) comes to us from the Vergennes Job Corps. He has extensive welding experience and certifications to bring to the program.

Deb Perkins (Public Safety Services) comes to us from the Rutland Police Department. Her resume includes work with the West Virginia State Police, service in the Army, and training at the FBI National Academy.

Curt Casper, our new Video Multi-Media Communications instructor, is joining us from a FOX affiliate in Omaha, Nebraska.

- As soon as school ended John Bixby (Electrical/Plumbing), Tom Shannon (Auto Refinishing) and Dianna Bassett (Health Careers) 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 Nashville Tennessee with three students for the 68th National Convention of FCCLA. Three students took part and returned with a Gold and two Silver Medals!
- Cosmetology students, who began the program two years ago, are one step closer to getting their license. Holly Savage and Laurel Austin offered additional instructional time in June and July to their students towards the required 1,500 hours necessary for taking the State Board Exam. A majority of the students are now ready to test.
- Summer Arts and Technology Camp was again very successful this year. Dave Warrender, organized our summer offerings. Approximately 55 students took part and enjoyed a wide variety of activities.

Soon thereafter, week-long camps in Digital Arts (Karen Kysar) and CSI (John D'esposito) took place with aspiring 9th grade 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 Needs Coordinator) continued her oversight of Friday MOVE Camps, which involve students from Rutland Middle School's summer program.

- Cheryl Niedzwicki and Peg Bolgioni offered a summer Leadership Institute. It was a collaboration between Stafford, the College of St. Joseph and the Workforce Investment Board (Nancy Burzon).
- Tom Tresch, para-educator in the Automotive Refinishing Program, received a \$500 check on behalf of STC from RAVE at the Annual RAVE Car show in July. It will be used for student scholarships and/or equipment.