



'Making Connections'

"When are we ever going to use this stuff?" These are probably words that all high school students have said at one time or another, but students in New Haven's Automotive Technology classes have definitely "used this stuff". Some students take auto just to learn the basics to help them maintain their own cars, and some take auto to make a connection to future careers and opportunities. This year ten seniors took part in the Ford AAA competitive test — some to make opportunities for themselves and others because they are not sure what they wanted to do after graduation. The ten

seniors to participate in the Ford AAA test were determined by their outstanding performance in an in house test.

Upon selection, the team came together and put in a lot of hard work and determination to prepare for the actual competition. The team took the Ford AAA written portion of the test in the end of February. The results have not been released yet, so we don't know if the team qualified as one of the top ten teams in the state. Either way, the ten students names are out there and many opportunities will arise from making the team and taking the test. The student's

names will be entered in a database that will be available to companies like Ford dealers, Goodyear, Midas, NAPA, as well as many more employers.

Other opportunities that can arise for the Ford AAA team, are scholarships from colleges like Ferris State, Macomb Community College, MIT, ITT, University of Northwestern Ohio, Ohio Technical College, Baker College, and Wyoming Tech, just to name a few. If the team test score is in the top ten, the top two students will get a chance to showcase their skills in a hands-on competition against nine other schools.



Back row from left to right, Scott Moutard, Tim Mrosewske, Logan Rutkowski, Mr. Milton, Jimmy Foss, Drake Boyer, Chelsea Jarvis. Front row left to right, Shawn Robinson, Mike Dart, Paris Smith, Timothy Davenport

Medical careers of the future

One career opportunity in the current job market that always seems to be in demand is in the field of medicine. Many medical institutions are facing shortages in health care personnel and are offering cash and other benefit incentives for new-comers to join their team. By offering a high school medical careers program, the students have the opportunity to learn what is involved in becoming a health care professional and learn skills that may help them to obtain an entry level position in a medical facility. Also, this class may spark an interest for the student to pursue a career in the medical field.



Throughout the school year various health care professionals visit the students at New Haven High School. Each of the guest speakers explain to the students what duties are expected of them, how much education is required to get the job as well as the amount of continuing education needed to keep the job, the good points versus the bad points about the profession, advice for the students of the type of personality one should have to work at this profession, the chance for advancement in this career, and the rate of pay and benefits one could expect, if working at this job. Many of the guest speakers also have the students participate with "on-the-job hands-on" activities so that they can experience some of the duties that are expected of them in the particular profession. This year's guest speakers included a Patient Care Assistant, an Emergency Medical Technician, a Radiology/Mammogram Technician, a Physical Therapist, two Respiratory Therapists, a Physician Assistant, a Personal Trainer, a Dentist, and a Dental Hygienist.

After students complete this course, they understand what certain medical careers are all about, have learned

theory and practical applications (mostly in the medical assistant field), have learned over 350 medical terms/abbreviations, have communicated about numerous medical disorders to their peers by designing bulletin boards and showcases, and have learned about medical math applications. So who says learning can't be fun? Some of the most exciting activities for the medical students involved taking their partner's vital signs (blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and respiration), washing each other's hair, applying oral care, and learning how to transport patients.

Through the Richmond-Lenox EMS service, the

students were also trained how to administer CPR and the AED. Various scenarios were brought up and the students had to apply their prior knowledge to determine the correct course of action to be taken. After three days of training, each student took the CPR/AED exam and had earned their certification.

In addition, the medical students host the annual blood drive and earn community service hours from this event. An instructor from the American Red Cross train the students how to set up and label the blood units, explain what to do at the registration desk and at the canteen area, and describe the role of the escorts. This year's blood drive is April 23rd and the goal is to collect 46 pints of blood.

The medical career students at New Haven High School have an opportunity to explore different medical careers and health issues. They also learn skills that will help prepare them for future experiences, both in the workplace and at home. It is also apparent that since many of the students wish to fulfill a career in the medical field, they will go on to a post-secondary institution to continue their education and earn a degree.

New Haven High School Business Professionals of America show skills

By Lisa Bartlett

Business Management Instructor

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the leading Career Technical Student Organization that prepares students (middle school through college) who are pursuing future careers in business management, office administration, information technology, and other career related fields, with over 51,000 members in 23 states. Students compete in skilled events such as Interview Skills, Entrepreneurship, and Medical Office Procedures at the Regional level. Students that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the Regional Level advance onto the State Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan for a chance to compete in the events they qualified in and advance to the National Leadership Conference. This year the National Leadership Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas in May.

New Haven High School's Business Management teacher, Lisa Bartlett, took over their chapter in 2005-2006 with a membership of 11 students and 8 of those students advanced to the State Competition and one student, Shannon Pfeiffer, advanced to the National competition in Orlando, Florida and placed 11th in the nation for Presentation Management Individual. As a result of Ms. Bartlett's promotion, 2006-2007 membership jumped to 32 students and 16 of those students advanced to the State Competition. In 2007-2008, there was a membership of 67 students, 32 advancing to the State Competition, and one student, Nicholas Crawford, advanced to the National competition in Reno, Nevada and placed 3rd in the nation for Advanced Interview Skills. This year, there was an all time high in membership with 68 students! There are 17 students advancing

to the State Competition which will be held March 18-22 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. New Haven's Chapter President, Tara Johns, has been accepted to run for a State Executive Council position and represent Michigan at the National Level in Dallas, Texas.

While there have been fundraising efforts, New Haven still came up short on the wishes of getting the 17 students trip paid for. The overall cost incurred is nearly \$400 per student. While at the New Haven Village meeting to get a bus donated by the Village for our trip, we were invited by Mr. Jeff White from the Richmond Rotary Club to attend one of the clubs meetings and prepare a

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presentation for the possibly get a monetary donation. On February 24th, Advisor Lisa Bartlett, President Tara Johns, and Treasurer/Fundraising Chair Nicholas Onufrak attended the Richmond Rotary Club meeting and impressed the members with a PowerPoint presentation all about BPA and the statistics on the growth of the chapter in New Haven. A week following the presenting Mr. White contacted Ms. Bartlett congratulating the New Haven BPA Chapter on their generous donation from the Richmond Rotary Club of \$3000.00. This money will be a guaranteed \$200 per student to pay for their food throughout the entire trip. These students truly work hard and are very thankful for the donation. With this generous donation from the Richmond Rotary Club, students and parents alike can rest assured that their meals will be taken care. With today's economy, the students were struggling and worried as to how this trip could be paid for. It is because of generous members of the Richmond Rotary Club that our Business Professionals of America State Conference Trip is possible!

New Haven's 'Launch Pad' Great Start for Students

By Tara Johns

School Store Manager

In early November, New Haven High School opened its very first school store, appropriately named "The Launch Pad." The New Haven nickname is the Rockets! This highly anticipated event was the result of many hours of planning and work by Lisa Bartlett, the Business/Marketing teacher and Business Professionals of America (BPA) Advisor and the students interested in the field of Marketing. The store is open before and

after school and during the lunch periods and is completely operated by the students. Store Managers were chosen for their enthusiasm, professionalism and quality of work. They have learned a great deal about a retail store operation as they do all the product ordering, setting prices, managing employees schedules and work, customer service, conflict management and business plan improvement.

Adam Berger, Tara Johns, and Shelby Meyers were specially picked among the employees by Ms. Bartlett to

manage the first ever school store. Shelby Meyers says "I felt that it was a great honor to serve as one of the first ever managers of the Launch Pad, this shows me that Ms. Bartlett has trust in us and believes that we will run the store efficiently and that means a lot to me."

The school store creates a challenging environment that encourages students to make productive decisions and broaden their sense of business ethics that will be used throughout their lives. All of these students participate in Business

Professionals of America and have proven to Ms. Bartlett that they have the helpful skills needed to make the school store a success.

The professional environment combined with the school spirit atmosphere makes the school store not only a great way for students to practice their skills and expand their career development but also a fun environment, never having a dull moment. A lot of hard work and effort has proven to be a necessity for the proficient operation of the school store.

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