

# DCBOCES SPOTLIGHT

## Reflections

With the month of fresh faces, new challenges, and exciting work behind us, we would like to thank each of you for your continuing efforts to help young people to excel.

We hope you are energized and feel inspired to continue to enable and celebrate student achievement every day. Please enjoy this “look back” at some important events.

### JOB WELL DONE

Staff, administrators, and most importantly, family members, came together at numerous celebrations last June to congratulate and honor BOCES students for completing the 2013-14 school year. Dedicated instructional and support staff members played critical roles in preparing students for the culminating graduation events and their future success.

The list of accomplishments were long as graduates from the Alternative High School (AHS), the Career and Technical Institute (CTI), and at the Adult Learning Institute (ALI) moved on, prepared for career or college. Eighth graders at the Salt Point Learning Center (SPC), moved up; ready for new academic challenges.

Best wishes to all our students!

### SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATION

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 40 practical nursing graduates took the Florence Nightingale Pledge, promising to devote themselves fully to the welfare of those in their care. Graduates received their certificates and pins before a moving candle lighting ceremony.

11 graduates were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during the ceremony. The Society honors scholastic achievement and personal excellence, recognizing students nation-wide who have a high GPA, excellent attendance, and outstanding participation in student organizations.



*Student representatives, Esther Awodeyi, Suzzette Morris-Hutchinson, Suzette Profanato, had inspiring words to say to their classmates.*

## CTI RECOGNITION NIGHT



Career and Technical Institute held their 2014 Recognition Night on June 10<sup>th</sup>, honoring two hundred and eighty-five seniors for completing a range of vocational training programs along with the friends of CTI.



## SPC MOVING UP CEREMONY



Salt Point Center (SPC) held their Moving Up ceremony with 32 eighth graders recognized by administrators, faculty, and family for their scholastic and personal achievements.



## SkillsUSA 2014 Champions at Work

Students Place 1<sup>st</sup> in Culinary Arts and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Criminal Justice. Congratulations to the CTI students who traveled to Syracuse in April for the Career and Technical Institute SkillsUSA competition. More than 50 students, the largest group in CTI history, participated matched with the best students in New York State in competitions in career and technical areas.



## ALI GRADUATION



An inspirational group of over 35 HSE<sup>®</sup> recipients celebrated their achievements at the Falcon Hall Gymnasium at Dutchess Community College. For over twenty years, Dutchess BOCES has hosted the county wide HSE<sup>®</sup> graduation ceremony for those who have earned their high school equivalency diploma.



## AHS GRADUATION DAY



35 graduates were honored at the Dutchess BOCES Alternative High

School Commencement. Graduate speakers Ryan Odendahl and Corey Sherow offered their classmates inspiring remarks during the ceremony.



## SUMMER SCHOLARS

Exploring the program's 2014 theme, *The Media's Impact on American Political Institutions*, the student's focused on critical thinking, reading, and writing that touched on domestic politics, foreign policy, and issues of war and peace. Students engaged in a sophisticated classroom experience of field work and discourse not other wise found in most high school classrooms.