

# The Catalyst—Northwest Tech

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Cosmetology students organized a Toys For Tots Drive. Students, staff and patrons, provided gifts to many families in need during the holiday season.



## Career Planning Updates

If college is part of the picture for fall 2014, now is the time to begin the financial aid process. January is Financial Aid Month. Each student and parent will need a PIN (Personal Identification Number) prior to filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Aid). To obtain a Federal PIN, go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

To file for financial aid, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/).

Planning ahead now will make the transition to college easier when the time comes.

Seniors will soon be working on job seeking skills to include resume writing and interview skills. Job seeking skills are key for students entering the work force.

### Save The Date:

This year's Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ Lisbon Central School Auditorium.

Gateways to Careers promotes job seeking skill development & practice. Gateways is scheduled for March 26, 2014. Gateways to Careers will be held at Roos House on the Canton College campus. Seniors and/or Juniors from all local districts will have the opportunity to practice interview skills and receive valuable feedback from participating employers.

Materials to prepare for Gateways can be found on the SLLBOCES web site under the heading of Career & Technical Education — Gateways Resources.

[sllboces.org](http://sllboces.org)



Health Careers Students begin skill development and practice in the classroom lab. They then progress to hone their skills in the clinical setting at St. Joseph's. Juniors and Seniors participate in clinic now through May.



Courtney Green, Lisbon Student plans to earn a Certified Nurse Aide Certificate in June

## Student of the Month

December

Cody Gambrel  
Electronics

January

Morgan Baldock  
Health Careers

February

Marissa LaMere  
Cosmetology



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## Career & Technical Education Class Updates

### Allied Health:

Students continue to learn about professional health careers. The class recently sponsored a Blood Drive.



### Auto Technology:

Mr. Tiernan reminds us that there are about 50 days before the National Assessments (NOCTI) are given.

### Cosmetology:

Students are still hosting Birthday Party Specials for young children on Wednesday after school from 3:00—5:00. If you would like to book a party, please call Cosmetology at 393-4570.

### Criminal Justice:

Students recently learned about the use of force and defensive tactics from a retired NYS Trooper.

### Building Trades:

See Article on next page.

Culinary Arts: Students are currently working on restaurant design projects.

### Early Childhood

Education: The weekly lab school continues to be a source of fun and learning opportunities. Seniors are preparing for workplace learning experiences.

Electronics: Digital electronics is the focus for seniors. Juniors concentrate on the concepts related to analog electronics, to include the roles played by diodes, direct and alternating current.

### Environmental Tech:

Mr. Foster teaches students from now until the month the of March. Students are working on final practical projects. Landscaping principals and Horticulture are current topics.

### GED/Career Prep:

There are changes in the GED program beginning this month. The new name for the old GED is TASC or Test Assessing Secondary Completion. The first TASC exam is schedule for March.

Graphics: Digital photography and animation are ongoing topics covered in class. Students will soon begin photo shoots for the school yearbook.

Health Careers: Task Aide and Certified Nurse Aide preparation ongoing.

Metalworking Students are working to complete senior projects as well as continuing to practice for



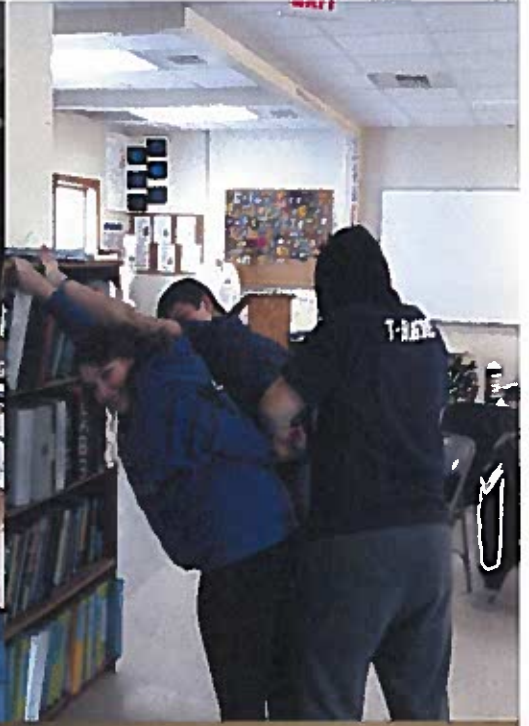
the next NYS bridge test.

### Pharmacy Tech.:

Pharmaceutical compounding is just one topic reviewed in the class. Preparation for the certifying exam will be a focus for the spring.





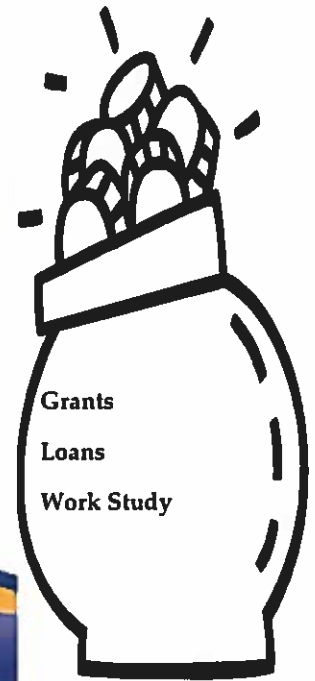


## Fast Facts for Parents



# COLLEGE GOAL NY

FAFSA Completion Events for New York State Students



Students can register at  
[www.collegegoalny.org](http://www.collegegoalny.org)

They will then click on  
Events>Potsdam on the left  
hand-side > then register to  
attend.

This year, we will be hosting the event on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from 10 am-2 pm at Clarkson University, 130 Bertrand . Snell Hall, Potsdam, NY. Students may arrive at any time. Financial aid professionals from Northern NY colleges and universities will be present throughout the afternoon to answer questions and assist with the on-line completion of both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the NY State Tap Application.

### Updates From Our Builders

The building trades class is progressing with this year's modular home project. The seniors have completed the rough in of the plumbing and electrical portion of the project and are currently finishing various wiring exercises on wiring boards. In the coming weeks they will be concentrating on finishing the drywall and preparing for the interior trim on the project.

The juniors have completed closing in the project for winter and the insulation on the project and are currently hanging the drywall. In the coming weeks they will begin milling out the interior trim for this year's project.

