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Ocean County Achievement Center

The **Center** is a collaborative effort and partnership led by Ocean County College Continuing & Professional Education Office, Ocean County PIC, Inc., Goodwill's Helms Academy, and Rutgers Transitional Education and Employment Management (T.E.E.M.) Gateway. The **Ocean County Achievement Center**, hosted by Ocean County College, provides out-of-school youth and young adults, ages 16 to 24, comprehensive and individualized services to address academic and career goals. The services are provided by various community partners to provide young adults wraparound support services, access to educational programs, career exploration, work readiness training, internships, on-the-job-shadowing, leadership development, job placement, adult mentoring, and work experience opportunities. As the Ocean County Achievement Center grows so will the services and programs that will be offered to our young adults.

Community Partners

Mental Health Association, Eckerd Connects, Waters & Sims Employment Services, Inc., Family Planning Center of Ocean County, Wells Fargo-Holiday City Branch, Ocean County Library, Navicore, Perlmutter Family Shoprite of Fisher Bay, B&B Sunoco, Visiting Nursing Association, CCYC, JBJ Soul Kitchen, Ocean County Vocational Technical School, RWJ Prevention and Recovery, GEM Ambulance, Jersey Shore Animal Center, Ocean County College All Departments

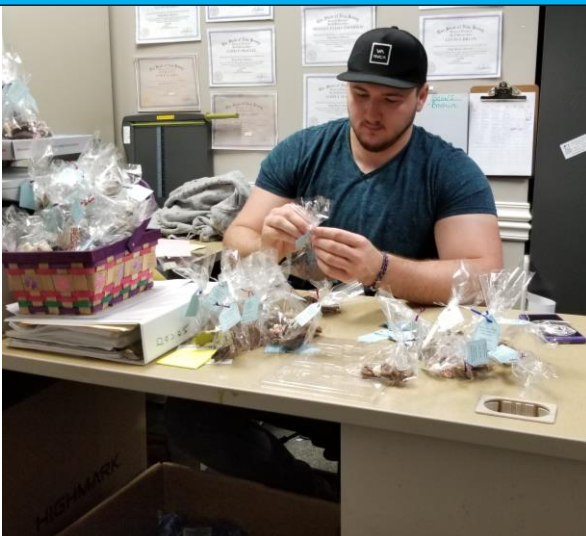
Graduation Preparation



Participants delivering invitations at OCC for the graduation ceremony June 12, 2019



Participants making the chocolate favors for graduation attendees.





Graduating
Class of
2019



Graduates lining up to enter the ceremony.



Graduates Gavin Bryan, Gavin Sharkey, Raquel Pressley, and Austin Belford giving their speeches.

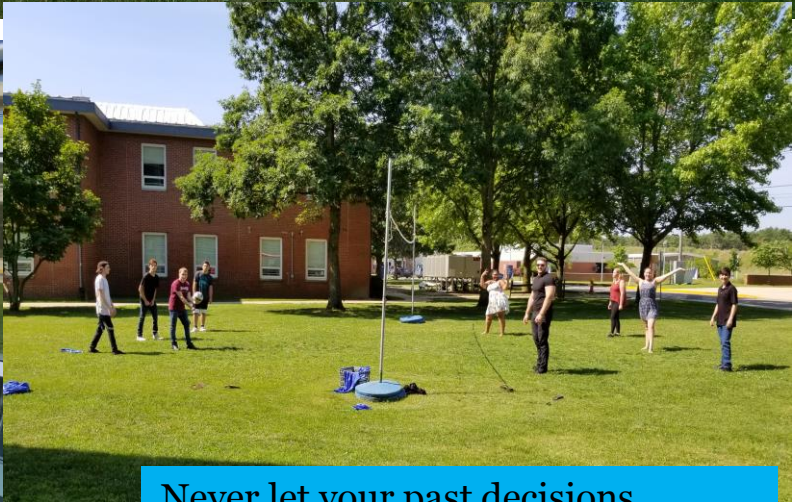


Dr. Henry Jackson, Executive Director of Academic Success, reciting a poem he composed and speaking some words of motivation to the crowd.

“An investment in knowledge
always pays the best interest.”

—Benjamin Franklin



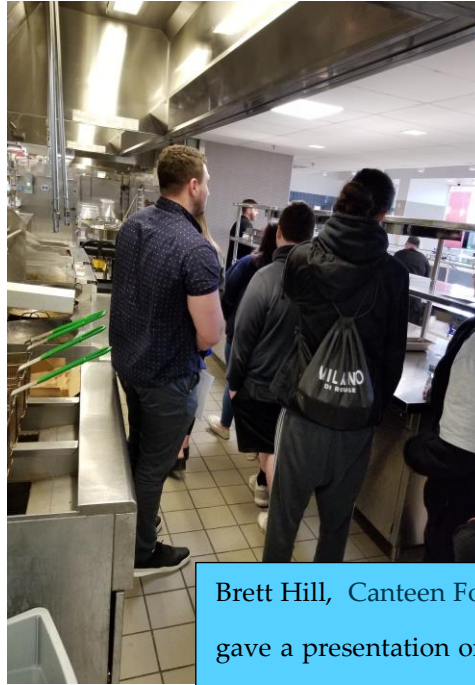


Never let your past decisions determine your future outcome.
-Mark Dudley

Career Day



Ralph Bertini, Television Production Director at OCC, gave us a tour of OCC's TV Studio and career options in the field.



Brett Hill, Canteen Food Service Director at OCC, gave a presentation on culinary arts and a tour of dining services and the food court.



Agent Michael J. Colwell gave a presentation from the Ocean County Prosecutors office.

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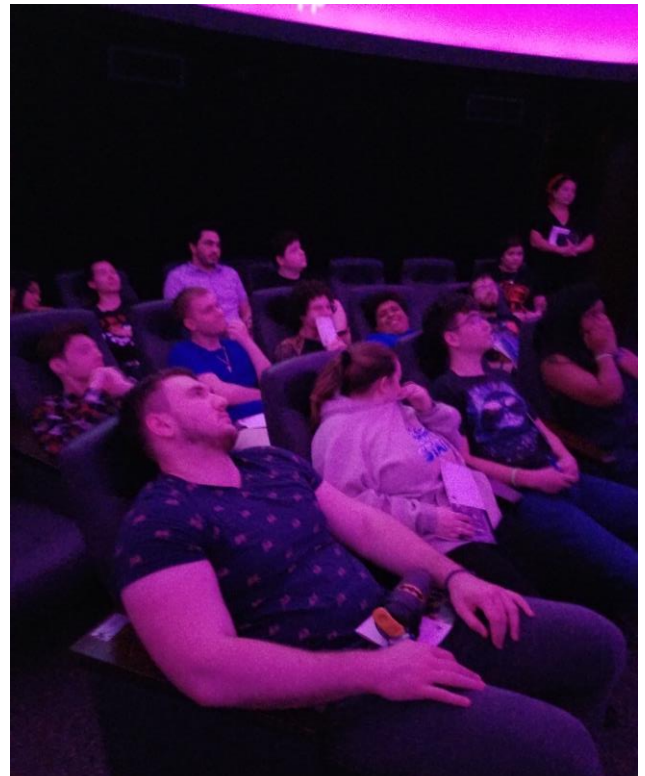
Mark Wilson, Director of Cultural Affairs, Fine and Performing Arts at OCC's Grunin Theater, presenting the benefits of working in the theater.



Brian Moran owner of B&B Sunoco shows participants how to change a tire and check the oil.



Officer Joseph Catapano from OCC explains the benefits and once in a life time experiences as a firefighter.



Mark Wilson also shared with the participants a short laser show at OCC's planetarium.



Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority

Harry Robins, Operations Manager, and Bob Ferina, Director of Operations, showed us how the water supply safely gets filtered of all contaminants. He showed us a great career trade in water treatment.





Lakewood Blueclaws

Jim McNamara from First Energy Park gave us a tour of the stadium. He showed us behind the scenes of what really goes into putting a game together as well as making all fans happy. This left us with multiple great career opportunities ideas.





Participants getting pizza in the Student Center during Career day in March.



The Participants loved the China buffet.



Getting Friendly's after touring the Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools.



Ocean County Vocational Technical School Tour



The tour of the Ocean County Vocational Technical schools was very interesting. We were shown many different career options that involves the training they provide throughout the year. Some examples are car detailing, welding, woodwork, computer programing, cosmotology, and mechanics.