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## ALJ project Career Shadowing Day a big success

April 9, 1987, was indeed a day to remember for the 25 students who participated in the first "Career Shadowing Day" at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

The students from the 10th, 11th and 12th grades had an opportunity to follow members of the local community to their jobs on that Thursday morning. Once there, they learned the how, what and why of a myriad of occupations, ranging from the legal profession and law enforcement to banking and engineering. The Arthur L.

Johnson students spent the entire day with their professional sponsors, gathering knowledge and real-life experience which will undoubtedly assist them in their respective career choices.

"It was a great experience for the kids," explained Joseph Streit, a guidance counselor at Arthur L. Johnson and the coordinator of the school's Career Shadowing Program. "The day was tremendous for everyone involved — I'd have to say that it was probably the best thing I became involved with dur-

ing my 17 years here."

For the students, the Career Shadowing Program is more than a one-day experience. After identifying their own interest in a particular occupation, the students had to do extensive research on their chosen field and formulate at least five questions which could be posed to their respective sponsors while on the job.

"Students told me that there were things they had learned in class and during their research that helped them in their understanding of a profession," continued

Mr. Streit. "And the sponsors came to me at the end of the day to tell me how attentive and well-informed the students were, how all of their questions were pertinent to the subject at hand."

"And, every one of these kids has a story about what they experienced," he added with a smile, sifting through folders containing each student's account of their day on the job.

After an early-morning gathering at Arthur L. Johnson, where the sponsors met with the students who would accompany

them for the day, the youngsters headed for many different venues, including large industrial plants, private professional and municipal offices and retail outlets. After a full day of activity, the students returned to school, telling of their experiences.

Rich Regan, a junior at Arthur L. Johnson, spent the day with a police officer in one of New Jersey's major cities.

"It was quite an experience," he said, with more than a trace of excitement in his voice. "The policeman I rode with showed me every phase of the job, good and bad, and every part of the city — it was really something to see. I went on a couple of calls with him, and he went out of his way to make the situation as life-like as possible. I could never have learned about being a police officer in a book — I had to be there."

Another sophomore, Michelle Stavitski, "shadowed" Gary Kaczka of the Stewart Pharmaceutical Company for the day. Mr. Kaczka's business took him to two Newark-based hospitals, University of Medicine and Dentistry and Beth Israel. There, Michelle had the opportunity to witness procedures in chemotherapy labs and pediatric units in addition to being present for two operations performed at the Beth Israel Medical Center.

Junior Tracey Clark was sponsored by Dr. Richard Olin, a dentist.

"I saw aspects of dentistry that I never knew existed," said Tracey. "I was able to see Dr. Olin perform regular checkups, do denture work and perform a root canal. There is much more to being a dentist than I had originally thought."

Scott Sandy, a junior, accompanied Gwen Hall, a vice-president with the National State Bank in Kenilworth.

"Much of the day centered around the marketing practices of the bank," he said, "but we also discussed other banking matters. I was in on two meetings, including a conference where a rate change in certificates of deposit (CDs) was discussed. I understood the discussion because of what I learned in Miss (Barbara) Doane's Economics class."

All in all, the first "Career Shadowing Day" at Johnson Regional was a smashing success and a satisfying experience — not only for the students, but for its organizer.

"The cooperation we received from the Clark Chamber of Commerce and all of the sponsors was outstanding," said Mr. Streit. "And those sponsors came to me at the end of the day asking to be involved in the program again next year. Personally, I can't wait until we do it all again."

## Board of Education challenges Municipal Council budget cut

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Board of Education has filed an appeal of the Municipal Council's decision to cut the board's budget with Vito Gagliardi, County Superintendent of Schools. The budget was voted down by Clark residents in the school election held on April 7.

The Board of Education and a special council committee consisting of Councilmembers Robert Ellenport, Fred Eckel and William Caruso will meet with the county superintendent on Thursday.

At the board's regular meeting held last week a special inservice workshop for all kindergarten through grade 5 teachers was approved for May 20. The workshop will be devoted to perception, activities and the processing of information by the brain.

Also at the meeting, the board approved the following student teachers from Kean College to participate in the senior practicum in the Clark public schools: Barbara Heffman, (FHS, first grade, Miss Finzel); Denise Vella, (FHS, first grade, Miss Putchel); Carol Applebaum, (FHS, first grade, Miss Kunak); JoAnne DiPaola, (FHS, fifth grade, Mrs. Gagliardi); Kathy Mytschenko, (FHS, third grade, Mrs. Dreyfus); Dianne Soyka, (FHS, second grade, Mrs. Warneck); Darlene Farrace (VRS, first grade, Mrs. Curtin); Susan Fitzgerald, (VRS, third grade, Miss Bond); Donna Billella, (VRS, kindergarten, Mrs. Schroeder and VRS, third grade Mrs. Cameral; Barbara Fittipaldi, (VRS, preschool, Miss Mullen); Deborah Sot, (VRS, kindergarten, Mrs. Chinchar).

In other business, the board:

—Authorized H. Edward Flanagan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to attend the NJSBO Workshop in Atlantic City on May 6-8.

—Authorized the Superintendent of Schools and Board Members to attend the NJASA/NJSBA spring conference in Atlantic City on May 17-19.

—Authorized Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, to attend the International Reading Association Conference in Hyannis, Massachusetts on August 9-12.

—Authorized the following reimbursements for attendance at conferences: Joanne Lemegille, \$43.25;

Diane Kocsi, \$9.02; Pam Mullin, \$16.98.

—Approved an Advanced Study Grant for Eileen Sanchez, Rutgers University, Psychology of the Exceptional Child, in accordance with the contract.

—Authorized the Business Administrator to submit the necessary documents to participate in the Joint Fuel Oil Bid solicitation through the Union County Education Services Commission.

—Appointed the following non-tenured teachers upon approval of the superintendent: Carolyn Zidick, a special education teacher, Debra McCarthy, a special education teacher, Karen Huggins, a nurse, Diane Rizzo, a librarian, and Jan Kampel, a teacher of foreign languages.



ON-THE-JOB-TRAINING . . . Twenty-five students from the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark recently participated in the school's first Career Shadowing Day. Here, from left, Ken Kraby, the Director

of Engineering for L'Oreal-Cosmar of Clark, and the plant's Manufacturing Manager, A.J. Quarataro, explain factory procedures to Johnson Regional students Tony Ruloko, a junior, and Corey Todras, a sophomore.



MUNICIPAL LESSON . . . ALJ sophomore Bryan Stacy goes over building permits with Margaret Messina, a clerk at the Clark Municipal Building, during the recent Career Shadowing Day, held by the high school.

### Holiday closing

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that the Disposal and Recycling Center will be closed Sunday, May 10 in observance of Mother's Day. The Disposal and Recycling center will reopen Monday, May 11.

### Clark updating pool I.D.'s

The Clark Community Pool will update identification cards and take photographs for the cards for the 1987 pool season on the following dates: Wednesdays, May 13 and 20, 7:30-9 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 16, 1-4 p.m. It will be conducted at the Brewer School/Municipal Complex cafeteria,

430 Westfield Ave., Clark. Proof of age (birth certificate, driver license, etc.) is required for children and senior citizens. Proof of residency may also be requested.

After May 20, all I.D. cards will be issued or validated at the pool site during operating hours.

### Clark resident honored at NYU Founders Day

Judith Foscale of Lake Avenue, Clark, was recently honored by New York University at its annual Founders Day ceremony marking the founding of the University 156 years ago.

Ms. Foscale, a senior in NYU's College of Arts and Science, was among 563 baccalaureate candidates who have maintained a 3.5 grade average, or higher, out of a maximum of 4.0 points.

Highlighting the event was the awarding of an honorary degree, the Doctor of Humane Letters, to John E. Sawyer, retiring head of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Mr. Sawyer also delivered the Founders Day address.

Dr. John Brademas, NYU president, presented the special Founders Day certificates to the honor students.

### Three Clark residents in Lotto drawing

Three Clark residents, Mac Dayton, Bernard F. Evers, and Eugene V. Scalingi, are finalists in a N.J. Pick-6 Lotto Million Dollar Bonus Game grand prize drawing at Jenkinson's Pavilion in Point Pleasant Beach on Thursday, May 14.

They are among 200 finalists who won their way into the drawing by matching the five-digit Million Dollar Bonus Game numbers on the televised

prize, \$10,000, and fifth through tenth prizes are \$2,500. Remaining finalists will get \$250.

### Clark BPW club sets meeting

The Clark Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a dinner meeting at the Ramada Inn in Clark on Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. All area businesswomen are invited.

Barbara Lindeman of Kean College will speak on "How to Improve Your Professional Image." Phone Winnie Cimavon at 382-2500 for reservations. Tickets are \$14.50.

## Township layoffs averted

by Pat DiMaggio  
Layoff notices will not be sent to Township employees after the Municipal Council approved a resolution appropriating temporary emergency funds at

a special meeting held on Monday night.

A resolution, approved on a vote of 5 in favor with Councilmembers Bernard Hayden and Carol Pluta opposed, appropriated \$131,665 to pay salaries and wages until the Township budget can be approved. A resolution appropriating \$70,700 to meet social security commitments was approved on a vote of 6 in favor, with

Councilman Hayden opposed.

The council plans a special meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Brewer School to adopt the 1987 Township budget.

Also at the meeting the council awarded a contract for architectural services for the fire sub-station to Bertone and Associates, Sewaren, at a price of nine and one half percent of the construction cost.

## Steve Moraes receives appointment to Air Force academy

Steven Moraes, a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, has been accepted for admission to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the fall 1987 semester.

Steven was nominated for his appointment to the academy by United States Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). He competed against 12,500 applicants nationwide to gain one of 1,441 appointments.

Steve, who was also a member of the varsity soccer team, is the first graduate of Johnson Reg-

ional ever to attend the Air Force academy.

Steven ranks in the top one-tenth of his graduating class at Arthur L. Johnson, is a member of the school's Gifted and Talented program, has been the recipient of the Garden State Distinguished Scholar Award and has earned several honors at the New Jersey Student Craftsmen Fair for his work in mechanical drawing.

The Clark resident plans to major in aerospace engineering or physics at the Air Force academy and is aiming to become a fighter pilot in the Air Force after graduation.



Steven Moraes

# Happy Mother's Day