

INSIGHT

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

What a school year it has been!

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools began the year with a new name and, as the year progressed, leaned into the rebranding with enthusiasm.

Throughout all the changes in iconography, our students, faculty, administration and staff continued to excel as they have done for more than 100 years.

New programs, new facilities and the announcement of the construction of a sixth campus – the Magnet School of the Future – all reinforce the promise that our district will continue to be a national leader in career and technical education.

You may have seen our first-ever TV commercial or our billboard. Spotlight videos focus on our career majors. We now have a YouTube channel to showcase all the wonderful things happening in the Magnet Schools.

Our alumni continue to distinguish themselves, including New Jersey Environment Protection Commissioner Shawn LaTourette and Joshua Housekeeper, who is using his HVAC skills in the Marine Corps.

Some alums have returned as teachers, including Chef Christian Rios in Piscataway Culinary and student teacher Jennifer Obrizan in East Brunswick Agriscience.

Our students have excelled in the classroom and in numerous FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA and other competitions. Edison Academy's Team Ad Lunam won the NASA App Development Challenge, creating a rover simulation program for future moon missions and earning a trip to the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Individual students and student clubs are being recognized for their community service.

We continue to add to our articulation agreements, allowing students to earn college credits and workplace certifications, and a new program will see some of our students earning an associate degree before they graduate from high school. Apprenticeship and internship opportunities continue to expand.

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Our students are accepted at the most prestigious colleges in the country, earning millions of dollars in scholarships.

Our student athletes and coaches are winning championships and earning recognition for their performances and sportsmanship. A number of our teams have been able to play at professional sports venues.

Our Adult School continues to offer training in such in-demand professions as practical nursing, cosmetology, and electrical and plumbing contracting.

We have continued to upgrade our facilities and maintain what we have.

In East Brunswick, the work to make the auditorium a state-of-the-art facility for our School of the Arts is expected to be completed in the fall; a new AgriScience facility is in the offing; cafeteria space was expanded into a renovated courtyard, and new staff lavatories were opened. Piscataway got three new

classrooms, improved LPN classrooms and ventilation improvements.

Floors were repaired and air conditioning upgraded in Perth Amboy.

There was corridor painting in Woodbridge, new carpets in Edison. All of our gym floors were refinished and now feature our new logos. More is in store during the summer and beyond.

As we send the Class of 2023 into the future, we are confident of the success of our students.

We will continue to make the Middlesex County Magnet Schools the best in career and technical education. Our students will be

College Ready, Career Ready and Life Ready.

Have a great summer!

Kind Regards,

Jorge E. Diaz

Superintendent of Schools



INTRODUCING: ALUMNI PORTAL

Graduating This Year? Alumni of the District? Register Today!

Congratulations to the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Class of 2023! We couldn't be prouder of all our graduates, who weathered unprecedented challenges to reach Graduation Day.

As you embark on the next phase of your lives and careers, please consider staying in contact with your alma mater and all your fellow alumni. [Click here](#) for the official announcement video.

In our schools, we believe in the power of lifelong connections and in providing students with opportunities to benefit them throughout life. The bonds formed within our schools can continue to grow after graduation day, and we're very excited to announce a new platform that will further strengthen those connections. Our alumni website is a dedicated online platform designed exclusively for our graduates who have passed through our halls in East Brunswick, Edison, Perth Amboy, Piscataway and Woodbridge. This digital hub will be a centralized place for networking, mentorship, career development, and much more.

Whether you were a Vo-Tech student years ago or are a recent Magnet Schools graduate, with the alumni portal, you'll be able to:

- **Connect with fellow alumni:** Reconnect with old friends and make new connections within our growing alumni network. Find classmates, join affinity groups based on graduation years, and expand your professional network.
- **Explore career opportunities:** Discover job openings, internships, and mentorship programs tailored to our career and technical education community. Perhaps you'd like to seek career advice from other graduates – or post a new job opportunity? This platform will be your go-to resource.
- **Stay updated:** Receive the latest news, events, and announcements from the Magnet Schools and throughout Middlesex County. Stay informed about reunions, alumni gatherings, and other opportunities to engage with your alma mater.

Our student successes reflect our community's strength, and we actively want to forge lifelong relationships with every member of our extended family. Join us today on alumni.mcmsnj.net to connect, and help recent graduates continue to unleash their passion.



CELEBRATE MIDDLESEX

Dancers, singers, robots, air-brushed art, a demolition simulation, and free cookies were among the attractions the Middlesex County Magnet Schools offered at the annual Celebrate Middlesex festival on June 10 at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

[Click here](#) to view a recap video of the day, featuring students across all campuses in our district.



Hundreds of county residents learned about the offerings of the Magnet Schools from administrators, teachers and students, and kids were treated to hands-on experiences.

Celebrate Middlesex County is a free, family-friendly event that showcases the programs and services provided by Middlesex County's government. The annual celebration highlights county offices and partners with interactive booths and displays.

In addition to the Magnet Schools displays and performances, there were food vendors, touch-a-truck, roller skating, arts and crafts, a fishing derby, historical interpreters, and more.

Mark your calendars for June 8, 2024, the next Celebrate Middlesex.



2023 ADVISORY DINNER

On April 27, the Middlesex County Magnet Schools hosted their annual Spring Advisory Dinner on the Piscataway Magnet School Campus. Close to 350 attended, including students, parents, instructors, guidance counselors, administrators, representatives of higher education, industry professionals and more. They were treated to presentations by Tech Expo winners, an enormous assortment of creative hors d'oeuvres, and a delicious dinner and dessert, all before providing essential feedback for our many Career and Technical Education programs through their advisory meetings.

Director of Career and Technical Education Lee Neamand, Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, and Supervisor of Career and

Technical Education Adam Recktenwald delivered remarks on the current state and future goals of our district as a whole and the thriving CTE programs that make us who we are. A host of colleagues and students made this night a huge success, especially Chefs Antonia Mastrella, Christian Rios, Lauren Pulgarin, Michael Roth, Kevin Diemer and Jenn Rastelli for their amazing Culinary leadership, Agriscience teacher Kylie Naylor, who provided the beautiful centerpieces, and the many staff members who helped organize our Tech Expo finalists and their presentations. Thank you to you all.



2023 DISTRICT PROM: ENCHANTED FOREST

Middlesex County Magnet Schools prom celebrated memorable moments at the Sapphire Grand in Woodbridge on May 19.

The theme - “Enchanted Forest” - was voted on by all five campuses. Each student, dressed in their finest attire, exuded confidence and happiness as they twirled, danced, and created memories that would last a lifetime.

The Class of 2023 officers transformed the venue into an enchanted forest, from table settings to decorations and colored lights. From the beaming smiles on their faces to the energetic conversations and infectious laughter, it was evident that the night was an absolute blast for every student in attendance.

Nearly 600 students, a record number, attended the event, and chaperones enjoyed the jovial atmosphere and enthusiasm with all five magnet schools united at prom.



BEYOND THE BOOKS

The recent interdisciplinary lesson between the Perth Amboy Magnet School Visual Art and Spanish programs was

“How to Develop a Mural.” Seniors started by researching the top 10 Spanish-speaking countries they felt represented the diverse backgrounds of students in Perth Amboy.

After choosing symbols and iconography, a collage of ideas was created and traced onto the wall for students to begin execution and painting. Students across the school feel a sense of pride and accomplishment viewing the mural since they feel represented, seen, and important to the culture and climate of the school community.

Students from the Dance, Theatre, and Music Performance and Technology programs participated and performed in the [Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival](#). Visual artists from our Graphic Design, Multimedia, Art and Digital Design, and Arts Technology programs also submitted their 2D and 3D artwork for adjudication.

Five Multimedia, Art and Digital Design students' work were selected for the [Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival](#). They will go on to the New Jersey State Art Competition. The students are seniors P. Shah, D. Rojas Vidal and S. Ngo and freshmen D. Maranzano and S. Bristow-Cabrera.

The [Middlesex County Magnet Schools School of the Arts International Program](#), directed by Mr. Joseph Tiedemann and Ms. Cleo Mack, had an amazing success with their annual trip this year to Andalusia, Spain, April 8-15. Almost 60 participants had the unique and wonderful opportunity to enjoy the art, culture, people, cuisine, and historic sites of southern Spain.



AN OUT-OF-THIS WORLD OPPORTUNITY

The outstanding achievement of the Edison Academy Magnet School's Ad Lunam team, which won the NASA App Development Challenge, was recognized by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners on June 1.

The team had been honored at Johnson Space Center in Houston in April. As explained by Yuvrav Lakhota, a junior from Edison, Team Ad Lunam's Unreal Engine 5 application Lunar Explorer is a realistic simulation of the lunar South Pole that takes users to Faustini Rim A.

The simulation envisions "a futuristic rover capable of freely navigating the terrain." The other members of the team are seniors Aarav Agrawal of South Brunswick and Samuel

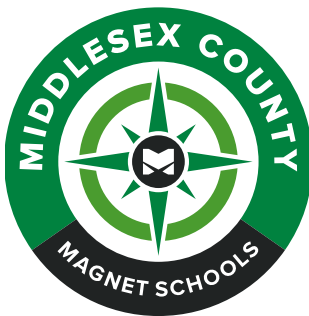
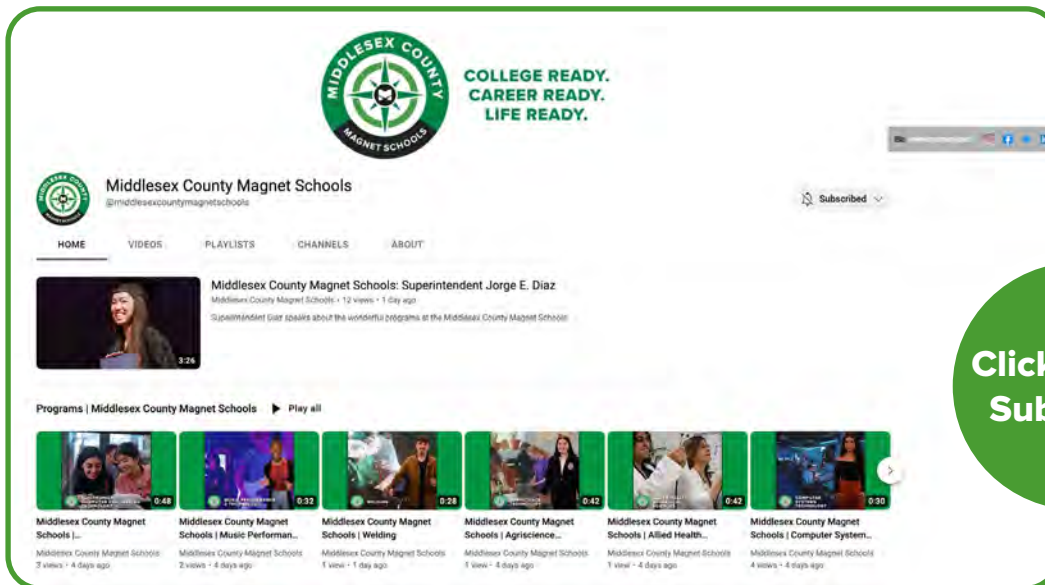
Lihn of Piscataway, both peer mentors in the Academy, juniors Sushant Chadha of Plainsboro, Benjamin Louie of East Brunswick and Pranav Sitaraman of Edison, and sophomore Akshada Guruvayur of Edison.

Team Ad Lunam all are members of the Academy's Computer Science Club, advised by math teacher Michelle Gomes. They were accompanied to Houston by Superintendent of Schools Jorge E. Diaz and Magnet Schools Director of Career and Technical Education Lee Neamand.



VISUAL IDENTITY

Check out our newly launched [YouTube channel](#) to view all of the Program Spotlight Video Ads created, as well as the Superintendent's message about our schools!



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CAREER READY.
LIFE READY.**



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The Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners emphasize key investment areas, and outline County vision for 2023 during State of the County address

- [TapInto East Brunswick](#)

Four East Brunswick Students Among Winners of Middlesex County the 2023 “Don’t Drive Dangerously” Public Service Announcement Contest



STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Eight Middlesex County Magnet School students have received Unsung Hero Awards from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and the Middlesex County Association of School Administrators: K. Villiarola, East Brunswick Magnet School; J. Mudhar and R. Amritkar, Edison Academy Magnet School; M. Ruiz Hilares and A. Aguilar Rojas, Perth Amboy Magnet School; M. Clark, Piscataway Magnet School; A. Bhatnagar and S. Cleck, Woodbridge Academy Magnet School. The awards recognize students who go above and beyond in their academic, athletic and artistic endeavors without expecting material rewards.

On March 13, ninth-grade Music Performance and Technology student Thea Horowitz auditioned for the Region 2 Jazz Band and won by a tie-breaker. The band includes students from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties. Students must be recommended by their music teacher and win a blind audition. Thea performed with the band on April 2.

Two of Mr. Hickman's Perth Amboy Magnet School Electrical Technology students, Anthony DeLaMater and Kevin Malone, were awarded third place in the SkillsUSA Industrial Motor Controls Competition and the Electrical Construction Wiring Competition, in which they had to compete against other students from vocational schools across New Jersey.

At the 9th RTF Media Fest and Awards, East Brunswick Magnet School Digital Film students won big for their featured films. "Heatwave" by Jordlyn DeLeon, "A Case of You" by Gabriel Werts, and "Candy Heart" by Jordlyn DeLeon were named Official Selections.



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A. Agarwal, S. Chada, J. Mudhar, V. Naik and S. Prakash from the Edison Academy Magnet School Mechanical and Civil Engineering program competed at the David Good 3D Printed Bridge Competition at NJIT on April 30. Their advisor was Dr. Weinstein. **They won first place overall with a bridge that supported a minimum of 500 pounds without failure.**

The judges ran out of test plates and were unable to break the bridge. Their bridge set the record for both high school and the college competition, which had been held the prior week at Rowan University. The Edison Academy team even beat a team from a structural engineering firm that helped sponsor the event.



Multimedia, Art and Digital Design student Mari Hakobyan was awarded the prestigious “Taking Climate Action” scholarship to study in Denmark this summer. “Taking Climate Action” is a program by CIEE in Copenhagen. Mari will be taking part in an international student symposium that requires a range of superior global competencies, intercultural awareness and communication skills. CIEE’s student scholarship programs focus on language proficiency, local interactions, and intentional reflection in countries all over the world. This rare and unique opportunity provides life-changing study abroad experiences to highly motivated high school students who prepare to connect and communicate across cultures, and make a positive impact on society, both globally and locally. Mari will be representing the United States, New Jersey high school students, East Brunswick Magnet School and her career major.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

East Brunswick Magnet School Multimedia, Art and Digital Design junior Tajane' Faith Little is a professionally published illustrator.

She did all the illustrations for the new children's book *The Treasure*, available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

[Click here](#) to purchase *The Treasure* by Farha Major, Tamida Brockington, Tajane' Faith Little (Illustrator).

The Woodbridge Academy Chemistry Olympics team competed in the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics at NJIT. This was the first in-person event since the team began competing in 2021.

Our students participated in various events, including a debate on CRISPR-edited agriculture and chemical engineering research on fuel cells. Congratulations to Aayush Jha, Ruhi Patel, and Preeti Airen for placing first in Chemical Nomenclature. Further congratulations to Rida Ahmed, Nidhi Rajput, and Varnith Bhat for placing second in Information Search. Congratulations to the rest of the team: Diya Nair, Jasmine Wilk, Anika Bukkapatnam, Sachin Aravind, Navneeth Murali, and Prisha Maurya.

Students in the East Brunswick Magnet School Culinary Arts and Baking programs and their instructors, Mrs. Rastelli and Mrs. Pulgarin, competed in the County Vocational-Technical Schools Cook-Off Challenge competition at the annual conference of the New Jersey Association of Counties in Atlantic City in May. Carpentry/Building Trades teacher Mr. Kapcsos and his students created the "food truck" structure, from which miniature pulled pork cones and vanilla milkshake were served. Graphic Design did the creative artwork, and Agriscience created the floral arrangements. The students won the Silver Award in the Station Display category.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Mental Health is an Important Focus for Adults and Teens Alike

March was National Women's History Month, a time to study, reflect and celebrate the vital role of women in American history and an opportunity for educators to further their understanding of how to support the mental health needs of girls, to help ensure they continue to positively impact our society through their educational, personal, and professional endeavors. [Click here](#) to view a video about one teen's story on her mental health struggles and how others helped her overcome her battle. This video segment originally appeared in the program "Depression and Anxiety," part of the KET series "You Are Not Alone," focusing on youth mental health.

On March 7, retired Police Officer Jesus "Jay" Martinez of Warning Order LLC conducted his final session with the ninth- and 10th-grade male students at Perth Amboy Magnet School. He wanted to have a special session that included physical fitness in an environment that reminded the students to work together, work hard, and never quit. Mr. Martinez reminded all the young men about their strength, staying focused, surrounding themselves with people who will lift them up, being accountable for their actions, and most importantly, never quitting.

Superintendent Diaz spoke passionately about the need for clinicians and mental health professionals in our schools at Middlesex County's Behavioral Health Roundtable Discussion and Workshop Session in New Brunswick on May 16.

Also addressing the mental health and substance abuse crisis were Governor Murphy, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald Rios, and numerous other state and county officials, health care executives, law enforcement leaders, and representatives of academia.

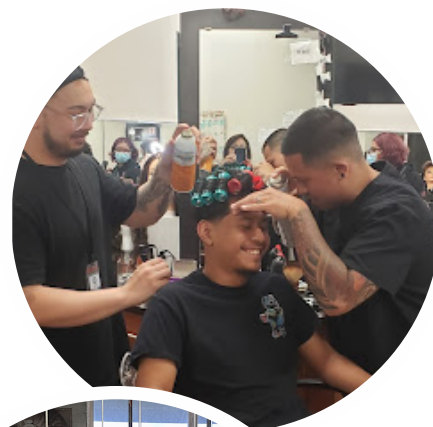


ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Cosmetology students in East Brunswick and Piscataway attended the International Beauty Show at the Javits Center in New York City on March 7. Topics included business building, makeup, lashes and artistry, nail art and trends, and hair technique classes, as well as a center filled with many beauty suppliers/vendors and their products.



Mr. Gent and Dr. Menell have served as the longtime mentors to the distinguished alumni. Each is employed in the HVAC field and is furthering their education in our night school program. Mr. Evans, class of 2011, a former student of Mr. Gent, is now an HVAC instructor at his alma mater, East Brunswick Magnet School.



The East Brunswick Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons met to honor local students who have both provided community service and approached life with compassion and empathy. This year's recipient of the Anne Stevens Memorial Award was Meghan Holloway, Practical Nursing Program, Class of June 2023.



She received a certificate and award of \$500 for her essay about nursing school. The award, which has been given for over a decade, celebrates the work of nursing students. The Stevens family presented the award in honor of their mother's legacy of empathy and compassion for the sick.

In attendance at the award ceremony was Jennifer Flores (PN student), Jennifer Kean, Practical Nursing Coordinator, and the award recipient's sister Maddie Holloway.



ATHLETICS NEWS

The East Brunswick Magnet School varsity softball team completed the season with a 17-3 record and were Greater Middlesex Conference Gold Division Champions and NJTAC Invitational Tournament Champions. Pitcher Aralyn Torres-Perez ended the season with 202 strikeouts. Catcher Makayla Caban leads or is in the top five of many offensive categories such as runs scored, stolen bases and hits. Aralyn Torres-Perez, Makayla Caban, Nicolena Giddis and Rayna Serronico were selected to the All-Gold Division Team. Coach Michael Buonaguro was selected as Coach of the Year for the Gold Division as well as the GMC Conference Coach of the Year.



Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin Caba congratulated the Perth Amboy Magnet School Lady Patriots basketball team for winning the Greater Middlesex Conference Gold Division championship, citing their “courage and sportsmanship and demonstrated on-court success.”

The following Piscataway Magnet School students received the following awards: Emely Solano and John Peter Martinez (Greater Middlesex Conference Scholar Athlete Award), Bayane Chahine (NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Award, Gianna Petriello (Greater Middlesex Conference Sportsmanship Award), and Daniella Almeira and Mathew Arias-Rodriguez (Ray Cipperly Award).



The varsity boys tennis team at the Edison Academy Magnet School ended their season in the Red Division of the Greater Middlesex Conference under the leadership of Coach Smith and Coach Foli. Vaibhav Venkatesan received the GMC All-Division award, Abhishek Terala received the Ironman Award and Ishan Porwal received the Most Valuable Player award.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

On April 27, Middlesex County Magnet Schools hosted its annual Spring Advisory Dinner at our Piscataway Magnet School. Close to 350 attended, including students, parents, instructors, guidance counselors, administrators, representatives of higher education, industry professionals and more.

Dave Nappa, owner of Dayton Toyota, supported our students in the SkillsUSA 2023 Collision Repair Competition. As part of a partnership, Dayton Toyota has recognized Piscataway Magnet School student Fernando Xelhua with a banner in its shop. The Magnet Schools Automotive Collision Program has four alumni working at Dayton Toyota Collision.

Mr. Lopez, the Piscataway collision repair instructor, has four former students working at Dayton Toyota Collision. He said he is very proud of Fernando's success and says he is a role model for his classmates. Thank you to Tony Garris, Dayton Toyota director of collision repair, and Michael Ksiezopolski, production manager.

On May 1, we invited our colleagues from the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School, Superintendent Robert Presuto, Supervisor of CTE Robert Carrig, Randee Holz and Maria Johnson, to tour our Global Logistics program at the Piscataway Magnet School. Somerset is starting its own Global Logistics program as part of a grant from the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, and is looking to programs like ours as a model.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On March 30, [Chef Moir's Perth Amboy Magnet School classes](#) welcomed cookbook author Deb Perelman of Smitten Kitchen. Perelman was finishing a United States book tour. She has published three cookbooks, has been featured on "Oprah," "Good Morning America," and "Martha Stewart," among others. She also has written for the New York Times and Bon Appetit, and others. After taking time to speak and answer questions from our students, Ms. Perelman worked with students to create two of the recipes in her book *Smitten Kitchen Keepers* – Clam Chowder with Bacon Croutons and Drop Berry Shortcakes for dessert. Each student also took home a signed cookbook.

On March 25, [Piscataway Magnet School students competed at the SkillsUSA State Championships](#) at Camden County Technical High School and Gloucester County Institute of Technology. Mia Cabrera, Maynor Arias Hernandez, Liam Hoag, and Jonathan Aguirre Vivas competed in the following competitions: Culinary Arts, Automotive Refinishing Technology, Welding, and Collision Damage Appraisal. Jonathan Aguirre Vivas placed in the Top 3 in his competition. Piscataway Campus students also competed in the SkillsUSA State Championships at Mercer County Technical Schools on March 30. Jayden Hunter, Tomiris Garcia-Gallegos, Liam Pratts and Ian Rivas participated in the Food Service and MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) Culinary Challenge. Tomiris, Liam, and Ian worked as a team to take MRE packets that the military use and add their own flair.

The East Brunswick Magnet School Dance Program in collaboration with the Arts Technology and Music Performance and Technology programs successfully completed their [Spring Dance Show at the Carteret Performing Arts Center](#).



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Middlesex County's annual Young Men's Conference was held June 1 at Middlesex College. Collaborating with Middlesex County offices and other local agencies, Middlesex County Magnet Schools organized this empowering conference for students ages 14-18. Over 200 students attended the event, which opened with welcoming speeches from County Commissioner Charles Kenny and Dr. Mark McCormick, president of Middlesex College. The conference program included workshops and speeches on topics such as empowerment, physical, social, and emotional wellness, leadership, and community connections. Attendees included students from each of our Magnet Schools.



East Brunswick Magnet School's Agriscience program, in collaboration with our Digital Film program, created a video regarding our time spent raising baby chicks. Produced, filmed, edited by the juniors of the Digital Film Program:

[The Life Of A Baby Chicken.](#)



A team of Edison Academy students participated in the 2023 Space Station Develop Challenge (SSDC). The task was to create a company to handle the task of designing and pitching an overall design for the Space Station. Every SSDC event describes requirements for designing a future space settlement or habitat to a very specific set of requirements defined by a Request for Proposal (RFP).



Anushka Khandelwal, a senior at Woodbridge Academy Magnet School, was invited to attend the New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education ceremony on June 2. She has been nominated by Appel Farm Arts & Music Center for the prestigious Student Voice Award. This will be a great opportunity for Anushka to showcase her artistic talents to all attendees at the acclaimed event.



STUDENT CLUBS AND EVENTS

The Woodbridge Academy Magnet School Model U.N. Club attended the [Global Citizens Model United Nations Competition](#) in New York City on March 20-23. Our students were honored as the Best Medium Delegation at the conference, and the following students were given honorable mentions, the highest individual award: seniors Deeksha Chinta, Shrihith Golugula, Diya Nair, Richard George, and Viraja Gurrapu; juniors Aarnika Gharse, Anika Bukkapatnam, Fenny Kayastha, Hael Raj, Navneeth Murali, Raadha Garg, Sachin Aravind, Sanjana Anand, Warda Chowdhury, and Nitin Balajikannan. The students also met Martin Luther King III.

The [East Brunswick Magnet School SkillsUSA](#) chapter competed [across the state](#) in competitions across multiple disciplines.

Camilia Garcia won Silver in Architectural Drafting. Dajah McCormick, Sophia Ramos, and Arden Gonzalez won Bronze in Performing Arts. Lance Drake won Silver in Photography. Marializ Guzman, Aidan Calabrese, and Riley Conti won Silver in Engineering Technology Design. Aralyn Torres won Bronze in Commercial Bakers Aide. Victoria Candela and Corinna Hatter won Silver in Additive Manufacturing. Guiliana Novello and Miriam Niri Veyta won Silver in Wedding Cake Decorating. Leland Pesch won Gold for T-shirt Design. Michael Rizzi won Gold for Pin Design. Prisha Shah and Emmalee Holderbaum won Gold in 3D Animation.

A. Bhattacharjee, S. Chinthalapudi, and S. Singh of Edison Academy Magnet School qualified for the semifinals of the USA Biology Olympiad. S. Bagchi qualified for the USA Junior Math Olympiad (USAJMO). He qualified based on his scores on the AMC and AIME exams. [He is the first student in the school's history to reach this level.](#)



STUDENT CLUBS AND EVENTS

Perth Amboy Magnet School's Computer Systems Technology and Electrical students competed in SkillsUSA at Somerset County Vocational School against students from other vocational schools in New Jersey. Ms. Haghihat's CST student Jariel Taveras, 11th grade, competed against other students to demonstrate his proficiency in Microsoft Office. Jariel's model work and excellence did not go unnoticed, earning him second place in the competition. Mr. Hickman's Electrical student Anthony DeLaMarter, 12th grade, competed in the SkillsUSA Electrical Construction Wiring Competition and had to use a blueprint to create a project using EMT, nonmetallic sheathed cable, switches, receptacles, and light fixtures. His impressive performance earned him third place in the competition.



The East Brunswick Magnet School Theatre and Arts Technology programs completed their “mainstage” run of “A Night of Restoration.” The Theatre Performance shop devised a presentation that showcased all of the greatest hits of the Restoration Era. The world they intended to re-create is a presentational world – the characters and performers all intended to be looked at and are all looking at each other.

The CTE Department invited Fire & Safety Services to visit Piscataway Magnet School. This company is a New Jersey leader in modifying new and old fire trucks and has operated since 1964. Fire & Safety Services sent a team to meet with our students. The owner, David Russell, and the Director of Brand Development, Ashley Ross, spoke to our Automotive Technology and Welding Technology students about the career opportunities.



ALUMNI NEWS

Magnet School engineering grad now motivates people

Priyanka Sabnani's study of civil and mechanical engineering at the Middlesex County Edison Academy Magnet School has led her to a career in enabling people to do their best work.

A 2012 graduate of the Edison Academy, she credits her time there with opening her eyes to the world around her. She now is director of people and organizational performance at Public.com, a platform that allows investors to buy stocks and a myriad of other investments, including bonds, funds and collectibles, in one place.

"What was really special about the academy was the diversity of the curriculum," she said.

"It was a stark change from the traditional learning methods that students are used to up until high school ... it really took you out of your comfort zone.

"I think many of my classmates can agree that we went from being top performers in our public schools to this very rigorous environment full of excellent people all around, which made it really competitive but also exciting and motivating," she said.

Sabnani said the academy encouraged students to "respect the process."



She majored in industrial and systems engineering at Rutgers and began her career at Goldman Sachs in Manhattan, working in the compliance and consumer banking divisions before landing a role in the office of the chairman and CEO.

She moved to Public as chief of staff, reporting to the co-CEOs, before taking on her current role.

"I feel like this is a role that has been inevitable," she said, "to be a connector of people, to drive our organizational strategy, and ultimately to help our members be better investors."

"Our mission is to make the public markets work for all people," she said. "By providing access to any fractional asset – and introducing new asset classes – we're increasing opportunities for diversification among our members."

She grew up in Woodbridge and Edison, and her younger brother, Shubham, also attended the Edison Academy. She was married last year and now lives in Jersey City.

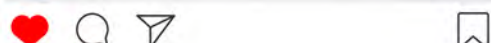
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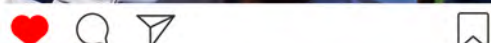
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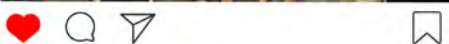
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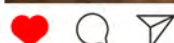
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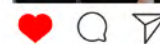
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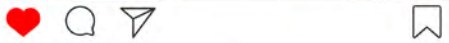


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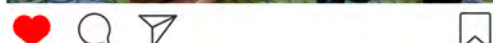
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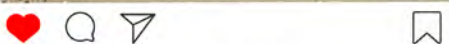
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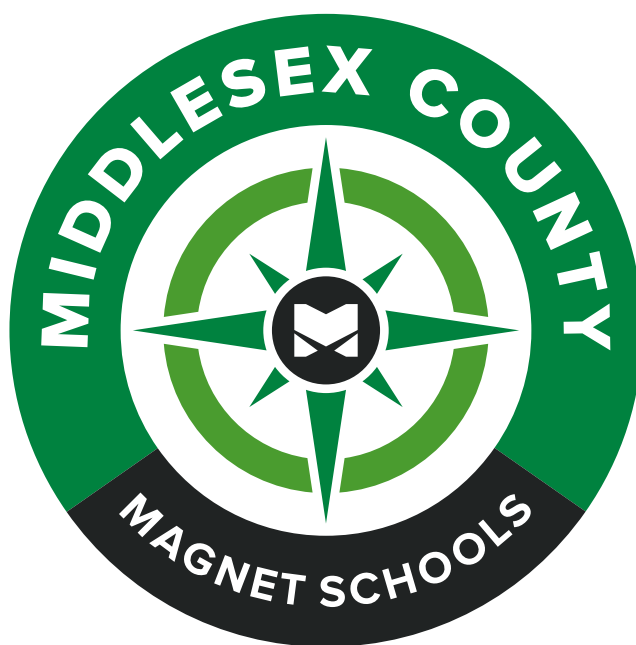
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