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Catch up with the Landscape and Horticulture Program

Aidan Lezon, AC, placed first Regional and first County in the Turf Management 2025 FFA Fall Regional CDE competitions.

The Lebanon County CTC FFA chapter volunteered at Wreaths Across America at the National Indiantown Gap Cemetery. We were able to witness the ceremony and help the hundreds of people placing wreaths on the resting places of our veterans. A special thank you to Veteran Riders Association of Lebanon for allowing us to volunteer with your group. Thank you to all that have served!

The Landscape and Horticulture program had many demonstrations this past fall for students to experience hands on learning from local businesses within the trade. Thank you to Mitchell Landscapes LLC, David DeJesus, and Good's Tree and Lawn Care for taking the time to teach our students these skills!

Mitchell Landscapes LLC demonstrated how to layout a hardscaping project with laser levels. David DeJesus demonstrated how students should properly use a hardscaping saw. Good's Tree and Lawn Care demonstrated how to cut down invasive trees properly and how to plant native trees.



Alumnus Update

Wesley Harnish, Pastry Arts class of 2025, was recently awarded ACF Harrisburg's "2025 Student of the Year". Wesley was nominated by the members of the chapter and was recognized at the December monthly meeting. Wesley was the PA State champion in Action Skills for SkillsUSA and in 2025 earned a National Bronze Medal in this competition. Currently, Wesley is working for Hershey Entertainment and Resort (HE&R) at Hersheypark's Chocolatetown "The Sweeterie" and is in their PRLA Apprenticeship Program.

Anna Smith, ACF Harrisburg Chapter President and Wesley Harnish

congratulations



Chef Peffley Wins the 2025 Holiday Gingerbread-Smackdown

The results are in, the crumbs have settled, and we officially have winners of the 2025 Gingerbread-By-Design Online Holiday Gingerbread Smackdown!

This year's Smackdown was more dramatic than a sugar rush at a baking convention. Frosting flew, creativity ran wild, and the competition was deliciously fierce. Huge applause (and maybe a milk chaser) for everyone who entered—your gingerbread skills were nothing short of legendary. Go ahead and grab a cookie... or five. You've earned it!

Thank you to all our wildly talented participants for sharing your incredible, imaginative, and sometimes gravity-defying gingerbread creations with us. Until our next sugary showdown, keep calm and gingerbread on!

from gingerbreadbydesign.com

Way to go



Spirit Week Activities

Spirit Week was December 16 - 19, 2025. The activities for the week consisted of Dress Theme Days, Minute to Win It games, and Speed Decorating.

Speed Decorating: Programs had one hour to decorate an area in their classroom. They needed to include something that is related to their program. The theme was Holiday Songs.

MINUTE TO WIN IT Winners are . . .

Morning Round

- 1st - Electrical Technology
- 2nd - Plumbing
- 3rd - Sports Therapy
- 4th - Cosmetology
- 5th - Precision Machining
- 6th - Networking

Afternoon Round

- 1st - Carpentry
- 2nd - Electrical Technology
- 3rd - Precision Machining
- 4th - Plumbing
- 5th - Medical Assistant
- 6th - Law Enforcement

Spirit Week Activities



Plumbing



Plumbing



Morning Speed Decorating Winners

First Place Plumbing
Second Place Dental
Third Place Cosmetology
Fourth Place Law Enforcement
Fifth Place Carpentry



Dental



Cosmetology



Law Enforcement



Carpentry

Spirit Week Activities

Afternoon Speed Decorating Winners

First Place Cosmetology
Second Place Plumbing
Third Place Electrical
Fourth Place Carpentry



Plumbing



Cosmetology



Electrical



Carpentry

Mrs. Garrett's Health Careers Class

Health Careers students in Mrs. Garrett's class had the opportunity to experience real life health career occupations while shadowing various departments at the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital.



Cosmetology Program Update

The first half of our school year has been busy, productive, and full of meaningful learning opportunities for our cosmetology students. Although we opened the year quietly, our program quickly gained momentum once our student-run clinic opened to the public.

This October, our program hosted a Pink Hair Tinsel fundraiser for the PA Breast Cancer Coalition, raising \$488. Our students also had the opportunity to experiment with Special FX makeup, gaining exposure to creative and theatrical beauty techniques. A number of students participated in our school-wide Trunk-or-Treat event, proudly representing our program in the community. During our fall Open House, we offered complimentary brow waxing and hair tinsel services, and our students stayed busy throughout the evening while interacting with families and showcasing their skills.

Our student salon, The Glam Lab, received beautiful professional signage for our door, generously donated by a parent — a wonderful show of support for our program.

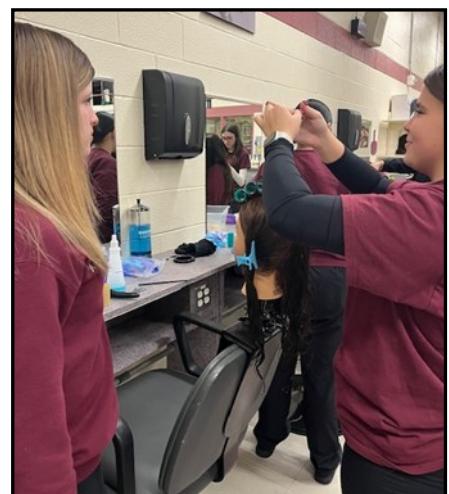
In November, the cosmetology students collected 248 lbs. of nonperishable food items to be donated to the Lebanon Christian Ministry earning them first place in the food drive.

Additional clinic days were added in December due to strong demand, and our students continue to build confidence and hands-on skills through real-world client experiences. The cosmetology students took first place in the PM Christmas door decorating contest.

We are also proud to share that three students will be representing our program in SkillsUSA this year.

Currently, our clinic offers a variety of services including wash and style, haircuts, facials, brow waxing, and hair color. Nail services will be added soon, expanding our offerings and giving students additional areas to practice and refine their techniques. We continue to welcome new clients and are always grateful for community members who support our students by allowing them to work on real-world services.

It has been a successful and rewarding start to the year, and we are excited to see what the second half of the year has in store for our students and program.



2026-2027 Lebanon County Educational Honor Society

Ryan Gerz, Auto Body Technology Instructor, selected to Lebanon County Educational Honor Society

Ryan graduated from the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center's Collision Repair program in 1998. He gained early hands-on experience working alongside his family after school and during summers at their automotive repair shop, established by his great-grandfather in 1918. Under the guidance of his father, Barry Gerz Jr., a master mechanic, Ryan developed advanced skills in engine rebuilding and complex mechanical repairs while still in junior and high school. His grandfather, Barry Gerz Sr., provided instruction in Auto Body techniques, which Ryan applied to used vehicles for the family's auto sales business. Additionally, Ryan collaborated with both his father and grandfather to complete award-winning, frame-off restorations recognized by the AACA.

Following graduation, Ryan dedicated 17 years to the Collision Repair Industry as a full-time paint and body technician, while also supporting the family business part-time during evenings and weekends. In 2014, Ryan joined Lebanon CTC as an Auto Body instructor. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family, hunting, fishing, auto restorations, and outdoor activities.

Since joining Lebanon CTC, Ryan's primary objective for the Auto Body Program has been to deliver entry-level training aligned with current industry standards, ensuring that students and their future employers benefit from the most up-to-date instruction available.



Educator	Year	Educator	Year
Karen Gulotta	2013-14	Thomas Giovarelli	2020-21
Laurie Sprandel	2014-15	Nina Eckert	2021-22
Kerry Hartman	2015-16	Alicia Wike	2022-23
Josh Boettner	2016-17	Rene Gehman	2023-24
Sandy Phillips	2017-18	Hanna Seyfert	2024-25
Lori Mattis	2018-19	Justin Breen	2025-26
Mike Schultz	2019-20	Ryan Gerz	2026-27

Rotary Students-of-the-Month January 2026



Joseline Matos Lebron, EL, Medical Assistant

Joseline Matos Lebron, daughter of Madeline Lebron Negron of Myerstown, PA, is a senior at ELCO High School and a dedicated student in the Medical Assistant program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (CTC).

At CTC, Joseline is actively involved in HOSA and is a student

ambassador. She is also a proud member of the National Technical Honor Society. At ELCO, she participates in marching band, concert band, freshmen forward, musicals, and track and field.

Outside of school, Joseline participates in youth group and kid's ministry at her church. She also works part-time at Dutch Way Restaurant in Myerstown.

After graduation, Joseline plans to go into the workforce utilizing her Medical Assistant certification. Her goal is to then pursue college for nursing to become an RN. Joseline is known for her work ethic and dedication to her studies.



Josiah Martin, AC, Electromechanical Tech.

Josiah Martin, son of Jesse and Melanie Martin of Lebanon, PA, is a senior at Annville-Cleona High School and a dedicated student in the Electromechanical Technology program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (CTC).

At CTC, Josiah is a SkillsUSA member. At Annville-Cleona, he

participates in varsity soccer, where he served as varsity soccer captain and was a first team all-star. He also participates in Dutchmen for Christ, and TSA. He is also a proud member of National Honor Society.

Outside of school, Josiah participates in TAC, his local youth group. He also works part-time at Bucks Lawncare doing landscaping.

After graduation, Josiah plans to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to major in Electro-Mechanical Technology. His long-term career goal is to become an Electromechanical Technician or Industrial Electrician.

