

NJAC Awards Scholarships to Three Warren County Tech Graduates

By

WHITE TOWNSHIP, NJ - Three recent Warren County Technical School graduates are the 2021 recipients of scholarships awarded through the NJAC Foundation, part of the New Jersey Association of Counties. Jared Engle of Washington, Victoria Carucci of White Township and Ryanne Catanzaro of Pohatcong, received their scholarships during the Warren County Board of County Commissioners meeting.

"Congratulations to these students on this great accomplishment. Their individual successes at Warren Technical School has opened doors for them as they progress in their academic career," said Commissioner Director James R. Kern III.

The students were each awarded \$500 to the New Jersey college of their choice through the NJAC Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational-technical school and county college students.

"I would like to thank the NJAC Foundation along with SHI International and Investors Bank for providing these scholarships to three deserving students," commented County Commissioner Jason Sarnoksi.

Jared is the Warren County recipient of the SHI International Scholarship, while Victoria and Ryanne were Warren County recipients of the Investors Foundation Scholarships.

"It is great to see them not only recognized for their hard work in high school, but it is also wonderful to see they will be continuing their education in our state," County Commissioner Lori Ciesla said.

According to Warren Tech administration, Jared has been instrumental in helping out the technology coordinator and has proven himself to be a respectful, mature and hard-working student. The son of Mark and Kim Engle, Jared plans to study Unmanned Systems Industry (Drone) at Warren County Community College. Jared enjoys cross country, hanging out with friends and playing video games.

The daughter of Eugene and Michelle Carucci, Victoria has been a standout student in Cosmetology the past four years and is polite and respectful. She is planning to attend Raritan Valley Community College and enjoys cosmetics, cross country, cheerleading and hanging out with friends and family.

Hoping to pursue her nursing degree in the fall, Ryanne is the daughter of Amber and Tony Catanzaro and enjoys camping and spending time with family. Her health science class has especially prepared her for college. According to WC Tech administration, she has proven herself to be a responsible student within her shop and throughout the school, noting she has a standout attitude and can be counted on to be mature and dependable.

"Jared, Victoria and Ryanne are very deserving of these scholarships. They each exhibit strong character, a relentless work ethic and an optimistic spirit," remarked Derrick Forsythe, Superintendent of Warren County Technical School.

SHI International is a global provider of technology products and services founded in 1989 and headquartered in Somerset, New Jersey. Since 2019, SHI International Foundation has awarded the NJAC foundation with grant money totaling \$26,000 to almost 50 county vocational technical schools graduates continuing their education in New Jersey.

Investors Bank recently awarded the NJAC Foundation a grant of \$21,000 to assist two county vocational school graduates in each of New Jersey's 21 counties. Each will receive \$500 scholarships to continue their education at a state or county college.

"I am honored to be able to give this money to three deserving students who are continuing their education in Warren County," commented Executive Director of NJAC Foundation John G. Donnadio.



(l-r) County Commissioner Jason Sarnoksi, County Commissioner Lori Ciesla, Investors Bank scholarship recipient Victoria Carucci, SHI International scholarship recipient Jared Engle, Director Commissioner James R. Kern, III, Warren County Technical School Superintendent Derrick Forsythe and NJAC Foundation Executive Director John G. Donnadio.

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Preventing Child Deaths in Hot Cars

By Senator Scavella

PENARGYL - Since 1998, an average of one child per year has died in Pennsylvania after being left in a hot car. All of these tragic deaths could have been prevented.

More than half of pediatric vehicular heat stroke deaths involve children under 2 years of age. By far, the leading circumstance is children forgotten by a caregiver.

The National Safety Council advises parents and caregivers to stick to a routine and avoid distractions to reduce the risk of forgetting a child. Place a purse, briefcase or even a left shoe in the back seat to force you to take one last look before walking away. Keep car doors locked so children cannot gain access and teach them that cars are not play areas. And look in the back seat before you leave and lock your vehicle.

