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## State Board of Education Recognizes Senior from Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School

Anthony Bucceroni, a senior at Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School, East Brunswick Campus, was recognized today by the State Board of Education for his accomplishments and leadership in his vocational student organization.

The State Board hosted Anthony today as part of its new recognition program to honor each month a student or group of students for their accomplishments in community service, the arts, academics, sports, or other areas.

"Anthony has demonstrated extraordinary leadership as national regional vice president of Skills USA – VICA (Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America)," said State Board President Maud Dahme. "We are proud to add ourselves to the growing list of organizations that have recognized Anthony for his achievements."

"Anthony Bucceroni is an impressive young man who is not shy about stepping forward and taking responsibility for the success of himself and his colleagues," said Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi. "I wish him well in his future studies and career activities that will provide him with even more opportunities to lead and excel."

Since his freshman year in high school, Anthony has held a number of positions in VICA. In 1998, he was parliamentarian of his local club. From 1999-2001, he became New Jersey State Vice President and then State President of VICA. This year, as Region One vice president of VICA's national organization, he is frequently called upon to speak and offer presentations at state and regional functions.

Anthony's in-school activities include serving as freshman class president, membership in his school's Interact Club and participation in the school's performing arts production.

His school and his community have recognized him for his achievements. Anthony was named Student of the Month by the East Brunswick / South River Rotary Club and was invited to represent his school at Commissioner Gagliardi's convocation and at the groundbreaking ceremony for his school's new Perth Amboy Campus.

An honor roll student, Anthony has excelled in computer-assisted drafting.