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Burlington County Institute of Technology Students Recognized by State Board of Education

The State Board of Education today recognized 12 students from Burlington County Institute of Technology for their participation in the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter.

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter at Burlington County Institute of Technology (BCIT) is part of a national vocational student organization for high school students studying family and consumer sciences education. FCCLA's goal is to help students develop leadership and life skills – such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication – that are necessary to be successful in the home and workplace.

"These students from the Burlington County Institute of Technology should be applauded for wanting to learn skills that will benefit them not only in their future careers but also in their personal lives," said State Board of Education Vice President Arcelio Aponte. "Utilizing skills such as goal setting and interpersonal communication could be to these students the difference between just imagining and actually achieving their dreams."

BCIT's family and consumer sciences education programs include early childhood education, fashion design and cosmetology. The students honored at the January meeting of the State Board of Education are: Brianna Barnes; Mary Buyers; Rabia Byrd; NaShaya Chambers; Dana Jackson; Karin Johnson; Angeleigh Plitnakas; Stephanie Pullen; Sandina Saint Elie; Amanda Schiffiano; Alison Schiffiano; and Nichele Singley.

The BCIT chapter has developed projects that focus on a variety of issues that concern today's youth, including teen pregnancy; parenting; family relationships; substance abuse; peer pressure; environment; nutrition and fitness; teen violence; and career exploration.

"I commend both the students and the Burlington County Institute of Technology for being willing to tackle thought-provoking and timely issues that can have a tremendous effect on high school students," said Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy. "Through its Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter, BCIT helps students acquire practical 21st century skills that will be useful at all stages of their careers and lives."

Each month, the State Board of Education honors a student or group of students for making a significant contribution to their school or community. The honorees are selected by one of the state's 21 County Executive Superintendents.