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# Gladiator Times

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EC Goodwin Technical High School

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# Skills USA

## by Alison Navarro-Delgado

Newspaper Club was given the opportunity to speak with three of the many Goodwin Tech SkillsUSA participants this year. Before getting into the interviews, a few words from Goodwin's Senior President, Joshua Levesque;

In the words of our president, Joshua Levesque, ***“Goodwin has been renamed Great-win.”***



EC Goodwin's chapter of SkillsUSA drove out of Platt High school with 6 trophies and four medals. Joshua Levesque was honored on stage for being our chapter president.

And now, a list of our Participants:

- Nate Goleb placed for Prepared Speech.
- Alexa Correa placed third for Culinary.
- Aidan Roy placed third for Cabinet Making.

- Evan Chadeane placed third for Job Demonstration.
- Mason Chartier placed second for Job Demonstration.
- Ehsan Malik and Landon Long's robot earned second place for Mobile Robotics.
- Isaac Rivera earned **FIRST** place for Technical Drafting

A few words from Ms. Kelliher and Mr. Hart, SkillsUSA Advisors:

***Ms. Kelliher and Mr. Hart are beyond proud of the leadership, the teamwork, and the enthusiasm of this amazing group of young adults. Finalist or not, we had a blast and our memories from Friday will last forever.***

*Introducing the Interviews:*

*Sophomore Aidan Roy (Carpentry) 3rd place→ Competed in Cabinetry for Skills. Used skills for their shop to complete the event. He was asked to build the cabinet carcass, build the face frame and assemble them together with the doors on the cabinet. Aidan has this to say for those competing in Skills in the future, “practice and timing is key when competing, be prepared for whatever is thrown at you.”*

*Junior* Mason Chartier (Plumbing) 2nd place → At skills, Mason was required to demonstrate a skill used in the plumbing trade using a ProPress in front of a few judges. ProPress is a machine that is used to join copper pipes. “It basically makes your life ten times easier. You get in and out of a person’s house within ten minutes.” He was required to perform the task in under 7 minutes but longer than 5 minutes, his finishing time was 5 ½ minutes. This was his first year involved and participating in Skills USA and managed to land in second place. A long day but overall very fun, “Skills is something anyone should do and it’s pretty fun.” He believes his previous experiences in the trade were enough to prepare him for the events presented at Skills. Mason is excited for next year and cannot wait to participate in Skills again!

*Senior* Isaac Rivera (MDET) 1st Place → In the interview Isaac said, depending on your trade you would either be shipped to a different school or remain at Wilcox Tech. Technical Drafting, his event, was at Prince Tech; there, Isaac would have to compete against other students from technical schools. They had 4 hours to complete a project that was assigned for their trade. Went back to Wilcox where he had time to enjoy Skills’ after competition activities like food, music and overall fun all around. Around 6 was when the award ceremony began. Isaac participated in Skills their Junior year as well as their senior year. Isaac was confronted with a major decision that would prove difficult. Because Isaac had won 1st place, he was presented with the opportunity to compete at nationals for Skills. However this event interfered with Isaac’s graduation day. It was a tough decision but Isaac and his family decided that walking the stage was more important than attending nationals for SkillsUSA. “I really wanted to go to Nationals but I decided that graduation was just more important to me.” For other students who may think that Skills is just another event, Isaac has this to say, “I think you should definitely do it. The time that it starts is usually daunting...It seems like you’re gonna be really tired and it’s gonna be like an exhausting day but, if you’re there with a lot of your friends or even like just other people from the school you’re gonna have a good time. It’s overall a really good experience and it’s a great resume builder.” Isaac initially didn’t want to participate in SkillsUSA this year, but glad he did with no regrets.

***Congratulations to Isaac and everyone who participated at Skills this year!***

Isaac Rivera  
1st Place



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# Do You Know?

## by Aaliyah Lopez

Mrs Derwin is a new freshman math teacher here at E.C Goodwin Tech this year, and was already nominated for teacher of the year! I don't know about you but to me she seems to be making an impact as a teacher already.

Mrs Derwin is an extremely nice teacher and also has a great way of teaching. She is very helpful and makes sure that students really understand the material and are completely prepared for any test/quiz that we have. She also sometimes will set up class games that will help us practice to make sure people are able to do their best ability on tests/quizzes.

Some other students have told me that she can occasionally be very lenient and that as long as you do your work and don't disrupt others you can just chill once you're done with your work. Students have also told me that she has a good sense of humor and is not too harsh on people. I agree with these people because as a student of Mrs Derwin I can definitely say she's one of the best math teachers I've had in a while.

With that said Mrs Derwin is overall an amazing teacher and the students and faculty of E.C are lucky to have her as a teacher.



**Name:** Erin Derwin

**Birthday:** March 7

**Why did you come to E.C.?:** Was ready for a change and it had good state benefits

**Proudest accomplishment:** In charge of running a half marathon in Virginia (wasn't a runner) This took a lot of training and dedication

**Biggest fear:** losing people who are close to you

**If you had to teach one other subject what you teach?:** Gym

**Biggest pet peeve:** When people chew with their food open/lip smacking. And kids not putting their dishes in the dishwasher

**Least favorite about job:** Waking up early

**Favorite part about job:** Getting the summers off. And every day/ year is different along with getting different kids and getting to know each

one of them.

**Favorite food:** Chicken Parmigiana, and anything buffalo flavored

**Hobbies:** Reading, camping, and home improvement projects

**Favorite color:** Teal and black

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# Who was E.C. Goodwin?

by Jeremiah Barker

We are all students here at E.C. Goodwin Tech but how many of us actually know who E.C. Goodwin is? This is a question that I had and I decided to look into it and learn a little bit about why the school is named as it is. With the help of Mr. Barner in the Library Media Center I learned something interesting.

Edward Clayton Goodwin born 1866 was the third of four surviving children. He finished schooling at the age of 17 and joined Eagle Lock Co. where his father taught him the skill of a die maker. In 1888 after five years at Eagle Lock, Edward married Clarissa Lucy Hinman of Harwinton. Like other family members, Edward became active in the community. He was a trustee of Terryville Congregational Church and superintendent of their Sunday school and had many other positions in his community. His residence was struck by lightning which tore off a large quantity of plastering and splintered one of the posts at the corner of his veranda. He left Terryville in 1901. He had moved to the town of New Britain and eventually joined their school board in 1911 and served until his death in 1923.



E.C. Goodwin Regional Vocational-Technical School is one of seventeen vocational technical schools which are operated by the Connecticut department of education and under the supervision of the Division of Vocational Schools. It was first established in 1910 and at the time 51 day and 45 evening students were enrolled in the school's two first trades. Machine and Carpentry. Other departments were later added including dressmaking. It was moved around several times. In 1915 it was moved from Stanley Street to Bassett Street two years after which it was taken over by the city and operated under the New Britain School Department before returning to the state system in 1919. A new building for the school was built and became occupied in 1923 until there were too many students to fit the quarters in 1934. Up to 400 full time students and 150 evening students were learning in seven trades (tool and die, machine, plumbing, automotive repair, automatic screw machine, metal pattern making and drafting). In 1938 the lack of

proper space became so clear that an addition to the trade school was necessary and was built with the help of a grant from the Federal Government. This addition doubled the size of the school which now housed 16 trades (aside from those mentioned before the trades are Electrical, Masonry, Carpentry, Industrial Design, Printing, Sewing, Beauty Culture and Food Trades. In 1940 the school was named for Edward Clayton Goodwin, a noted industrialist and member of the New Britain school board. In 1962 the school was moved from the South Main Street location to its current location at 735 Slater Road. Since this many changes have happened to the school. The 11 trades currently at the school are: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Hairdressing and Cosmetology, Health Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Information Technology, Mechanical Design and Engineering Technology (MDET), Plumbing and Heating, Precision Machining Technology (PMT).

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## Behind the Scenes

### by Claudia Hernaiz-Lopez

There's a certain satisfaction that comes with being a journalist. Every month I meet new people, and every month I am surprised by the people I talk to. Recently, I was able to speak with three very special and interesting people. Three people whose faces you see every morning as you grab some breakfast, or maybe you see them in the cafeteria during lunch as you scan your I.D. before grabbing some food. The point is, John, Sarah, and Dereck - the incredible people I interviewed - deserve some recognition.

John (on the right), Sarah (on the left), and Dereck (in the middle) are all cafeteria workers here at E.C. Goodwin. They all do a bit of everything. Because there are three of them, someone will usually be in charge of cooking breakfast, while someone helps the head cook, and of course they need to make sure the students have everything they need ready for lunch. John, the newest member, has been here since February. Sarah has been working for the state for about eight years and this is her third year here at our school. Dereck, on the other hand, has been working at E.C. since November. When all three were asked what their favorite part of their jobs was, John and Sarah simultaneously answered, "You guys!" John went on to explain that he likes how everybody's different and he likes seeing all the different kids. Dereck, always the sarcastic jokester, said "I was going to say going home...I like the kids though."



Outside of school, Dereck sells hot dogs from his hot dog cart, something he seems to be very passionate about. John is a father, and he explained he works a lot, but he enjoys taking care of his kids. Sarah used to cook in restaurants for about twenty years, until she had children and made the decision to come to the schools so she could be at home whenever her kids were. Because of her past experience, she still cooks at home as if she were cooking for a restaurant. Last but not least, Sarah added, "Just be nice to us," when asked if there was anything she would like other people to know. Dereck added that he asks for mutual respect. And all three asked that students please stop "throwing raisins and craisins all over the floor." Please guys, listen and stop playing with your food.

Like I said before, John, Sarah, and Dereck, all deserve some recognition. They do a lot of work, all for the students at E.C. and it seems to me that all they ask for is a simple thank you. Or, like they said, some respect. Like always, it was a pleasure meeting these people and I loved getting to know them.

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# Artist's Spotlight

by Zoe Monero



Zoe Monero  
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## Editor's Comments

by Alison Navarro-Delgado

*I'd like to personally congratulate Isaac Rivera for the outstanding job he, and many others at SkillsUSA this year, displayed. First place is a serious achievement and is a recognition that must be shared. Once again, Congratulations Isaac, you've made Goodwin Tech very proud! As for our members, Great job and effort in putting together this month's issue! I'd like to recognize two new members, Javiellie Merle-Gonzales and Makayla Smith for joining the Newspaper Club as our very own photographers. I'd like to mention, Newspaper Club is always open to new members and ideas so please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, or our very own Mr. Houlberg in PMT for more information! We hope you enjoyed this month's issue, and as always, we appreciate your feedback.*

*Thank you!*

