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Northern Borders Academy

BRINGING THE WORKPLACE TO STUDENTS & STUDENTS TO THE WORKPLACE.

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Kicking it Into High Gear

Dear Friends:

Its hard to believe that we are already in the month of May. With Regents Examination week looming, our teachers are working at a feverish pace to prepare our students for the many tests they will be taking in June. I continue to be impressed by the outstanding efforts our students are making in their classes and in their role as burgeoning professionals. The culmination of their efforts for the year will be a series of presentations for community leaders, home district representatives, and next year's freshmen at our much anticipated P-TECH Scholarship & Excellence Day on May 28th.



NBA students look on as Sophomore Bryce Braley tries his hand at making sutures for a wound.

At the end of the school year, I will be transitioning from my role as P-TECH Principal to become the next Superintendent of the St. Regis Falls Central School District. I am tremendously proud of the growth that has taken place in each of our students and in the execution of our program goals. I look forward to working with the next Principal of the program as an active member of the P-TECH Steering Committee in the coming years.



Sophomore Kenzie Martin applies a tourniquet at Ft Drum.

Upcoming Events

- 5/2- New Workforce Learning Challenge
- 5/3- May Steering Committee Meeting
- 5/23 – CPR Recertification for Juniors
- 5/24-27 – Memorial Day Recess
- 5/28- P-TECH Scholarship & Excellence Day
- 6/18-26 Regents Examination Week

P-TECH IN THE NEWS

May 2019 ~ Workplace Challenge Assignment

You are in the break room at the hospital during your 7pm to 7am shift in the Emergency Room. One of your coworkers, Stephen, approaches you with concerns about another nurse. He feels she has been acting strangely the last few weeks, like she is in a daze during her shifts.

Stephen asks you if you think drug use is an issue for this nurse. You know the nurse that Stephen is referring to and stick up for her, saying you've known her for almost five years and don't think she would ever use drugs.

However, after this conversation you notice this nurse doing inappropriate things during her shifts:

- Coming out of the restroom with a syringe.
- Discreetly taking prescription pain meds from the ER Pharmacy; putting some in her pocket and putting a few in her mouth and chewing them up.
- When you noticed her leaving the pharmacy one night, you followed her into the rest room and found her snorting something.

Did you know substance abuse occurs across all generations, cultures, and occupations, including nursing. About 1 in 10, or 10-15% of all nurses, may be impaired or in recovery from alcohol or drug addiction. Although nurses aren't at a higher increase risk than the public sector, their overall pattern of dependency is unique because they have greater access to drugs in the work environment.

- What do you? Do you go back to Stephen and confirm his beliefs of drug use? Do you let the other nurses in the Emergency Room know? Do you report this to management? Or all of the above? Why?
- Do you believe quality patient care provided by a nurse who is impaired by drug addiction is jeopardized? Why?

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