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Gloucester County Institute of Technology Junior Honored as February Student of the Month

April Walters, a junior at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology (GCIT), was recognized today by the New Jersey State Board of Education as the February Student of the Month.

Walters, a student in the Academy of Finance and Information Technology at GCIT and a member of Future Business Leaders of America, aspires to attend the University of Pennsylvania as a business major after graduation.

"The State Board of Education is proud to name April Walters as our February student of the month," Board President Arnold G. Hyndman stated. "By developing her interest in business and using that skill to assist others in her community, April's achievements exemplify using learned classroom lessons in real life situations for the betterment of others. She is definitely one of our state's finest examples of a student-leader."

"The Department of Education enthusiastically joins the State Board in honoring April Walters for her achievements in school and in her community," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said. "April's success in her academic studies and her participation in service to others, specifically with the SkillsUSA organization, illustrates her commitment to both personal educational excellence and career and community development. April is certainly worthy of commendation."

April Walters is a volunteer for the March of Dimes Star Chef's Benefit Dinner where she applies what she learns in her finance classes by managing the funds for the event. Through her NJ SkillsUSA activities, where she serves as vice-president, April has motivated her peers to join in a volunteer effort to clean up a blighted area of North Philadelphia. In addition to her academic and community service projects, she finds time to be active in her school serving as GCIT Student Council and Junior Captain of the cheerleading squad.

In other State Board business, State Board Student Representative Jill Baker was recognized for her year-long service. Jill, a student at High Point Regional High School in Sussex County, has served as the State Board's liaison to the student community throughout the state of New Jersey from March 2003 to February 2004.

Each month during the school year, the State Board recognizes a student or group of students for accomplishments in community service, the arts, academics and sports. Last month, the State Board honored Jonathan Gomez, a student at West Avenue School in Cumberland County, and Candice S. Lue, a senior at Pennsville Memorial High School in Salem County.

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