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NJDOE Launches Podcast Showcasing Career and Technical Education Success Stories

TRENTON, NJ – In honor of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is featuring two Mercer County Technical School students on the February edition of its DOE Digest podcast.

Mercer County Technical School students Kitty Dorfman and Benjamin Kluempen are featured in the February edition of the podcast. Both students are Mercer County residents.

"We at the NJDOE salute these students as well as the countless others around the country who are engaged in practical, skills-orientated learning via career and technical educational classes," said Acting Education Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan.

The first episode of the podcast will be available on Thursday, February 11. New episodes covering a variety of topics will be released each month.

"You really do learn skills for life. It's satisfying to do something with your own hands," said Kluempen, who is in his second year of the electrical engineering program at Mercer County Technical School.

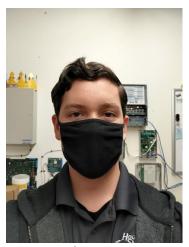
The February episode of the podcast is one of a series of events and programs the NJDOE will hold throughout the month of February to celebrate CTE Month.

"My career and technical education began in the eighth grade," said Dorfman, a senior who is studying to become a veterinarian. "I came across the health and science program at the Mercer County Technical School and I was immediately hooked on the program."

Visit the <u>DOE Digest</u> to tune in to the podcast starting February 11 and participate in the Twitter Chat at #NJEdPartners at 8 p.m. February 18. The DOE Digest podcast with transcripts is also available on the <u>NJDOE's</u> website.



Kitty Dorfman



Benjamin Kluempen





