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Upper Bucks County Technical School Selects Student of the Month (Technical Skills, Work Based Experience and Community Service)

Madison Rae Coffey, a senior from Pennridge High School, has been named the Student of the Month for October at the Upper Bucks County Technical School (UBCTS). Madison has been enrolled in the Dental Careers Program since her freshman year.

Madison is a Cooperative Education student trainee employed since July 2019 by Quakertown Dental Office, Quakertown, PA. She is a dental assistant and has received all excellent evaluations from her employer. She has also excelled in the Dental Careers Program receiving the outstanding dental student recognition for the past three years. She was named a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Madison contributes to the community by serving as a volunteer for Dentistry from the Heart (DFTH). This organization provides free dental care for those in need. She also participated in the Kiesel Dental "Out Run Decay 5K".

Madison is now preparing for the DANBY Radiation Health and Safety Exam. She is planning to attend college and major in a pre-dentistry with the long range goal of becoming an orthodontist.

About Dental Careers

The Dental Careers program will prepare students to succeed as integral member of a dental health team by developing the skills necessary for an entry-level position as a Dental Assistant, Orthodontic Assistant, Clinical Assistant, Dental Laboratory Technician, or Dental Receptionist.

The Dental Careers curriculum includes instruction in dental terminology, dental radiology, infection control, oral pathology, chairside dental assisting, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, and OSHA regulations. Dental Science instruction also covers content in dental materials, dental radiology, oral anatomy and pathology. Clinical Science instruction emphasizes skills and knowledge of office management, chairside assisting, sterilization procedures, dental emergencies, and legal and ethical aspects of dental practice.

Clinical education is also an important component of the program, helping students to perfect their competence in performing dental assisting functions. This is done through lecture and hands-on experience in the lab or clinical setting. Students also gain practical experience through the Upper Bucks Dental Clinic, which allows students to work alongside a dentist as dental services are provided to members of the community. This program provides an excellent foundation of technical knowledge for college and/or direct employment.

About Upper Bucks County Technical School

UBCTS is a public high school serving the students in three Upper Bucks County School Districts. Those districts include Palisades, Pennridge and Quakertown. Students benefit from specialized career programs that give them a competitive edge in college and career.

Approximately 800 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in twenty-one Pennsylvania Department of Education approved technical programs. Students participate one half day at the career and technical school and one half day at their sending district where they receive the balance of their academic courses. The mission of UBCTS is to educate students for successful careers and to inspire lifelong learning in a challenging and changing global economy.