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Projects place TVHS students in settings from hospital to computer networking hub

EAST GREENBUSH — Tech Valley High School provides students opportunities they wouldn't have in any other educational setting and there is no better example of the unique educational opportunities afforded students at TVHS than the annual J-Term project.

During this year's J-Terms, students learned in a variety of settings from walking the halls of a hospital with a physician to baking cakes under the tutelage of a baker.

"The most interesting thing was being able to actually go to a company and learn about the project instead of just reading about it in a book," said freshman Lucas Dowd. "I got to go to First Playable Productions and they were really helpful. They treated me like an adult and were willing to help and guide me with my project."

First Playable is a Troy-based game developer that has routinely provided opportunities for TVHS students to learn real world skills and how what students learn at TVHS is used in the world of business.

Dowd was one of several TVHS students to report on successful learning experiences during this year's J-Terms.

"I learned quite a lot from (Don Harple, network security professional), for instance: FTP networking, how to un-encrypt encrypted files, the different ports on a computer and how simple hacking truly is," said Job Enders, who spent several days at the North East Regional Information Center (NERIC) for his project.

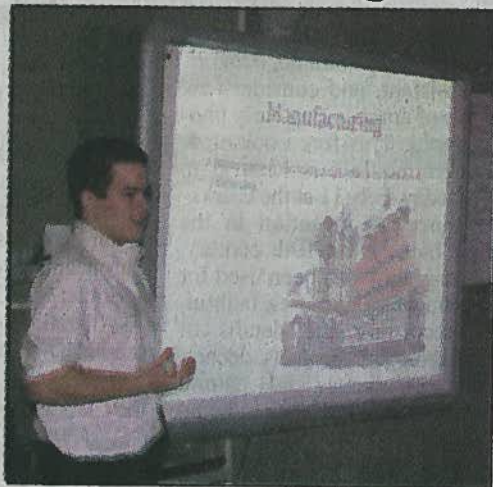
Enders, who was at NERIC for two days studying computer networking, said FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is a virtual port where a host operates a server that makes a network connection with a client.

While a number of J-Terms expanded TVHS students' knowledge of technology, not all J-Terms were technologically focused.

Chelsea Schadewald spent a week in the studios of Albany Broadcasting, home of The Edge 104.9, Fly 92.3 and Jamz 96 radio stations.

While she learned the ins and outs of broadcasting, Schadewald also got to go to a concert of popular rock band Shinedown at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany.

"It was the coolest thing," said the junior from Shenendehowa.



Patrick Kervin from Chatham presents his findings on how to start a business, which included a business plan for a chain of comedy club/resorts, to peers at Tech Valley High School Monday, Feb. 1. His presentation was the culmination of his J-Term project on creating a business from scratch, during which he spent time at Capital Region businesses and learned what pitfalls to avoid.

Junior Joe Coehlo spent a week with his physician-father at St. Peter's Hospital.

"I liked how I got to visit patients, with my father, and listen to my father lecture to his residents about what is wrong with a patient," said Coehlo.

James Hazzard worked with a local baker in creating a 2-foot by 45-inch cake for his J-Term project on making massive baked goods.

"It has been a lot of fun, but I have also learned a lot," he said.

J-Terms are designed to enable individual interaction between students and area professionals that help students gain a realistic understanding of an industry or field of study that is practiced in our region. The projects take between a week and three weeks for students to complete and involve dozens of area professionals. The work culminates with presentations by the students to their peers at TVHS in early February.