

## Perkins Restaurant Awards Pies to TCTC Students



**Scott Small**



**Jack Myers**

### **No Small Achievement**

Scott Small never met Will Rogers, but they share a trait in common. Neither one of them ever met a man they did not like. Small is a senior from Southington enrolled in the Patient Care Technology program. Mrs. Kerrie Wilson, Scott's English teacher nominated him for a special award. She stated, "I've had him both years and he is consistent in his work and tries his best. He contributes to class discussions and his comments are very insightful. One of his distinguishing characteristics is that he cares about his classmates. He always has a smile on his face and he can light up a room when he enters."

When interviewed for this story, Scott said, "I try to be a positive person with others because everybody needs a friend. I believe in the adage that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

Scott selected the Patient Care Technology program because his long-range goal is to become a nurse. He stated, "I worked as a volunteer at Trumbull Memorial Hospital and I enjoyed the atmosphere. Patients respond positively to nurses who are kind and considerate of their feelings." He believed that enrolling at the TCTC would provide him with a head start toward his career. Next year, he will be a student at West Virginia University and major in nursing. Scott received an apple pie from the Perkins Restaurant for his efforts.

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### **Jack Myers: A Pumpkin Pie for a Gentleman**

If Jack Myers could take back some of the decisions that he made during his first two years of high school, he knows that he would be further along on the path toward graduation. He stated, "I was lazy and did a lot of daydreaming." Nevertheless, after enrolling in the CBI and AFROTC

programs, he has seen the light. Presently, he is in a fast forward mode toward achieving his goals and ambitions.

Myers enrolled in the CBI program to help make up credits that he did not achieve as a freshman or sophomore. He has respect for his instructor, Mary Jo Napolet. He stated, “She holds you accountable for your actions, but you also know that she cares and wants you to succeed.”

Although Myers came to the TCTC in search of credits, he also found a career/tech program that is a match for his career ambition. He is enrolled in the AFJROTC program. He said, ‘I had no idea how much I was going to like the program. It represents what I believe in and want to become. He considers himself a patriotic citizen and is strongly considering a career in the military after high school. Myers stated, “Our country needs people who will protect our way of life and our communities. Hopefully, I can play a role in doing that in the future.”

Myers says that his GPA is not high, but no one would assail his character. His CBI instructor, Mary Jo Napolet describes him as a gentleman. “Jack is respectful of everyone. He is eager to learn and takes on responsibility without complaint. He is able to supervise others without becoming bossy or abrasive.”

No one has a crystal ball to predict his future, but he is like the racehorse that is gaining speed heading into the stretch. His teachers are not hedging their bets. Forget about place or show. Jack Myers is a winner.

