

State Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi came to speak to the 9th and 10th graders of Applied Technology High School about the New Jersey state government, civics, and her life experiences. Assemblywoman Schepisi told her motivational story of how she became a successful lawyer and politician, although she “never had any desire to go into public office.” She shared her life experiences from working as a shrimp deveiner, to working as a corporate Mergers and Acquisitions lawyer, to her current job as an attorney and State Assemblywoman. Schepisi openly told the students about her life challenges as well, and discussed the importance of being resilient and moving forward when faced with obstacles.

The Assemblywoman explained to the students how the New Jersey government works, specifically how the State Assembly, Senate, and Governor all work together to create and review legislation. She discussed her work on Assembly Committees, such as her work on the Health Committee.

Schepisi also gave the students important advice on volunteering, internships, and jobs. She told the students to “Go outside of your comfort zone, and try things that you might be interested in” as well as “Do anything and everything that remotely interests you.” The Assemblywoman discussed the importance of getting internships because they provide future opportunities. She encouraged Applied Tech students to get involved in volunteering and internships in their local communities.

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