

# The SP TLIGHT

## Migrant Ed. Students Explore College



Seventeen students from CiTi's Migrant Education Tutorial & Support Services recently spent time at SUNY Oswego learning about the opportunities available to them at the collegiate level.

Students were able to sit in on a college-level class, participate in a campus-wide open house and were given the chance to do hands-on workshops with the student television and radio stations.

## CiTi Welcomes New SRO to Mexico



CiTi has brought on a new school resource officer to increase safety and security for all.

Steven Stonecypher was a veteran of the Syracuse Police Department for thirty-three years.

Now in his first year with CiTi, he said he's excited to bring his knowledge and experience to the campus.

"I do my best to counsel the students," said Stonecypher. "I don't want to just be a policeman. I want the students to feel comfortable with me, I want them to call me Steve. I want to be on a person-to-person basis with them."

## Credit Accrual & Recovery for Everyone Relocates to Renovated SUNY OSWEGO Space



*The CiTi CARE program moves back to its original location from five years ago, after SUNY Oswego renovated and updated the space. The modern atmosphere now includes private, individual offices for counseling and other needs, small instruction rooms and a large group space. The partnership with SUNY Oswego has grown to include the college's Health Promotion and Wellness component offering personal training and fitness activities with college students.*

## APW Teacher Honored with 2019 Educator Spotlight



Students in Jill Parker's second-grade class at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Elementary school have a different idea of what's fun, thanks to Parker's innovative STEM challenges.

The CiTi BOCES Instruction Technology Support: Model Schools service has named Parker as their fall educator spotlight. Parker, a longtime teacher in the district, has been giving students materials, a challenge, and then letting them get to work. The idea is to see if they can critically think their way to a solution.

During the students' math portion of the day, they take 15 minutes to work on these STEM challenges. The challenges range from raising two dictionaries off the ground by only using three folded pieces of paper to making slides out of Dixie Cups, tape and ping pong balls.

Parker credited Peri Nelson-Sukert, CiTi itinerant computer education specialist, with helping bring more technical challenges into her classroom.

Parker said the students have enjoyed the projects so much, instead of recreational time, they want to work on their STEM challenges. She said one of the best things that has come out of the challenges is seeing the students become empowered.

"They don't really realize that they are learning until I point it out to them," Parker said.

## Seven CCCE CNA Students to Graduate



Seven adult students will graduate from the Center for Career and Community Education to become certified nursing assistants. Students Ashley Beckley, Natalie Cammuso, Teresa Maynes, Kendyle Pendock, Courtney Radley, Alyssa Wallace and Samantha Weaver have been progressing through the program well and will soon be graduating.

## Arts in Education Offers Professional Development for Music and Art Teachers



Arts in Education professional development is offered to music and art teachers in Oswego County at Paul V. Moore High School on November 2. Some of the offerings included technology in music, science in the arts and communication and advocacy with parent support (pictured above).

## Public Safety Students Practice Rappelling at Scriba Fire Station



Above, Public Safety & Justice students Jayden Trevett (APW), Carina Carvey (Fulton) and Alex Chapman (Fulton) gear up to rappel from a tower at Scriba Fire Station.



## CiTi Holds 6th Annual Safety and Security Seminar



CiTi invited operations and maintenance staff from Oswego County to join them in a “Safety and Security Seminar” recently.

Training applied to all types of district positions. The knowledge gained from the seminar will be applied to everyday life and help keep the educators and students safe in the classroom.

Several guest speakers were on hand to talk about strategic plans that can be utilized in each district.

Presentations during the seminar included: Situational Awareness and Emergency Management for School Receptionists, Interoperable Communications and ARC Flash training.

## Alumni Feature



CiTi alumnus Atom Avery, the owner and operator of Avery Rental Properties, has been working on two major projects: one in Oswego’s downtown LITATRO Building, the other an 89-bed assisted living facility in Fulton. The Architectural Drawing CAD program alum said the experiences in the program helped him further his career in real estate and development. Avery graduated in 1998 from Oswego and has been working in the real estate world for 20 years. Do you know CiTi alumni who should be recognized for their success? Share their story with the CiTi Public Relations team at [pr@CiTiboces.org](mailto:pr@CiTiboces.org)!

## Career and Technical Students Recognized as Most Employable for First Quarter



Career and Technical Education students at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation were recently recognized as most employable students for the first quarter.

Fourteen candidates were nominated by teachers for the Most Employable Student Award: Travis Gallia (Auto Body), Emma McCarthy (Digital Media Technology), Melisa Button (Nursing Assisting), Brian Solazzo (Public Safety & Justice), Kendyll Green (Early Childhood Education), Nevaeh Worley (Cosmetology), Kylie Mulchaey (Culinary Arts), Sarah Stewart (Computer Coding), Demetri Pappa (Construction Technology), Anna Tunis (Culinary Arts), Josh Lovins (Advanced Welding Technology), Anastasia Hall (Industrial Electrical Technology), Caroline Stainton (New Vision Law and Government) and William “Buddy” Ruby (New Vision Specialized Careers).

The distinction distinguishes students who demonstrate the soft skills and trade skills that make them employable and career-ready.

All nominees are entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card from the Oswego County Federal Credit Union. Button, Green, Tunis, Lovins and Ruby were selected this round.

## CiTi Extends a Heartfelt Thanks for Recent Donations Supporting CTE

### **Tom & Maureen Adams**

Thousands of dollars worth of tools to the Construction Technology and Project Explore classes.

### **Elizabeth Stephens**

A 1992 Sea Doo and trailer to the Outdoor Power Equipment Technology class.

### **Rusty Stetzel**

Rear Differential for the Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation class.

### **James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Station Exelon Corporation (Reed Haviland and Cathy Izyck)**

800 pounds of assorted welding wire to the Welding Technology class.

### **Alice, MaryGrace and Gary Fronk**

1987 Delta Oldsmobile

*\*Pending Board Approval*

## Outdoor Power Students Gain Repair Experience



*CiTi Outdoor Power Equipment Technology students troubleshoot the system on a jet ski with a bad ignition.*

Outdoor Power Equipment Technology students at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation gain real life, hand-on experience repairing small engines in class.

From snowblowers to lawn mowers, OPET students work on outdoor power equipment that is usually brought in by CiTi staff for repairs. Most recently, the students troubleshooted the system on a jet ski with a bad ignition. With the winter months ahead, routine maintenance and repair on snowmobiles and snow blowers will most likely be in store.

“The experience with small engines sets students up to enter the workforce or further their education at schools like the Lincoln Technical Institute,” said instructor John DeSantis.

For more information on career and technical education offerings at CiTi, visit [CiTiboces.org](http://CiTiboces.org)/CTE.

## CiTi Students Attend KidSpeak Puppet Show at APW Elementary



*An interactive puppet workshop fosters understanding and acceptance of learning style differences among elementary students at APW.*

An interactive puppet workshop called KidSpeak recently fostered understanding and acceptance of individual differences among elementary students at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District, and our CiTi programming at APW attended as well.

Professionals from the Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center representing the disciplines of school psychology, special education, speech language pathology and occupational therapy used the art of puppetry to talk about autism and related disorders, helping the children to better understand learning style differences.

Puppet Carey talked about how he liked to follow a schedule for the day and to know when things were done. Puppet Sally hummed to keep herself calm and liked to use her iPad to answer yes and no questions.

The presenters asked the kids to silently clap for the puppets as to not make the puppets or anyone in the audience nervous. They left the students with a challenge: to be social detectives with those around us so that we can be better understanding and accepting of our differences.

## Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation Students help Renovate Benjamin Fields



*CiTi Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation students move dirt and stone during their renovation project at the Benjamin Fields Parking Lot in Oswego.*

Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation class got a taste of real-world experience as they worked on reshaping the parking lot area at Benjamin Fields in Oswego.

"We're always looking for projects we can do," said instructor Sue Whalen. "The Oswego County Youth Soccer Association had a need, and it's nice our students are able to fill that need and gain valuable experience in the process."

The project started in early October and is now halfway done. The class looks to pick the project back up in the spring.

"This project has been very valuable to the students," said instructor Nate Grey. "Both on the operator side of things as well as the repair side."

In total, 577 yards of stone has been delivered to the area. That delivery couldn't have been made possible without the help of George Joyce of Laser Transit. Joyce helped move the classes' equipment with a trailer. Oswego County plans on moving the equipment back to CiTi when the project is completed.

## Cosmetology Students Learn from Guest Speaker



Students in CiTi's cosmetology class were recently given tips and tricks from a professional in the field.

Trevor Hunt, a stylist at Robert Croman's salon in Las Vegas, visited the classes with the idea of bringing an educational field trip right to the classroom. The cosmetology students had the privilege of learning about hot tools, the benefits of keratin treatments and other haircare products.

"It is important to have guest speakers, like Trevor," said Cosmetology instructor Rose Hartman. "He inspires students through motivational education that sparks creativity and passion for their career in cosmetology."

Hunt, who was representing the company "Pretty in a Minute," gave a demonstration on hairstyling with hot tools, and interacted with students through questions.

"He really kept the students on the edge of their seats," said Hartman. "We appreciated having him come to the class, and I think the students got a lot out of his visit."

## O.C.A.Y. League Shows Oswego County Some Love

When referring to local tourism, what often comes to mind is tourist attractions like fishing, museums, outdoor activities and festivals such as Harborfest. However, students competing in the Oswego County Academic Youth (O.C.A.Y.) League were challenged to look at local tourism in a different light.

A large part of tourism relies heavily on an area's business and economic portfolio, including everything from geography, accessibility and tax rates to local policies and regulation. Student teams from throughout Oswego County were asked to consider all these things in order to create a mini tourism campaign. Through a series of individual quizzes and group activities, teams were challenged to utilize their knowledge of Oswego County to create a travel brochure and promotional commercial, designed to attract businesses to Oswego County.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the competition's contenders was that no digital storage devices were allowed throughout the competition. Teams could not use cell phones or laptops to look up information and had to rely solely on their pre-existing knowledge of the county. Performing their commercial live for a panel of judges, acting as representatives of major corporations looking to relocate, each group tried their best to win over the room through a variety of creative props and catch phrases.

Oswego City School District took first place with members Carson Colucci, Cole Cullinan, Joseph DelConte, Nicole DelConte, Daniel Emmons, Abby Faul, Molly Fitzgibbons, Dayla Kinsizer, Julia Roman and Tori Tripp.

Central Square School District came in second place with members Josie Colaccico, Brad Curry, Braden Eiffe, Faith Farley, Logan Foster, Matt Herrmann, Marissa Hilton, Jake Lovenguth, Dylan Panipinto and Matt Stevens.

Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District took third place with members Amelia Auringer, Autumn Baum, Vincent Bresha, Ainsley Brouse, Trevor Johst, Mike Kinney, Katie Trumble, Jessica Wiggins, James Winnie and April Wright.

O.C.A.Y. League is coordinated through the Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation's (CiTi) gifted and talented program.



*Oswego City School District takes first.*



*Central Square School District takes second.*



*APW Central School District takes third.*

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## **Career and Technical Education Programs of the Month: Cosmetology and Heavy Equipment**



**PROGRAMS  
OF THE MONTH**



*The month of November showcases Cosmetology and Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation programs in Career and Technical Education. Above, students from the Sandy Creek Central School District are featured. Cosmetology students work the Shear Class Beauty Salon, which provides the opportunity to gain practical experience and apply classroom theory as they work toward meeting the requirements to take the New York State licensing exam. Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation students learn how to service, repair and operate various types of heavy duty trucks and excavation equipment. Classroom instruction provides training for Commercial Driver's License, Class B (CDL-B), so that any student 18 years or older may obtain his/her license.*