

# CITI THE SPOTLIGHT

SUMMER 2022

## CITI CELEBRATES CTE COMPLETERS

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation celebrated hundreds of Career and Technical Education completers throughout four ceremonies at the Mexico campus, where parents, families and district administrators cheered them on.

“The students being recognized here today have worked hard,” said Citi CTE Principal Michael Thurlow. “Undoubtedly, they have encountered challenges and setbacks that have tested them, pushed them to grow, and ultimately made them stronger. During their time at their home schools and here at Citi BOCES, these students have been given the opportunities to fine-tune not only their life skills, but also the tools needed to go out and pursue their career goals. Whatever it is that you envision for yourself in the future, you are the one who will make it happen.”

Recipients of the Cryomechs Scholarship were Dominick Mason (Pulaski, Digital Media Technology), Kelsey Caza (Fulton, Cosmetology), Haillie Langdon (Mexico, Computer Coding) and Diana Donohue (Hannibal, Cosmetology).

Tyler Roper, Computer Coding student from Oswego, earned the Lockheed Martin scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Alissa Bova, Culinary Arts students from Phoenix, earned the Patricia Steele scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

The Spike Nolan scholarship award went to Hailey McGrew (Sandy Creek, Early Childhood Education) and Aiden Seinoski (Oswego, Computer Coding).

The Burton Ramer scholarship was awarded to Emily Hamacher of Central Square in the Digital Media Technology program. The Dylan R. Blair

scholarship was awarded to Joshua Layton, of Hannibal, in the Auto Technology program.

Chloe Bonoffski (Fulton, Advanced Metal Manufacturing), Mackenzie Craig (Mexico, New Vision Specialized Careers) and Martin Lilly (Oswego, Computer Coding) each received the Emerging Skills scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Overall, \$11,750 in scholarships were disbursed to CTE students.



# SEVENTEEN GRADUATE FROM CARE PROGRAM



Seventeen students graduated from the Credit Accrual & Recovery for Everyone (CARE) program at CiTi and were honored during an end-of-the-year ceremony at the CARE site in Mexico.

"You came to CARE because someone believed in you," said CiTi CARE Principal Robyn Proud. "Now, my hope is that you are leaving CARE believing in yourself."

Graduating students were: Julian Blackmon, Gray Crandall, Elizabeth Gosselin, Sean Havener, Connor LaPage, Lillian Lee, Maddox Lee, Grace Mason, Ryleigh McManus, Marc Olivadoti, Collin Ouderkirk, Emily Pierce, Destany Reynolds, Adriana Sanitzo, Alexis Thompson, Allison Vincent and Arin Wendt.

## NEW VISION STUDENTS HONORED DURING VIRTUAL CEREMONY

The New Vision virtual end-of-the-year ceremony is available for viewing on the CiTi YouTube channel (@CiTi\_BOCES): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83QwGOxzec0>. Congratulations to our New Vision completers:

Jack O'Leary	Oswego	Lauren Salisbury	Mexico	Jessica Graham	Sandy Creek
Nate Brown	Oswego	Julia Murray	Oswego	Megan Flint	Fulton
Evan Caroccio	Mexico	Kayla Wood	Hannibal	Holly Pacyon	Pulaski
Mckenzie Graham	Oswego	Brennan Tynan	Oswego	Cordy Brown	Oswego
Jaylyn Longley	Hannibal	Connor Wallace	Oswego	Mikayla Fancett	Fulton
Alyssa Gage	Hannibal	Cody Lawton	Fulton	Tyler LaDue	Fulton
Caitlin Bartlett	Hannibal	Jackson Jodway	Fulton	Jade Doran	Fulton
Mackenzie Johnson	APW	Charlie Stouenger	Fulton	Channing Noel	Fulton
Emma Fransisco	Fulton	Bella Cary	Fulton	Julianna Hefti	Pulaski
Lyndsey Warner	Fulton	Jordan Ostrander	APW		
Brian Pond	Pulaski	Ayden Jensen	Mexico		
Alecsis Buda	Mexico	Kian Long	Mexico		
Alicia Collett	Fulton	Kelsey Redhead	Phoenix		
Kailsey Watts	Oswego	Kenzie Craig	Mexico		
Laureli Thayer	Mexico	Mia Rupert	Pulaski		
Caitlyn Dubois	Mexico	Emily Gareau	Pulaski		
Autumn Parkherst	Mexico	Maddy Benedict	Sandy Creek		
Quinn Halstead	Fulton	Mikinnah Kimpel	Central Square		
Madison Flood	Fulton	Mike Kinney	APW		
Morgan Eastman	Mexico	Garret Sobatka	Central Square		
Jessica Yesensky	Pulaski	Abby Hinman	Mexico		
Maria Dunsmoor	Hannibal	Elaina Derr	Pulaski		
Hannah Longely	Hannibal	Ciara Coffin	Pulaski		
Katie Nettles	Oswego	Bella Koproski	Oswego		
Mackenzie Barlow	Mexico	Mallory Upcraft	Oswego		



# CITI PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES 19 NATIONAL AWARDS

The CiTi Public Relations Department was recently recognized with 19 Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards from the National School Public Relations Association.

CiTi PR earned recognition for every submission entered by the department. The following are awards received:

- Pulaski Annual Report - Award of Excellence
- Trumansburg CSD Brand Kit - Award of Excellence
- Cazenovia CSD Brand Kit - Award of Excellence
- Writing piece - "Longtime South Seneca Elementary Aide Saves a Student's Life" - Honorable Mention
- Writing piece - "College Versus Trade School: Lansing Student 'Paves the Way' for Hybrid Learning" (TST BOCES CTE) - Honorable Mention
- Hannibal CSD Budget Finance Publication - Award of Merit
- Port Byron CSD Website - Award of Excellence
- Cato-Meridian CSD Website - Honorable Mention
- Lansing CSD Website - Honorable Mention
- Moravia CSD Website - Honorable Mention
- TST BOCES Tribune Print Newsletter - Award of Excellence
- Central Square CSD Print Newsletter The Square Root - Award of Merit
- Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES: Celebrating CTE Month: Did you know? Social Media Campaign: Award of Merit
- Marcellus Staff Spotlight Social Media Campaign - Award of Merit
- Sandy Creek CSD Meet Me Monday Social Media Campaign - Honorable Mention
- TST BOCES Recruitment Video - Award of Excellence
- CiTi Learning Lab for Students with Autism Video - Award of Merit
- Homer CSD The Wardrobe Feature Video - Award of Merit
- 25 Shows at Cato-Meridian Video - Honorable Mention



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HAPPENING OVER THE SUMMER



CiTi Instructional Support Services facilitated a county-wide UPK/preschool collaborative workshop focused on supporting students and families with the transition to kindergarten.

Oswego County teachers, teaching assistants and administrators along with OCO Head Start shared ideas and strategies for the new school year.

Visit [CITiboces.org/ISS](http://CITiboces.org/ISS) to learn more about professional learning opportunities through CiTi and sign up via Frontline.

## CTE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS MOST EMPLOYABLE FOR QUARTER FOUR



Career and Technical Education Students at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation were recently recognized as Most Employable in their class for quarter four of the 2021-2022 school year.

The Most Employable Award recognized students for character traits that make them employable in the field, and one student from each class is nominated each quarter. The program is supported by the Oswego County Federal Credit Union, which provides \$50 gift cards to five lucky students selected at random.

The following students were recognized for quarter four: Lincoln Hatch (Mexico, Advanced Metal Manufacturing), Anthony Gilmore (Fulton, Auto Body Repair), Preston Wick (Central Square, Automotive Technology), Nico Porpiglia (Oswego, Computer Coding), Robert Rose (Oswego, Construction Technology), Kelsey Caza (Fulton, Cosmetology), Courtney Soutar (Phoenix, Culinary Arts year one), Lauren Fitzsimmons (Oswego, Early Childhood Education), Damon Hogan (Central Square, Industrial Electrical Technologies), Madison Flood (Fulton, New Vision Specialized Careers), Maddison Schlosser (Fulton, Nursing Assistant year one), Daniel Gushin (Central Square, Nursing Assistant year two), Chloe Harvey (Phoenix, Public Safety & Justice) and Nathaniel Geller (APW, Welding Technology).

## 19 NURSING ASSISTANT STUDENTS EARN PINS THROUGH CITI

19 Oswego County high school students celebrated their graduation from the Career and Technical Education Certified Nursing Assistant program with year-end pinning ceremonies at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation.

“These students demonstrated perseverance as they successfully adapted to remote classroom learning while still managing to complete clinical work-based rotations at local healthcare facilities through the global coronavirus pandemic,” said Nursing Assistant Instructor Jill LaRock RN, BSN.

The seniors are leaving high school not only with their high school diploma, but with a great foundation for entering the workforce or continuing their education in any healthcare career.

Graduates are:

Gabrielle Benson, Breannah Demo, Leah Dorr, Tesa Galvin, Daniel Gushin, Amanda Halsey, Ashley Hellinger, Olivia Korthas, Emma Lee, UnaRose McNitt, Savannah Sellin, Terra Simpson, Brianna Tennant, Naomi Ervin, Alyiah Huff, Jenna Karkowski, Jessmarie Ruiz-Martinez, Mikala Sheffield and Abby Smith.



19 Nursing Assistant students earn recognition during a pinning ceremony held at CITI.

# MORAVIA STUDENT EARNS ASSOCIATE DEGREE BEFORE GRADUATION THANKS TO CITI PELL PROGRAM



Even in middle school, Gavin McKeon knew he could push for more.

McKeon — then finishing up seventh grade — asked to move up to more advanced courses, and then continued to push forward and challenge himself throughout his high school career.

McKeon is now reaping the rewards. He earned the rare feat of walking the stage to accept his associate degree before his high school commencement.

“I’ve always been trying to do more, because I think that I’m capable of it and my parents have always pushed me to do more in life,” McKeon said.

McKeon took extra math and English courses in middle school, and continued to work ahead. He had hoped to graduate from Moravia CSD a year early, but that plan was sidetracked.

Through the PELL program in cooperation with Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation BOCES and Cayuga Community College, McKeon was able to take college courses

before he graduated from high school. McKeon used the opportunity to get many of his general education credits out of the way en route to his liberal arts degree.

McKeon excelled in a mixture of in-person and online courses through Cayuga. Professor John Lamphere said he assigned McKeon bonus points due to the high frequency of his class participation, but never awarded them as he did not need it.

Diana Valdina, another Cayuga professor, praised McKeon for being responsive and informed.

“Kudos to his English teachers who prepared him very well for a 200 level course,” Valdina said.

Now McKeon is looking forward to a four-year college, Clarkson University, in the fall. He is essentially entering the Chemical Engineering program as a sophomore.

“I was given this opportunity and it would be silly not to take it,” McKeon said. “I have an opportunity to go many different places... It’s very open ended.”

To learn more about the CCC PELL On Campus Program, contact Melissa Daniels at CiTi BOCES, Director of Virtual Learning & Innovation P-16, at [mdaniels@citiboces.org](mailto:mdaniels@citiboces.org) or 315.963.4298.

## CITI CELEBRATES SIX BRIDGES TO SUCCESS GRADUATES

*Six students were celebrated at the CiTi Bridges to Success ceremony held at the Bridges program location in Oswego.*

*Principal Gary Brisson recognized the following graduates: Marisa Labonoski (Central Square), Cory McNitt, Benjamin Waybright and Jeremiah LaCelle (APW), Zion Rivera (Mexico) and Tobias Harris (Oswego).*



## CITI PRESENTS 22 PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE GRADUATES TO THE WORKFORCE



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Public Safety & Justice program recently graduated 22 seniors who are ready for the workforce or continuing education.

The two-year program offers two tracks: police or firefighting. The police side teaches public speaking, team building, penal law, criminal procedure law, crime scene investigation, forensics, fingerprinting, vehicle stops, arrests and security guard training. The fire side offers firefighting instruction, safety, ropes and knots, rappelling, vehicle extrication, rescue techniques, and experience on live fire training grounds. Both tracks provide CPR/AED certification, stop the bleeding training and a comprehensive physical training program.

"We express to them the importance of learning to work together and to live by core values: honor, respect, integrity and professionalism," said Public Safety and Justice Instructor Charles Searor Jr.

Physical Training Awards went to Ryan Engler (Oswego) and Bradley Cross (APW). The Outstanding Officer award was presented to Captain Liam Walsh (Central Square). Academic Excellence Awards went to Kaylee Gloude (Central Square) and Toby Baker (Oswego).

The Wendell Award, in memory of former Public Safety & Justice Instructor William T. Russell, was presented to Julia Porter of Oswego by the grandson of Russell and family. The award recognizes a student that leads by example and is always willing to help their fellow students.

The 2022 Public Safety & Justice graduates are: Evan Allen (Sandy Creek), Toby Baker (Oswego), Michael Brady (Fulton), Nickolas Brown (Sandy Creek), Bradley Cross (APW), Ryan Engler (Oswego), Matthew Freer (Oswego), Kaylee Gloude (Central Square), Rebecca Haines (Oswego), Zachary Hansen (Oswego), Jeffrey Horner Jr. (Phoenix), Shane Kinter (Mexico), Henry Landers III (Central Square), Christiona Levendusky (Oswego), Cody Mullins (Pulaski), Ivan Pacheco (Oswego), Julia Porter (Oswego), Zachery Schneider (Oswego), Jace Townsend (Pulaski), Katrina Wallace (Oswego), Liam Walsh (Central Square), and David Ward (Central Square).

## P-TECH WELCOMES COHORT VII

Oswego County P-TECH welcomed the seventh cohort of students this summer with an annual kick-off event and a series of activities as part of its summer bridge experience into the program.

Opportunities with industry partners provided challenges for the students over the summer such as an obstacle course with EJ, global leader in design, manufacturing and distribution of access solutions.

The students participated in adventure and team-building event at Tug Hill Outfitters in Williamson, building simple shelters, learning and utilizing wilderness for first aid and creating makeshift splints.

The group also had the opportunity to tour Onondaga Community College, where they will spend their last year of the program fully, completing an associate degree.



# CITI RECOGNIZES FIRST-EVER GRADUATING CLASS OF SYNERGY VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

The CiTi Synergy Virtual High School: Early College Pathways celebrated the very first graduating class during a virtual ceremony where each student was honored.

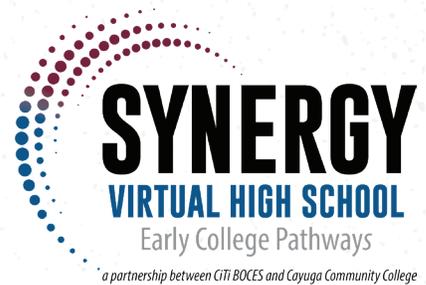
"I advise you to go out into the world and take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to you," said Principal Gary Brisson during the ceremony. "Recognize your passions and seek out careers that will bring you joy."

The virtual ceremony is available for viewing on the CiTi YouTube channel (@CiTi\_BOCES): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3x0WvnXuTk>.

"This program has been phenomenal," said one parent of the first graduating class. "My daughter loves it, she really connects with her teachers and enjoys her day. The teachers made it a point to offer extra clubs and this helped her find friends."

## Congratulations to the first-ever graduating class of Synergy:

Valeria Nunez	New Hartford	Jessica Dingman	Oswego
Amariah King	Sewanhaka	Shelby Stevens	Hannibal
Theresa (Tree) Moen	Whitesboro	Bella Carr	Oswego
Devin Lancaster	Oswego	Cameron MacCaull	Oswego
Cherry Maitland	Oswego		
Nataleigh VanHeusen	Greater Johnstown		
Dylan Goodin	Hannibal		
Andrew Coleman	Fulton		
Alexandria Sundberg	Red Creek		
Conner Barry	Fulton		
Savannah Race	APW		
Brandon Merrick	Holland Patent		
Alexandria Matteson	CSQ		
Zackary Casey	South Seneca		
John Edwards Jr.	Hannibal		
Isaiah Payen	Sewanhaka		



## SUMMER READING AT CITI

Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's A+ program housed at Lura Sharp Elementary are participating in a summer reading challenge.

The students are completing a bingo reading competition. As challenges were completed each day, boxes are marked off on the game card. Some of the challenges include reading two books by the same author, reading to an adult and reading a story based on a movie.

Once a class completes a full row of challenges, the students will be treated to a special lunch.



# CITI GRADUATES 18 ADULT LEARNERS IN PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation recently graduated 18 adult students from its practical Nursing Program recently.

During the ceremony, the graduates recited the practical nursing pledge, ending with: "May my life be devoted to service and to high ideals of the nursing profession."

An alumna from the 2021 graduating class, Nina Schanze, gave an encouraging word to the graduates.

"Never be afraid to speak up and be an advocate for your patients," she said. "Remember why you chose to become nurses."

Graduating students were: Sandy Barker, Elizabeth Berkey, Abigail Breckheimer, Samantha Briant, Vanna Ellis, Molly Fleming, Andrea Florkey, Kirsten Greenleaf, Kimberly Hamm, Amber Menkins, Ashley Naples, Jessica Owens, Jenna Piazza, Katelyn Place, Marina Regan, Brittany Roffo, Carrigan Serafini and Samantha Steurys.

The salutatorian award was presented to Kirsten Greenleaf and the valedictorian award was presented to Abigail Breckheimer.

"I would like to thank our teachers for all their support and kindness throughout these long months," said Breckheimer. "Not only were you there to support us academically, but you also supported us as real people through some of our hardest moments like true nurses do, and for that we thank you."

The following were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society: Jessica Owens, Marina Regan, Jenna Piazza, Kimberly Hamm, Kirsten Greenleaf, Samantha Briant, Abigail Breckheimer, Sandy Barker and Samantha Steurys.

CiTi Board of Education President John Shelmidine gave the keynote address congratulating the graduates.

"Your profession is noble, your skills great and your tenacity and abilities, commendable," he said. "You have compassion and empathy. Tonight, we celebrate and acknowledge your achievements and successes."

The next Practical Nursing class offering will begin in the fall. For more information or to register, visit [CiTiboces.org/AdultOfferings](http://CiTiboces.org/AdultOfferings).



*All High School Equivalency (HSE) classes will prepare students for the New York State General Equivalency diploma exam.*

## How to Enroll:

Contact the CiTi Lifelong Learning Center at  
**315.963.4283**



Or use the QR code to request a phone call!