

The SPOTLIGHT



CiTi Presented with Utica National School Safety Excellence Award



From left, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Michael Sheperd and Safety and Risk Coordinator John Rafterowski proudly display CiTi's 2020 School Safety Excellence Award presented by the Utica National Insurance Group.

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation (CiTi) has received the highest distinction in school safety excellence once again, an award presented annually by Utica National Insurance Group.

CiTi received the 2020 Utica National School Safety Excellence Award at the titanium with honors level, the highest honor awarded by the group. The honor recognizes districts' work toward creating a safe environment for students, staff and visitors.

John Rafterowski, coordinator of Safety and Risk at CiTi, says that safety is always at the forefront of decision-making at CiTi. The safety and risk service that CiTi offers to school districts provides reviews, recommendations and assistance with district safety policies, including protocols and trainings to help minimize instances of accidents and injury, and to safeguard the educational environment.

Categories considered during the award process include bullying prevention programs and other areas that are measured using quantifiable surveys. CiTi has received this award consecutively for more than a decade.

Partnership with ARISE Ramp Program Still Going Strong



Career and Technical Education programs have partnered with ARISE in the building and tearing down of ramps for years as part of the Oswego County Ramp Program, which provides ramps for families in need throughout Oswego County. Construction Technology students built a storage rack for the ramps last year. Welding Technology students continue to work to help weld and repair aluminum ramps. ARISE Peer Advocate/Housing Advocate Scott Pecoy said he is grateful for the partnership with CiTi students.

Local 669-JATC Partners with CiTi for Virtual Guest Speakers



CiTi welding students learn about pipe trades apprenticeship opportunities through a virtual presentation.

NY State Recruiting Specialist Tim Coleman from Local 669-JATC Sprinkler Fitters has partnered with the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation to give multiple presentations as a guest speaker to Career and Technical Education students.

Coleman shared career opportunities available to the students through apprenticeship training and gave an overview of a day in the life of a sprinkler fitter.

“Piping specialists are highly trained to install life safety systems,” said Coleman during one of the presentations. “Every day is different with new approaches to problem-solving.”

In addition to learning by doing, apprenticeship programs have other perks such as a college education with no debt for career advancement. After applying to the program, most apprenticeship programs start right after high school graduation.

“The unions have been doing this for more than 100 years,” said Coleman. “We represent our workers and provide them with a living wage, benefits and the opportunity to retire with dignity.”

CiTi Alumni Spotlight

CiTi alum JJ Hutchinson is a 2007 Mexico Academy & Central School District graduate as well as Exploratory Occupations and Auto Body graduate. As a manager at Advanced Auto Parts in Oswego, Hutchinson says he is thankful for CiTi programming that helped him get where he is today. He encourages current high school students to explore the auto programs at CiTi because older generations who have made a career out of it are starting to retire. “I got to do a lot of side projects my last year, so it really helped me expand my abilities,” he said. “I had amazing teachers.” 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.



Career Connections Conversation with the BLUE MAN GROUP Coming Feb. 10

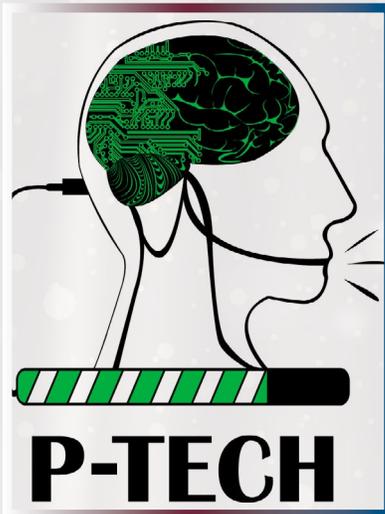


Career Connections Conversation with Mark Frankel from the BLUE MAN GROUP is slated to happen Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. thanks to distance learning connections.

The session is most appropriate for middle and high school students and is open to school districts that participate in their local BOCES/RIC Distance Learning program. This free collaboration is brought to districts by CiTi and the New York State Distance Learning Consortium. The registration deadline is Feb. 5 via <https://tinyurl.com/citibmg2021>.

BLUE MAN GROUP performances are a celebration of human connection, mixing art, music, comedy and state-of-the-art technology.

Oswego County P-TECH Virtual Open Houses Slated for Month of February



The Oswego County Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) will host virtual open house events throughout the month of February.

Hour-long online sessions will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 2, Feb. 10, Feb. 16 and Feb. 22 via a Zoom video connection.

Both link information

and specific open house information will be shared with interested students and their families by contacting Oswego County P-TECH at ptech@CiTiboces.org.

Students in eighth grade in any of the nine component school districts throughout Oswego County are eligible to apply to the program. Acceptance into P-TECH would provide enrolled students with a pathway to obtain a Regents diploma and an associate's in applied science degree at no cost to the family. The entire educational experience is filled with project-based classes, workplace mentorship and real-world experience with several local industry partners.

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"I received formal acceptance into St. Joseph's College of Nursing to get my associates and then for my BSN!"
-Allysha Barbera '18

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Former Adult Practical Nursing student Allysha recently received her formal acceptance to St. Joseph's College of Nursing to pursue her BSN. "I wouldn't have been able to do this without yours and the other teachers' help," she told her instructor. "You're an inspiration." Well Allysha, we think you are the inspiration. We are honored to have been a part of helping to build your future! Are you ready to start your new career? Check out our adult offerings at [CiTiboces.org/adultofferings](https://www.CiTiboces.org/adultofferings).

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Career and Technical Education Programs of the Month for January: Early Childhood Education and Industrial Electrical Technology



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OF THE MONTH**



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Early Childhood Education and Industrial Electrical Technology are January's Career and Technical Education programs of the month.

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to teach students the aspects of teaching and working with young children, from birth through elementary age.

Industrial Electrical Technology provides introduction level exposure to fundamental knowledge and skills associated with the electrical trades.

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