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Oswego County P-TECH Teams Named Winners of Inaugural Engineering Wars Competition



Oswego County Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) students took home first-place and third-place titles in the first-ever P-TECH Engineering Wars.

The competition challenged student teams across P-TECH Cohort 2, which encompasses much of the Southern Tier and Central New York, to build a catapult using only supplied materials within a 10-day window, starting May 3.

The two teams of five Oswego County P-TECH students, comprised of ninth and 10th-graders from across the county, relied upon its members' critical thinking skills and technical training to build functioning catapults.

Their work culminated with a video presentation and virtual demonstration submitted to industry partner and guest judge, C&S Companies, of Syracuse.

"We're honored that our students were not only successful, but also to historically be the ones to claim the first victory throughout all of P-TECH," Oswego County P-Tech Principal Brian Heffron said. "This was designed to give students a hands-on experience to be able to use their technical skills while also working on professional skills when it comes to teamwork, communication and dependability."

The teams were scored using four criteria, each worth 25 points: design concept and engineering drawings, construction quality, competition results video and the final presentation video.

Heffron says each future competition will feature a new industry partner each year to judge students' creations through a project designed to provide both fun and learning.

Andrew Blodgett Selected as NYS SkillsUSA Chapter President



Oswego County P-TECH student Andrew Blodgett, from Hannibal Central School District, is elected as the 2021-2022 SkillsUSA president for the NYS chapter. One of the requirements to be considered was delivering a speech to elect state officers during this year's virtual state competition; Blodgett was also put on the spot to answer a question in front of delegates.

Fourth and Final OCAY League Event Leaves Hannibal Victorious for 2020-2021 School Year



The fourth and final Oswego County Academic Youth League event brings a third-place win to Hannibal Central School District and a first-place tie between Sandy Creek Central School District and Oswego City School District. Combining scores from all four events this school year, the overall winner for the 2020-2021 season is Hannibal Central School District. Oswego City School District and Sandy Creek Central School District tied for third place. The virtual award ceremony can be viewed on the CiTi Facebook page (@CiTiboces).

Save the Date, CiTi End-of-Year Events

- P-TECH Signing Day, in-person, June 3
- Exceptional Education Celebration, in-person, June 11
- New Vision Celebration, virtual, June 22
- CTE Celebrations, virtual, June 22

*virtual events will be showcased on the CiTi YouTube Channel and Facebook page - visit our website at CiTiboces.org for links.

CiTi Alumni Spotlight

CiTi alumna Victoria Usherwood Gailinas is a 1978 graduate of Bishop Cunningham High School and the Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design program at CiTi. She says the education she received at BOCES helped her to have a career right out of high school, and she has built more than 100 landscape gardens in her lifetime. Today, she also heads iHeartOswego, a self-funded volunteer and community organization. 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.



K-9 Police Dog Demonstration Provided to Public Safety & Justice Students



Members of the New York State Police Department provide a K-9 police dog demonstration for students enrolled in the Public Safety and Justice program.

CTE Students Recognized as Most Employable for Quarter Three

 Haylee Caputo Culinary Arts • Central Square	 Abigail Skellington-Bice Early Childhood • Altmar-Parish-Williamstown	 Montana Rose Goodnow Nursing Assistant • Central Square
 Collin Wells Automotive Technology • Fulton	 Robert Minard Computer Coding • Phoenix	

Career and Technical Education students were recently recognized as Most Employable in their class for quarter three of the 2020-2021 school year.

Students are recognized as most employable students for the quarter, who exhibit traits that are desired by employers. The Oswego County Federal Credit Union sponsors the program with \$50 gift cards to five students selected at random.

The following students were recognized for quarter three: Mary Jo Nuzzo (New Vision Specialized Careers, Mexico), Haylee Caputo (Culinary Arts, Central Square), Genna Eusepi (Cosmetology, Phoenix), Abigail Skellington-Bice (Early Childhood, APW), Gabriel Rupracht (Construction Technology, Central Square), Montana Rose Goodnow (Nursing Assistant, Central Square), Collin Wells (Automotive Technology, Fulton), Leonard Francisco (Culinary Arts, Sandy Creek), Emily Hamacher (Digital Media, Central Square), Faith Mosley (Nursing Assistant, Pulaski), Robert Minard (Computer Coding, Phoenix), Aiden Seinoski (Computer Coding, Oswego) and Elora Race (Nursing Assistant, Central Square).

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CiTi Teams Up with Local Organizations to Help Families in Need



Recently, CiTi collaborated with the American Dairy Association, Liverpool Turkey Trot and the Food Bank of Central New York to help those in need throughout Oswego County.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the idea of food shortages was a large concern. After receiving assistance from the Federal Government Farmers to Family Food Box Program, organizations such as the American Dairy Association and the Food Bank of Central New York began to distribute food boxes across the Central New York region.

At the same time, CiTi staff possessed a strong desire to make sure families had access to essential resources. This is when Cathy Hobb, Director of Marketing & Insights for the American Dairy Association, reached out to CiTi. As a result, a partnership was created between CiTi, the ADA, Liverpool Turkey Trot and the Food Bank of CNY to ensure that all families had an opportunity to receive nutritious foods.

“It all starts with collaboration. It doesn’t happen through one organization,” said CiTi Counselor Scott Henry. “Food is a basic need, and when families can receive food, you’re allowing them to go out and tackle their other higher-level responsibilities.”

As a collective team, more than 1,200 nutritious food boxes were provided to families throughout Oswego County. This involved donations to in-house programs at CiTi including Exceptional Education, Alternative Education, Career and Technical Education, Oswego County P-TECH and STRIVE. The team also helped coordinate food box distribution to outside agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse, Onondaga Nation, ACR Health and the Q-Center for LGBTQ youth and families.

CiTi’s commitment to open eligibility made certain that anyone and everyone in need, regardless of status, income or household size, had access to nutritious food. A huge thank-you goes out to CiTi students (Joe Blair, Matt Wright, Gabe Gleason and Sky McDowell) and staff (Kathy Woodmancy, Julia Mason, Julie Kessler, Angela Wheeler, Lisa Carney, Scott Henry, Kim McPherson and Garrette Weiss) who all played a role in the success of the food distribution coordination.

