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Public Safety Conducts 9/11 Ceremony



On Sept. 11, cadets from the Public Safety & Justice program held remembrance ceremonies in front of a large gathering of CiTi staff, students and administration to mark the 18th anniversary since the tragic attacks on the United States on that date in 2001. After raising the colors to half-staff, CTE Principal Michael Thurlow gave a timeline of events for what happened Sept. 11, 2001, and the group had a moment of silence to recognize the thousands of lives lost and impacted that day.

P-TECH Receives WorkKeys Credential



A total of 34 students in the Oswego County Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) received their ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate in a ceremony at Onondaga Community College after completing assessments determining their skills with workplace documents, applied math and graphic literacy. The ACT WorkKeys initiative, which is partially funded by the Richard S. Shineman Foundation and Operation Oswego County, is offered at no cost to students or their families.

Full-Day Work-Study Students Visit Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter



CiTi full-day work-study students and staff from Fourth Street School attend an event commemorating the Aug. 5, 1944, arrival of 982 Holocaust refugees at the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter. While visiting the museum, they were able to meet a few surviving refugees, including Flora Kalderon Friedman, who is pictured here.

CiTi Brings Arts in Education to Phoenix with Summer Enrichment Program

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi) Arts in Education program brought its Summer Enrichment to the Phoenix Central School District this summer.

The goal of the program is to provide enrichment experiences, specifically focused around STEAM material and equipment that otherwise may not be easily accessible to students.

Students participating in the program were able to work on team building exercises as well as individual art projects. One of the exercises involved students working together to unlock a box using word and logic puzzles. Other sessions included stop motion animation, Minecraft and art and wellness activities.

Will Jones, the Director of Arts in Education, said that the program helped students transition into new grades and meet middle school teachers. He also hopes that the students continue to have fun and don't see the exercises as work, but as a natural byproduct of the structured program.



Six Students Graduate from Dental Assisting



CCCE Dental Assisting graduates are all smiles as they are joined by staff and administration following a recent ceremony. From left are Elizabeth Rice, Health Occupations Coordinator; Mark LaFountain, CiTi Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; graduates Emily Simpson, Sharon Gibson, Ashlee Hinckley, Jackelyn Edelman, Tessie Jones and Sckyllar Lewis; Dental Assisting Instructor Melanie Kerschner; CiTi Board of Education President John Shelmidine; and Rob Elia, CCCE workforce liaison.

Six Students Graduate from Medical Assisting



CCCE Medical Assisting students gather for a group photo prior to their recent graduation ceremony. From left are CiTi Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Mark LaFountain; Medical Assisting instructor Shelly Spencer; graduates Roberta Fletcher, Sierra Clark, Abigail Breckheimer, Allister Phillips-Sherman, Michelle Mulholland and Chelsey Clark; CiTi Board of Education Vice President Donna Blake; CiTi Board of Education President John Shelmidine; and CCCE Health Occupations Coordinator Elizabeth Rice.

Oswego Writing Institute Inspires



Oswego City School District (OCSD) teacher and mentor Cheryl Beck is honored as the 2019 recipient of the Oswego Writing Institute (OWI) Award. Pictured, from left, are OWI co-directors Carri Waloven and Christine Walsh; Beck; Fitzhugh Park Elementary Principal Donna Simmons; Oswego Middle School Principal Mary Beth Fierro; and OCSD Superintendent Dr. Dean Goewey. The two-day writing institute, held at SUNY Oswego's Marano Campus Center, offered more than 20 professional development sessions to area professionals that featured award-winning authors Todd Strasser and Tonya Bolden. The event culminated with a powerful speech from former professor Linda Loomis, who encouraged attendees to write as a form of discovery, healing, power and legacy.

PR Team Earns National Recognition



The CiTi Public Relations team recently earned publications and digital media awards through the National School Public Relations Association. Paul Griser earned an Award of Merit for his Cato-Meridian CSD "Sportsmanship at Its Finest!" video. Brandon Wood received Honorable Mention for his Mexico Academy & Central School District "True Beauty Project" video. Todd Shear received the Golden Achievement Award for CiTi's Career and Technical Education recruitment campaign. Rebecca Trevett earned a Golden Achievement Award for Oswego City School District's capital project campaign.

Alumni Feature



At 17-years-old, CiTi alumnus Tyler Thompson became the youngest driver to win the 63rd International Classic, the richest and most prestigious Supermodified auto racing event in the country, held at Oswego Speedway. Thompson, who graduated from CiTi's Advanced Metal Manufacturing CTE program and G. Ray Bodley High School in 2019, led 187-of-200 laps on his way to the checkered flag. 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!

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CiTi Welcomes New Staff to 2019-20 School Year



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation welcomes our new staff for the 2019-2020 school year.

Manufacturing Day Set for CiTi Oct. 4



Register for Manufacturing Day online: <https://www.mfgday.com/events/2019/oswego-county-ptech-citi-oswego-boces>