



# The Spotlight

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## Fall Adult Ed. Offerings

Openings available now for adults interested in Health Occupations or Trades and Technology careers through the Center for Career and Continuing Education (CCCE). Auto Technologies, HVAC, Welding and Advanced Manufacturing programs as well as Nurse Assistant and Dental Assistant classes will be starting soon. To apply or for more information, visit [CitiBoces.org](http://CitiBoces.org), or call 593-9400.

## Oswego's Mayor Barlow Visits Citi



Oswego Mayor Billy Barlow visits Citi's Auto Body Career and Technical Education class.

Billy Barlow, Mayor of the city of Oswego, recently visited Citi's Mexico campus and came away extremely impressed with the various fields of study offered throughout the organization.

CTE Principal Marla Berlin and Business Education Liaison Garrette Weiss provided

Barlow with a tour of campus, often stopping to visit student programs showcasing the hands-on learning Citi provides.

"I was astounded at the level of professionalism the students at Citi demonstrated and saw first-hand how passionate the staff at Citi are when teaching their students," Barlow said.

The New Vision Law & Government program also welcomed Barlow to their class at SUNY Oswego. Thanks to Barlow, students in the program will serve as interns throughout various departments in the city of Oswego, including the police, code enforcement and community development departments.



Mayor Barlow visits New Vision Law and Government at SUNY Oswego.





## CiTì Receives Grant to Expand Weekend Food Program

CiTì's main campus Breakfast, Lunch for Weekends (BLFW) program is growing thanks to a grant received by the Oswego County Community Foundation, a component fund of the Central New York Community Foundation.

BLFW discreetly and confidentially offers free food on the weekends to any food-challenged student that attends any of the CiTì programs located on main campus. Thanks to the one-year grant, the program is expanding to also provide hygiene items to students as well as "Family Crisis Bags" to families in acute, desperate need.

School nurse Pamela Marmon said as the need for the program grew, so did community support. BLFW also received donations from the Shineman Foundation, the Russel Horning Auxiliary 601 in Parish and CiTì employees.

Marmon said everyone's assistance helps close the hunger gap for families when school is not in session. A special thank you, she said, goes out to CiTì employees JoAnn Smegelsky, Joanne St. Gelais and Nanette Willis for their time and effort to expand the program. Pictured are Marmon, Smegelsky, St. Gelais and Willis with donated food items.



## CiTì Students to Partner for Composting and Gardening Project



Teaching Assistant Kim Ladd and Luis Piscitelli learn the art of composting.

Exceptional Education students at CiTì are creating a sustainable garden community, one collaboration at a time.

Students in Mary Ryan's work study group at CiTì's Safe Trusting Restorative Instructional and Vocational Environment (STRIVE) program aim to work alongside their Career and Technical Education peers in the culinary arts classes to achieve a thriving composting program, growing fresh produce for students and community members.

The STRIVE students have become project leaders by weeding raised garden beds to ready them for spring planting. Students wanted to use better quality soil in the garden, and with

the help of their teachers, began learning about composting. They researched compostable materials and shared their newfound knowledge with the culinary arts students, indicating what scraps they could use from the kitchen for compost mixtures.





## CiT Students Get a Peek at College Life

CiT's Distance Learning program is making it possible for 100 students in Oswego County to earn college credit even before they graduate high school.

Among participating component school districts are: Altmar-Parish-Williamstown, Central Square, Hannibal, Phoenix and Sandy Creek. The unique opportunity is possible thanks to a partnership with Onondaga Community College professors who videoconference lessons to the schools' distance learning labs.

About 325 seats are taken in 15 college courses for the 2016-2017 school year, including courses of: Criminal Justice 101 (Justice System), Criminal Justice 226 (Law Enforcement Process), Italian 101, Italian 102, College Learning Strategies, Psychology, Sociology, two classes of Philosophy (Critical Thinking and Ethics), two online classes of Health Information Technologies (Intro to Health IT and Medical Terminology), American National Politics and Health.

Through the partnership, the students are able to take between one and five distance learning courses per school year. Those students receive one to three OCC credits per course.

CiT's Distance Learning program continues to spark more student interest each year; participation has doubled since last year.

Distance Learning Coordinator Melissa Daniels recently accompanied the students to an OCC open house event where CiTi students met their professors and toured the campus.

School districts interested in learning more about the program may call Daniels at 963-4298.



CiT students visit the OCC campus to meet their professors through CiTi's Distance Learning program.

## New Rotation Sites for New Vision

The New Vision program gained a few rotation partners this year. The Law and Government students will be visiting Oswego City Police, City of Oswego Code Enforcement and City of Oswego Economic Development. Students in Specialized Careers will be interning at Tara Animal Hospital, Black Creek Animal Hospital, Fruit Valley Veterinary Clinic, St. Luke's Health Services, Syracuse Stage, SUNY Oswego Office of Business and Community Relations and the Eis House. Allied Health students will be alternating at new sites ranging from Bishop Commons, St. Francis Commons, Dr. A. Mears' Office and the Oswego Health Central Square Medical Center. Students will be able to broaden their experience and perspective in their desired career field through these opportunities.







Bridges to Success student Samantha Totman-Bacon proudly shows off the program's new cooking preparation stations.

## Alternative Ed. Students Learn to Cook

Students at the Bridges to Success program are cooking up success. The Alternative Education program offered through CíTi now has a small cooking area, equipped with one range and three preparation stations and cooking stations, which include: pots, pans, a griddle and utensils.

Bridges' middle school students will utilize the area for the first half of the school year. During the second half of the school year, Bridges' high school students will work toward a high school credit when they complete their class.

Food and Nutrition Class Instructor Colleen Mahoney-Kiah said the goals of the course are to expose students to varieties of food, using kitchen equipment and following recipes and knife techniques, all to create tasty dishes.

"In this class, we use skills the students can really use when they get their first apartment or go to college," said Mahoney-Kiah.

Bridges principal Roxanne Euson said the kitchen facilities may also be utilized by the program's Family and Consumer Science class. A part of the learning process, she said, involves: researching nutritional value, price comparisons, looking for in-season produce and ensuring stations are cleaned.



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