



The Spotlight

March 2019

BOCES Represented at the Well



All 37 BOCES were represented at the Well in Albany on March 13, and Audiology Services represented CiTi. From left, audiologists Jessie Bradley, Amy Bradbury and Director of Exceptional and Alternative Programs Julie Landy.

Top 3 CTE Students Recognized



First-year Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation students Jacob Smith (APW), Ryan Whitcomb (Hannibal) and William Monica (Central Square) are recognized at CiTi CTE's Top 3 Ceremony.

Academic success was celebrated at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation during a recognition ceremony for Career and Technical Education Top 3 students in every program.

"I want to thank you, students, for putting your best foot forward, working hard to excel day-in and day-out," said CTE Principal Michael Thurlow.

All the students recognized earned a grade-point average of at least 85 or higher in their respective classes.

The full list of students recognized can be found on the CiTi website, CiTiboces.org.



Students Dance Away at Work-study Spring Fling



CCCE Medical Assisting Graduates Seven



Seven CCCE medical assisting students graduate. From left, CCCE Health Occupations Coordinator Elizabeth Rice, CiTi Board of Education President John Shelmidine, Medical Assisting graduates Lori Coldiron, Tammy Henderson, Mackenzie Casler, Amy Arden, Kari Firenze, Majesta Hallock, CCCE Medical Assisting Instructor Shelly Spencer, CCCE Liaison for Workforce Initiatives and Corporate Programs Paula S. Hayes and CiTi Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Mark LaFountain. Not pictured, Medical Assisting graduate Megan Meddaugh.

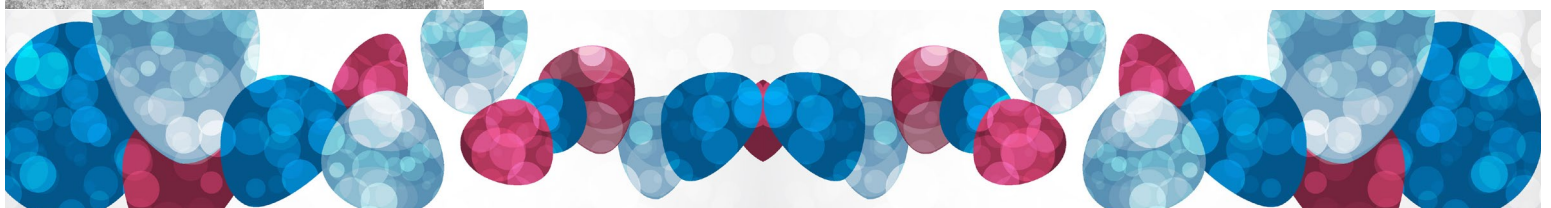
The Center for Career and Community Education presented seven new Medical Assisting graduates at their completion ceremony March 5.

"I feel the best part of the class was the hands-on experience," said salutatorian Amy Arden.

The class received a 100 percent pass rate on their certification exam. Every graduate received a National Career Readiness Certificate through WorkKeys, validating their skill set for the work they will be doing.

Amy Arden, Kari Firenze and Lori Coldiron were presented with National Technical Honor Society awards.

CCCE's fall Nurse Assistant class also graduated recently and passed their prometric exam. The five students were: Ashley Gates, Steven Gozzi, Tiffani Pike, LaTasha Sistrunk and Kim Weaver.



Champions Named in Oswego County Battle of the Books

The Oswego County Battle of the Books competition was held March 12, where teams from all nine school districts in the county vied for the title of champion. The event was hosted this year by the Sandy Creek Central School District.

Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive, where teams of up to three students read books from a list of 10, selected specifically for the battle each year, and then answer 16 questions about those books. Teams are divided into four levels by grade: Level 1: grades 3-4; Level 2: grades 5-6; Level 3: grades 7-8; and Level 4: grades 9-12.

The battles began weeks earlier as teams participated at local levels within their school district for the honor to represent their district at the county level.

The battle for champion in Level 1 saw nine teams compete with the team from Mexico taking the top spot. Team members included Emma Belfield, Ian Bigelow and Jesse Marthia.

At the close of regular competition in the Level 2 match, two teams were tied for the top spot with Central Square and Fulton moving to a tiebreaker round. After two questions, the team from Fulton was the only one to correctly answer the question and was named champion. Team members included Ava Pelky, Audrey White and William Wright.

Level 3, grades 7-8, saw the Phoenix team leading at half-time and holding onto their lead until the end. Lyla Barrow and Harleigh Greenleaf represented their district at the competition.

Level 4, grades 9-12, finished up the competition with the Sandy Creek team victorious following regulation play. Team members Annie Chen, Elsa Graf and Ashleigh Rosenbaum took an early lead and didn't look back as they earned the top score.

The Oswego County Battle of the Books is coordinated county-wide by the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation School Library Systems department.



O&M Professional Development Day Brings Districts Together



A presentation about initial actions in an emergency and a show-record 50 trade-related vendors highlighted the recent 24th annual School Facilities Professional Development Seminar and Trade Show.

More than 200 O&M staff members from districts around the county heard from local school safety and security institution Armoured One about best practices in case of an emergency, plus another presentation about the NYS Employee Retirement System.

CiTi Director of Facilities Wayne Wideman — who along with other members in the Oswego County Chapter of School Facilities Association plans and coordinates the event — said he feels the show continues to offer a program that not only enriches the individual, but also the employee.

“We feel that bringing all the schools’ O&M staffs together to hear a unified message and receive unified training gives us all a stronger workforce county-wide,” said Wideman.

The festivities, held at Mexico Middle School during winter break for area schools, included O&M staff members from all nine Oswego County districts plus CiTi.

The middle school’s gymnasium was packed for the afternoon’s trade show, with crowds of people examining equipment, services and more.

“As always, the vendors supported this effort with resounding enthusiasm,” said Wideman. “This is their one chance to meet and speak with everyone from all the districts in one place.”

Another thing the trade show allows the DOF group to do is assist some local students with scholarships. In the past five years, the group has awarded 42 post-high school scholarships to students in Oswego County schools going into the “building sciences and trade-related fields” according to Wideman.

“This is one of our proudest accomplishments. It’s all made possible through this day,” he added.

Wideman and the group thanked the vendors for their continued partnership along with the Mexico Academy & Central School District for the use of their facilities and accommodating staff.



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