



# The Spotlight

June 2019

## CTE Ceremony Celebrates Students

*A year of hard work and commitment culminated in several awards, scholarships and accolades for CTE students.*

*The honors were presented during the annual end-of-year ceremony held on the CiTi Mexico campus, as students in each program were celebrated for their accomplishments. Students who participated in Skills USA and the newest members of the National Technical Honor Society also received special recognition.*

*Below, Gabrielle Carpenter, an Early Childhood student from Mexico, receives the Dr. Burton Ramer Scholarship during the ceremony.*



*CiTi Exceptional Education graduates are all smiles during the recent graduation ceremony held on the Mexico campus.*

## CiTi Honors Exceptional Education graduates

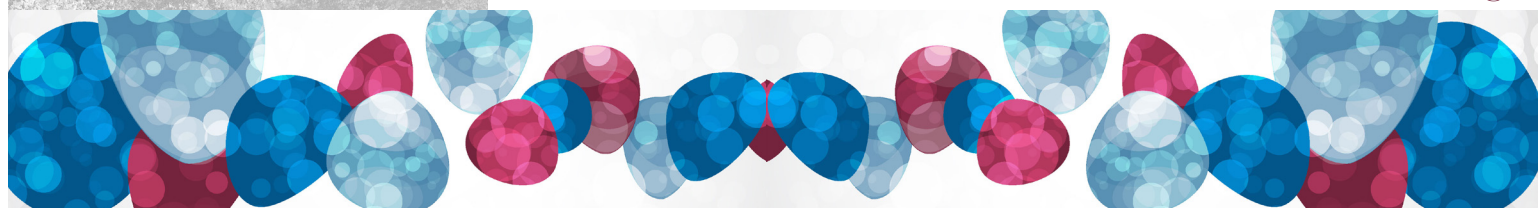
Twenty-one students from the Exceptional Education program at CiTi did not let any adversity, challenges or obstacles prevent them from achieving their crowning moment: high school graduation.

Each of the honorees were celebrated during a recent Exceptional Education graduation ceremony on CiTi's main campus in Mexico. Following a traditional processional, CiTi BOCES District Superintendent Christopher Todd charged each graduate with providing love and support to others as they face new endeavors; the same love and support they received throughout their educational journey.

"There's a lot of you; that's a lot of success," he said. "You earned it; congratulations."

CiTi Exceptional Education graduates include: Tyler Kuwaliski (Altmar-Parish Williamstown Central School District); Sarah Kwietniak (Cato-Meridian Central School District); Angelica Moot, Jason Harris, Lincoln Marion, Shelby Rennie and Jonathon Anderson (Central Square School District); Ernest Ferro Jr., Austin

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## CiTi earns school safety excellence award

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

CiTi was among the 156 school districts and BOCES in New York state to receive the 2019 Utica National School Safety Excellence Award at the titanium with honors level, the highest honor given out by the group. The honor recognizes a district's efforts as they work to ensure student, staff and visitor safety.

"School safety is of the utmost importance at CiTi, and it takes a community to make all the pieces fit and work together," said CiTi Coordinator of Safety and Risk John Raflowski. "Considering how our world and society has changed in recent years, CiTi believes in taking a proactive, multi-hazard approach to safety."

Categories considered during the award process include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas which are measured using quantifiable surveys. Raflowski thanked CiTi administration and teaching staff along with the Safety and Risk Department for their proactive approach to safety measures.



*Accepting the award are Exceptional Education Principal Antwaun Dixon; Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Mark LaFountain; Safety Officer Charlene Walther; Safety Officer Aleisha Hartford; Coordinator of Safety and Risk John Raflowski; Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Mike Shepherd; and CTE Principal Mike Thurlow.*

## CiTi celebrates Migrant Education graduates, supporters

*Graduates of CiTi's Migrant Education Tutorial & Support Services Program were honored at graduation with \$250 scholarships from the Weston T. Hyde Educational Foundation.*



## 21 Exceptional Education Graduates Earn Recognition

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Loomis, Elver Merida, Katelynn Serio and Shannon St. Andrews (Fulton City School District); Zach Loomis (Mexico Academy & Central School District); Cory Dearing (Sandy Creek Central School District); Dakotalee Gelling and Jonathan Santiago (Phoenix Central School District); Justin Dunn, Tyler Seales and Beau Tompkins (Hannibal Central School District); and Sam Hollis and Tom Lagoe (Oswego City School District).







## Public Safety & Justice Students Honored

The Public Safety and Justice class recently held its year-end recognition ceremony. This year's student speakers included Captain Seth Gates, from the AM class, and Captain Taylor N. Palmer from the PM class. Both students noted that they have learned skills that will put them at a greater advantage as they enter the next phase of their lives. The evening's celebration was capped off with Lt. Emily Sampson (above) being named Officer of the Year.



*Above: Members of the PM CNA class recite the nursing assistant pledge during a recent pinning ceremony, which commemorated the end of their two-year program. At left: second-year CNA student Ashley Naples hugs her nursing assistant instructor Julie Warren before she receives her CNA pin from instructor Julie Warren.*

## CNA'S successfully complete 2-year course

Thirty new certified nursing assistants earned recognition recently after successfully completing their two-year program at CiTi.

Instructor Julie Warren told both the morning and afternoon classes that the past two years have been rewarding for her to witness the growth and maturity of the students.

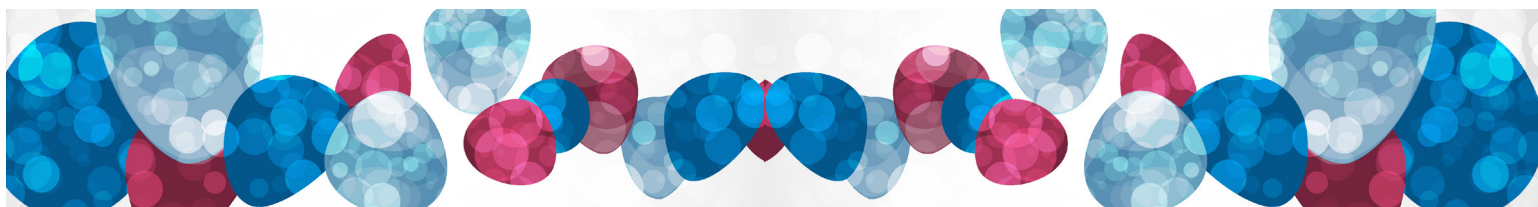
"You each hold a special place in our hearts," Warren said to each class. "You've been taught repeatedly if you didn't document it, you didn't do it. Well, you did it!"

## Academic Excellence in the spotlight at National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony

*Students in the CTE programs at CiTi were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in a ceremony at the Mexico campus. The inductees demonstrated hard work in the classroom and showed outstanding character and leadership*



*skills. Students who were honored with two-year recognition received a medal that will be worn during their respective graduation ceremonies. One-year honorees received an honor cord to be worn at graduation, with all students receiving certificates denoting their accomplishment.*





# 77 students complete New Vision programs

A rigorous year of studies, rotations and determination culminated recently as nearly 80 students from the New Vision programs at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation were honored for completing the course.

In total, 77 students from the school districts throughout Oswego County completed the programs, separated into Allied Health, Law and Government, and Specialized Careers. With family, school administrators and partners looking on, the ceremony took place at SUNY Oswego's Sheldon Hall Ballroom on June 12.

The New Vision programs are designed for high school seniors and combines classroom instruction with rotation settings in particular fields of study.

SUNY Oswego Dean of Extended Learning Jill Pippin welcomed the group, noting that programs like New Vision help students truly explore their pathways in today's high-tech and global economy.

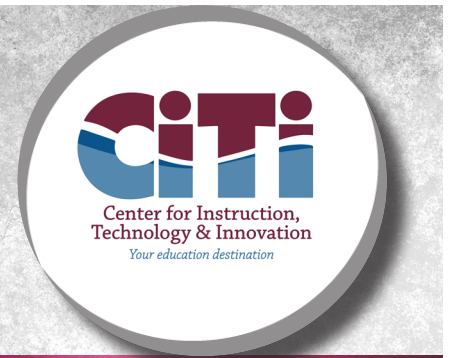
"Research shows that students who participate in hands-on learning experiences in the work world are more successful in selecting and pursuing their career of choice," said Pippin. "It also shows that students who take college courses in high school are better prepared for, and transition to, college more effectively."

CiT's Director of College and Career Education Marla Berlin opened the program by noting how impressed she was with the group's accomplishments and also thanked the community partners who make each program a success.

Student speeches were provided by Hannibal's Edward Lamb, Oswego's Monica Cahill, Pulaski's Emily Klein, Fulton's Raiden Hansen and Central Square's Ryan Merkel. Then, certificates were presented by CiTi Principal of Student Programs Robyn Proud, New Vision instructors Dianna Nesbitt and Emily Kirch, Berlin and Pippin.



*New Vision students greet instructors and administrators after receiving their certificates.*



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## Collaborative project creates beds for those in need

*Students from CTE, CTE Advantage and Project Explore came together to participate in the Build-a-Bed project, which provides beds for children in need. Our students worked with CiTi*



*staff members and carpenters to make six beds that will be distributed through Oswego County Opportunities. Participants include: Garrette Weiss (Business Liaison), Craig Mahon (CTE Construction Tech Instructor), Ryan Perkins, (CTE Construction Tech), Louie Petrocci, (Carpenter), Carolyn Petrocci (Carpentry Instructor), Sam Hollie (Project Explore) Howie Loomis, (Carpenter), and Landon Derby, (CTE Advantage Carpentry).*