

The SP TLIGHT

Manufacturing Day Showcases Career Pathways for Students



Congressman John Katko takes a selfie with students attending Oswego County Manufacturing Day at CiTi.

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation hosted manufacturing day Oct. 4, where Oswego County students were provided the opportunity to meet with local industry and business partners and discuss career pathways in manufacturing.

Congressman John Katko attended the event and spoke highly about the opportunities for students through programs in CTE and P-TECH.

“Don’t let anyone ever look down on you because you want to work,” said Katko. “The trades here are awesome.”

Companies such as Novelis, Huhtamaki, Davis-Standard, Universal Metal Works, C&S Companies, Syracuse Label, Ralph W Earl Company Inc., Attis Industries, CED Baldwin Hall, Exelon, Kenwell, IBEW, SwageLok and more all brought materials and equipment and shared information about the work they do and the positions they are always looking to fill.

“Manufacturing is alive and well,” said Novelis HR Training Coordinator Dave Lloyd. “The biggest challenge that all of us in manufacturing have right now is filling the jobs that are currently open and the many that will be open in the near future.”

Terry Wilbur, Oswego County Legislature majority leader, attended the event and said, “From my first year to now, the collaboration from the county, the businesses and the education partners have improved tenfold.”

Proclamations from the governor’s office, Oswego County Legislature, the city of Oswego and the city of Fulton recognized the celebration of manufacturing day.

“I am thrilled to see events like this taking place,” said Oswego County Legislator Nathan Emmons. “Advanced manufacturing is the backbone of Oswego County.”

Oswego County Legislature Vice Chairwoman Linda Lockwood said, “It’s always a pleasure to come to CiTi and see what they are doing for our youth.”

Students Prepare Lunches for State Sen. Ritchie Senior Health Fair

CiTi students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program prepared lunches for the State Senator Ritchie Senior Health and Wellness Fair held Oct. 11.

Held at Jefferson Community College, the Career and Technical Education students prepared and packed sandwiches, as well as waited on attendees of the event.

“The experience provides the students with real-life experience, showing them what it takes to cater an event,” said sous chef Samuel Passer, Culinary Arts instructor.

The class’ salads, ham and turkey sandwiches and cookies were well received by the everyone at the fair.



O.C.A.Y. League Kicks Off the Season with “Lit Pitch” Theme

Oswego County Academic Youth League kicked off the 2019-20 season with a unique competition called “Lit Pitch.”

Have you ever dreamed of writing your own book or becoming a published author? For many O.C.A.Y. League participants, that dream became a “virtual reality” as the team goal for the competition was to sign a book deal with a distinguished publisher, in only a few hours.

Each team was challenged to create a story idea for a young adult book, and then pitch their creation to a panel of judges, acting as real publishers. Each team had to create a book cover, a story synopsis and a character portrait to support their story idea. In addition to the story pitch presentation, each team had to battle head-to-head in a variety of others mini-challenges, including an author word scramble, a rotating Scrabble game and various literary themed quizzes.



Oswego City School District earns the coveted first-place title.



Fulton City School District comes in second place.



Sandy Creek Central School District takes third place.

Celebrating National Principals Month

Each October, National Principals Month recognizes the essential role that principals play in making schools great. Often, principals are among the hardest working, yet least recognized individuals in education. So, we at CiTi would like to give a huge shoutout to our awesome principals for being the great leaders that they are.

National Principals Month is a widely recognized celebration of the principalship, marked by national and state resolutions supporting the event, as well as acknowledgments from U.S. senators and representatives, and top government officials. However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that take place in our schools and communities.

Take a few moments to learn a little bit about our principals, and make sure to show your appreciation during the month of October! #ThankAPrincipal



NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

#ThankAPrincipal



COLLEGE DEGREE:
SUNY OSWEGO

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
1

HOBBIES: PLAYING CARDS, DOGS, PUZZLES

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
WORKING WITH A DEDICATED STAFF WHO INSPIRE ME EACH AND EVERY DAY

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"FEEL THE FEAR, AND DO IT ANYWAY" - SUSAN JEFFERS



Carol Scaccia
ALTERNATIVE ED.
PRINCIPAL @ VOLNEY
ELEMENTARY

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE:
LEMOYNE(CAS)

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
4

HOBBIES: COACHING, IRISH ROAD BOWLING

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
THE STUDENTS

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"A PERSON ALWAYS DOING HIS OR HER BEST BECOMES A NATURAL LEADER, JUST BY EXAMPLE" - JOE DIMAGGIO



Gary Brisson
ALTERNATIVE ED.
PRINCIPAL @ BRIDGES

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE:
SUNY OSWEGO

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
2

HOBBIES: READING,
COOKING, THE LAKE

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
WORKING WITH A TEAM WHO IS CONSTANTLY THINKING OF CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS; WORKING WITH STUDENTS WHO CHALLENGE MY THINKING EVERY DAY

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"YOU CAN CHOOSE COURAGE OR YOU CAN CHOOSE COMFORT. YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH" - BRENE BROWN



Erin Simmons

EXCEPTIONAL ED.
PRINCIPAL @ FOURTH STREET SCHOOL

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE: LEMOYNE

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
3

HOBBIES: CAMPING,
SPORTS, MUSIC

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
THE STUDENTS AND STAFF; EACH GROUP WORKS HARD TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

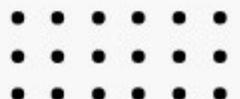
FAVORITE QUOTE:
"TO GIVE ANYTHING LESS THAN YOUR BEST IS TO SACRIFICE THE GIFT" - STEVE PREFONTAINE



Guy Linton

EXCEPTIONAL ED.
PRINCIPAL @ FOURTH STREET SCHOOL

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE:
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY (BS), SUNY OSWEGO (MSED, CAS)

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
3

HOBBIES: READING,
GOING TO BILLS GAMES,
VACATIONING

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
THE KIDS

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH" - HELEN KELLER



Jen Poindexter

ALTERNATIVE ED.
PRINCIPAL @ PULASKI ELEMENTARY

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE:
SUNY OSWEGO

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
5

HOBBIES: GARDENING,
READING, TRAVELING

FAVORITE THING ABOUT COMING TO WORK:
THE TEACHERS AND THE STUDENTS, WE ARE FAMILY AND WE LAUGH EVERY DAY; KNOWING THAT WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND GIVING FAMILIES HOPE

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD, YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE" - DR. SEUSS



Robyn Proud

PRINCIPAL @ SUNY OSWEGO

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



COLLEGE DEGREE:
SUNY OSWEGO

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
1

HOBBIES:
WOODWORKING,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
SPORTS, TINKERING

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT
COMING TO WORK:**
GREETING STUDENTS AT
THE DOOR AND
REMINING THEM THAT
TODAY IS A NEW DAY AND
ANOTHER CHANCE TO
TRY THEIR BEST

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE
RIGHT TRACK, YOU'LL
GET RUN OVER IF YOU
JUST SIT THERE" - WILL
ROGERS



Mike Thurlow
CTE PRINCIPAL

**NATIONAL
PRINCIPALS
MONTH**



COLLEGE DEGREE:
LEMOYNE(BS), SUNY
OSWEGO (MSED),
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
(CAS)

**MONTHS WORKED AT
CITI:** 3 MONTHS

HOBBIES: SPENDING TIME
WITH DAUGHTER, HELPING
WITH FAMILY FARM

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT
COMING TO WORK:**
LOVE TO WATCH THE
STUDENTS USE THEIR
PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
IN THEIR FIELD TO FIX
AND CREATE THINGS

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"I'M NOT SAYING IT'S GOING
TO BE EASY; I'M SAYING IT'S
GOING TO BE WORTH IT" -
B. DAVE WALTERS



Mallory Douglas
CTE ASST. PRINCIPAL

**NATIONAL
PRINCIPALS
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COLLEGE DEGREE:
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
2

HOBBIES: TRAVELING
WITH FAMILY

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT
COMING TO WORK:**
THE STUDENTS

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"EXTRAORDINARY THINGS
HAPPEN WHEN ORDINARY
PEOPLE MOVE BEYOND
ORDINARY MEASURES" -
UNKNOWN



Antwaun Dixon
ALTERNATIVE/
EXCEPTIONAL ED.
PRINCIPAL

**NATIONAL
PRINCIPALS
MONTH**



COLLEGE DEGREE:
LEMOYNE(CAS), COLLEGE
OF SAINT ROSE (MSED)

YEARS WORKED AT CITI:
4

HOBBIES: MEETING NEW
PEOPLE, HAVING QUALITY
CONVERSATIONS,
LEARNING NEW THINGS

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT
COMING TO WORK:**
WORKING WITH STUDENTS
AND ADULTS ON FINDING
CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO
A DIVERSE RANGE OF
PROBLEMS

FAVORITE QUOTE:
"CAUSE THE GOOD OLE
DAYS WEREN'T ALWAYS
GOOD, AND TOMORROW
AIN'T AS BAD AS IT
SEEMS" - BILLY JOEL

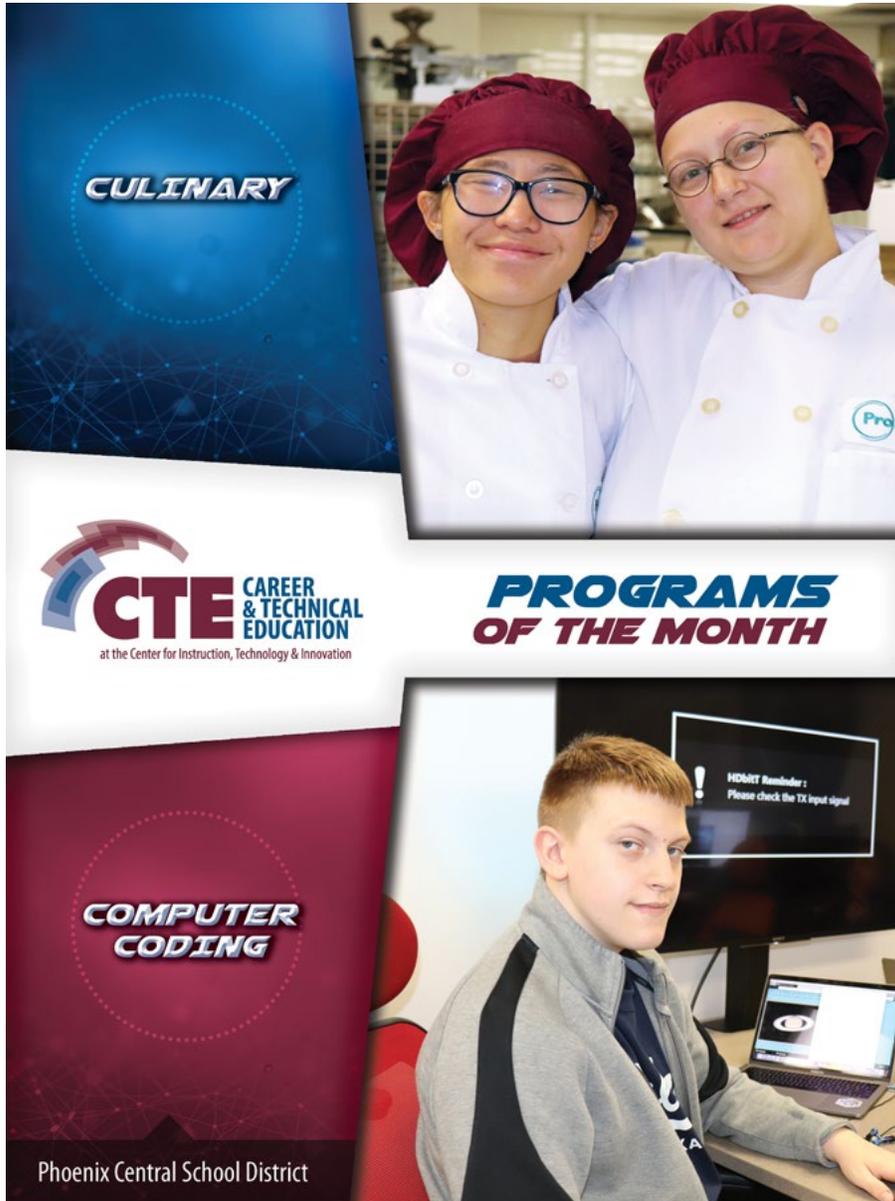


Brian Heffron
P-TECH PRINCIPAL

**NATIONAL
PRINCIPALS
MONTH**



Career and Technical Education Programs of the Month: Computer Coding and Culinary Arts



The month of October showcases Computer Coding and Culinary Arts programs in Career and Technical Education. Above, students from the Phoenix Central School District are featured. Computer Coding sets the foundation of computer language including HTML, CSS and Javascript. Students also get to work on mobile app development, remote server workflow and data queries. Students in Culinary Arts get real-life experience in food preparation in a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen.

Construction Career Days



Construction Technology and Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation students participate in Construction Career Days held at the NYS Fairgrounds. Students operated machines and simulators with guidance from industry experts, in addition to laying blocks for masonry and using an air nailer or hammer to build a wall.

Public Safety & Justice Students Partner with the Red Cross on Blood Drive



Public Safety & Justice students facilitate a blood drive on main campus in Mexico in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Arel Moodie Inspires Career and Technical Seniors to Prepare for Success



Students from CiTi's Career and Technical Education programs learned about preparing for their next steps from bestselling author, entrepreneur, coach and professional speaker Arel Moodie.

Seniors from the morning and afternoon CTE programs recently sat in on Moodie's presentation, which was heavily focused on good practices for finances and working hard to achieve goals.

Moodie teamed up with event sponsor Oswego County Federal Credit Union (OCFCU) to help promote financial literacy to the CTE seniors.

Courtesy of OCFCU, all seniors in attendance received a copy of Moodie's book "The Student Success Action Guide," a \$5 coupon to open a savings account with the bank and a chance to win a digital photo printer.

Motivational speaker Arel Moodie spoke to CiTi CTE seniors about preparing for their futures by working harder and managing their finances correctly.

students were challenged to complete throughout their senior year. Those who complete the challenge are eligible to win one of five \$500 scholarships through OCFCU.

A Brooklyn native and Binghamton University graduate, Moodie shared that his family had very little money while growing up and offered his "secret advice" for finding success.

"It's not about who is the smartest or has the most talent, it's all about putting in hard work and effort," said Moodie.

Alumni Feature



CiTi alumna Jenna Hopkins, the Mexico branch manager at Oswego County Federal Credit Union, has been instrumental along with OCFCU in bringing money management and financial literacy to students. Soon, a Student Credit Union branch will open at CiTi where students will work as tellers, earning valuable job experience. Hopkins is an alumna of CiTi's Auto Technology program and graduated from Pulaski in 2006. 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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Students Learn from Futuristic Project



Matt Chase with students before testing their hovercrafts.

CiTi students at Fourth Street brought a futuristic idea into today's world by making their own hovercrafts.

The Hovercraft Project is designed to help students value themselves by building on their teamwork skills while utilizing academic abilities, according to Matt Chase, executive director of Chase Educational Consulting.

Groups of students were given construction materials to build a skirt, or base, around the air component supplied by Chase. Each student had a job during the construction phase, with one student being named the team leader.

After construction, students had the opportunity to ride their creations as they raced across the gym floor.

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