

The SP TLIGHT

Five Students Inducted into Oswego County National Honor Society



CiTi students are inducted into the Oswego County Chapter of the National Honor Society.

school, we have great leadership qualities and great character.”

With this being the inaugural society for CiTi, many of the students said they were proud to represent the first of many.

“We are such a different program that it’s special to me that I was inducted into the first class of students,” said P-TECH student Max Hill. “We can contribute to all different ideas and be able to help students who may have the chance to get inducted in the upcoming years.”

Students from the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation were inducted into the Oswego County chapter of the National Honor Society.

This is the first time students enrolled at CiTi have been inducted into an honor society. Students Koji Burdic, Max Hill, Noah Walter, Catie Blodgett and Emily Sampson were all recently inducted.

These five students were heavily involved with community service, displayed integrity, were role models and leaders in school events and had a 90 or above GPA.

“Having NHS on an application for a job or having it in your portfolio shows that we are kind of the best of the best,” said P-TECH student Noah Walter. “We did everything right in

Alumni Feature



CiTi alumna Emily Marvin is a professional makeup artist whose work has been featured in a variety of TV shows, movies and even music videos. Marvin works and lives in New York City; she recently displayed her talents during New York City’s Fashion Week. Marvin is a Fulton 2017 graduate of the Cosmetology program. She said the program helped motivate her and that is where she learned to apply herself. 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.

Career and Technical Education 10th Grade Orientation Held at CiTi for Oswego County Students



10th-graders from Oswego County get hands-on experience in the Construction Technology class during CiTi's CTE orientation event.

Nearly 600 Oswego County students roamed the halls of the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation recently when CiTi hosted a 10th grade orientation for its Career and Technical Education programs.

"We hear so many students who didn't know we had such hands-on programs," said counselor Dave Eastman.

Students chose two programs they were interested in learning more about. They were then dismissed off to each program to see how a day might play out inside that classroom.

"For a lot of these students, seeing is believing," said Eastman. "So, that was the goal to have these students see what the CTE programs have to offer."

For a full list of career and technical offerings through CiTi, visit CiTiBoces.org/CTE.

STRIVE Gets Hair Cuts from Cosmetology



CiTi STRIVE students from Lura Sharp Elementary School take a field trip to the CTE Cosmetology program to get haircuts and styling from our students in training. The experience was a great collaboration between programs and a win-win for all.

Construction Technology Students Install New Exhibit at Safe Haven Museum



Construction Technology students assist in dismantling old exhibits and installing new displays at the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum in Oswego.

Cummings Receives NYSCATE Grant



CiTi Librarian Tammy Cummings receives a grant from NYSCATE (New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education) for her submission "Can you fit in a box?," which will involve working with classrooms to develop research-based boxes curated by students in the CiTi library.

Industrial Electrical Technology Students Tour Huhtamaki



Industrial Electrical Technology students from the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation recently toured Huhtamaki in Fulton.

The career and technical education program is one of the newer offerings through CiTi, providing skill development and technical training geared for entry-level employment in electrical fields.

Among many concepts, students learn how to install, troubleshoot and maintain electrical systems using state-of-the-art tools of the trade. Touring facilities like Huhtamaki, a lead manufacturer of packaging products, lets the students see the types of positions available right here in Oswego County.

Teachers of the Visually Impaired Make Switch-Adapting Toys

As part of a Toys for All Tots project, CiTi teachers of the visually impaired along with educators from Fulton City School District and Central Square School District make switch-adapting toys to distribute to our physically and visually impaired students for the holidays.



Two Students Apply for New York State Governor's Youth Council



From left, students Andrew Blodgett (Oswego County P-TECH) and Emily Sampson (CiTi Public Safety & Justice), are two applicants for the New York State Governor's Youth Council.

Senior Emily Sampson and sophomore Andrew Blodgett, from Oswego County P-TECH and the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation, have been selected as applicants for the New York State Governor's Youth Council.

Members of the NYS Governor's Youth Council offer their solutions to key issues facing young people in New York State to the governor and other policymakers.

"This opportunity is a real application builder," said Hannibal sophomore Blodgett. "It gives me the opportunity to engage with the community, and that's where my focus lies as I get older."

Students, who were chosen by the faculty, will be graded on three categories: an essay, public speaking ability and their overall application quality.

"More than a 1,000 students go to CiTi BOCES, and we were chosen," said Pulaski senior Sampson. "It's really a great opportunity and a great resume builder."

Blodgett and Sampson will know whether or not they were selected for the Youth Council in late December.

Oswego Tractor Supply Supports Career and Technical Education

Dan Atkinson, from Oswego Tractor Supply, graciously donated faulty customer returns to the students in the Industrial Electrical Technologies class in career and technical education.

The donations will be used for troubleshooting, schematic reading and product-specific research. Among the donations were: two well pumps, three car batteries and two heaters.

All the donations need repair, with the car batteries also being distributed among classes such as Auto Technology, Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation and Outdoor Power Equipment Technology.

A big thank-you goes to Atkinson and Oswego Tractor Supply for their donations.

Local Food Truck Owner Shares Experience with Culinary Arts



Local food truck owner Donald Beaudry shares his experiences with the Culinary Arts class at CiTi.

Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Culinary Arts program enjoyed learning from a local food truck owner recently.

Donald Beaudry, owner of Clucknburger, visited the class to discuss his business and share stories of real-life experience with the CiTi students.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to have a chance to learn about food trucks through an actual food truck owner," said Culinary Arts Instructor Susan Jerrett. "Beaudry was very honest about his own experiences, which helped the students to realize the work involved with food trucks."

Beaudry presented to the class for about an hour, going over everything from how he purchased his food truck, to his current menu.

SkillsUSA Hosts Breakfast with Santa



Students in SkillsUSA host Breakfast with Santa at CiTi for staff, community members and their families. Toy and gift donations from the event went to the Oswego County Youth Christmas Fund.

CiTi Hosts Children's Holiday Party



Early Childhood Education students set up craft kits for the CiTi Children's Holiday Party, a celebration for the children, grandchildren and any child that holds a special place in the heart of a CiTi employee. Cosmetology students painted nails and Director of Facilities Wayne Wideman dressed as Santa.



Fueling Futures

Purpose Statements:

1. We believe adequate nutrition is a basic human right.
2. We believe no one should be insecure about their next meal or snack.
3. We know that proper nutrition improves attention span, academic achievement and health.
4. We strive to teach students life-long healthy eating habits.

Support can be provided in the following ways:

1. Monetary donations, including payroll deduction.
2. Donation of the following shelf-stable, single-serve items:

100% Fruit or vegetable juices

Water

Low-sugar flavored water

Shelf-stable white or chocolate milk

Cereal bars

Cereal singles

Granola bars

Whole grain crackers

Whole grain tortilla chips

Pretzels

Nuts: peanuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios,
edamame, chick peas, pumpkin seeds,
sunflower seeds

Fruit cups

Applesauce

Pudding cups

Peanut butter singles

Prepared tuna

Prepared chicken salad

Jerky

Shelf-stable hummus

Dried fruit/veggie chips

Rice cakes

Raisins/cranberries

CiTi BOCES Awarded USDA RUS Grant to Expand Distance Learning

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation has been awarded a USDA Rural Utilities Service grant.

The RUS grant for distance learning provides the opportunity to incorporate interactive videoconferencing technology into the educational setting by installing distance learning labs at districts and community colleges. CiTi coordinates a robust and highly valued distance learning program in Oswego County. This network was upgraded with the support of a 2013 RUS grant and connects regional students to Onondaga Community College for participation in New York State Early College High School Programs.

The 2019 RUS grant will greatly expand the capacity and reach of the CiTi distance learning network. CiTi will add a second ECHS provider, Cayuga Community College, and double the number of schools participating. Additional classrooms will be equipped to support a full-day Career and Technical Education high school program and a Pathways in Early College High School program. P-TECH is a program dedicated to offering students from all BOCES component districts the opportunity to earn an associate degree; Oswego County P-TECH offers an associate's in either mechanical or electrical technology. A facility dedicated to a new adult education program will be added to the network. CiTi will also establish a formal program to coordinate the virtual sharing of instructors among school districts. CiTi will expand its successful program coordinating virtual field trips and classroom collaborations as well as expand its virtual professional development program.

CiTi seeks to offer certifications and associate degree pathways for STEM-related courses and careers in partnership with Cayuga and Onondaga Community Colleges through CiTi's Distance Learning Program. The 2019 RUS grant will provide distance learning labs at CiTi, school districts and at community colleges, as well as a videoconferencing infrastructure to support the virtual classrooms. The distance learning college courses are instructed by the professors at the colleges or teachers from participating districts. The grant will also provide

interactive videoconferencing equipment to school districts to support STEM-related virtual field trips amongst all grade levels PK-12 to assist in developing interest in students at a young age through the distance learning program.

"This will open more doors for many students in our region who might not otherwise have seen college as a possibility for them," said CiTi District Superintendent Christopher J. Todd. "The grant will help level the playing field for many of our rural communities by offering more opportunities, pathways and access to a collegiate education. We're excited to expand the program, working together with community partners in leveraging innovative technology to enhance and diversify the quality of learning for all."

CiTi Distance Learning Coordinator Melissa Daniels believes, "The 2019 RUS award will allow CiTi to expand the partnership with Cayuga and Onondaga Community Colleges by creating focused college and career pathways for students in Oswego County. Taking interactive videoconferencing college courses during high school will allow students to have a college experience with a college professor while still in high school. Students will be able to shorten the length of time at a college lessening the financial burden on the student and families by enabling students to make substantial progress toward a college degree before finishing high school."



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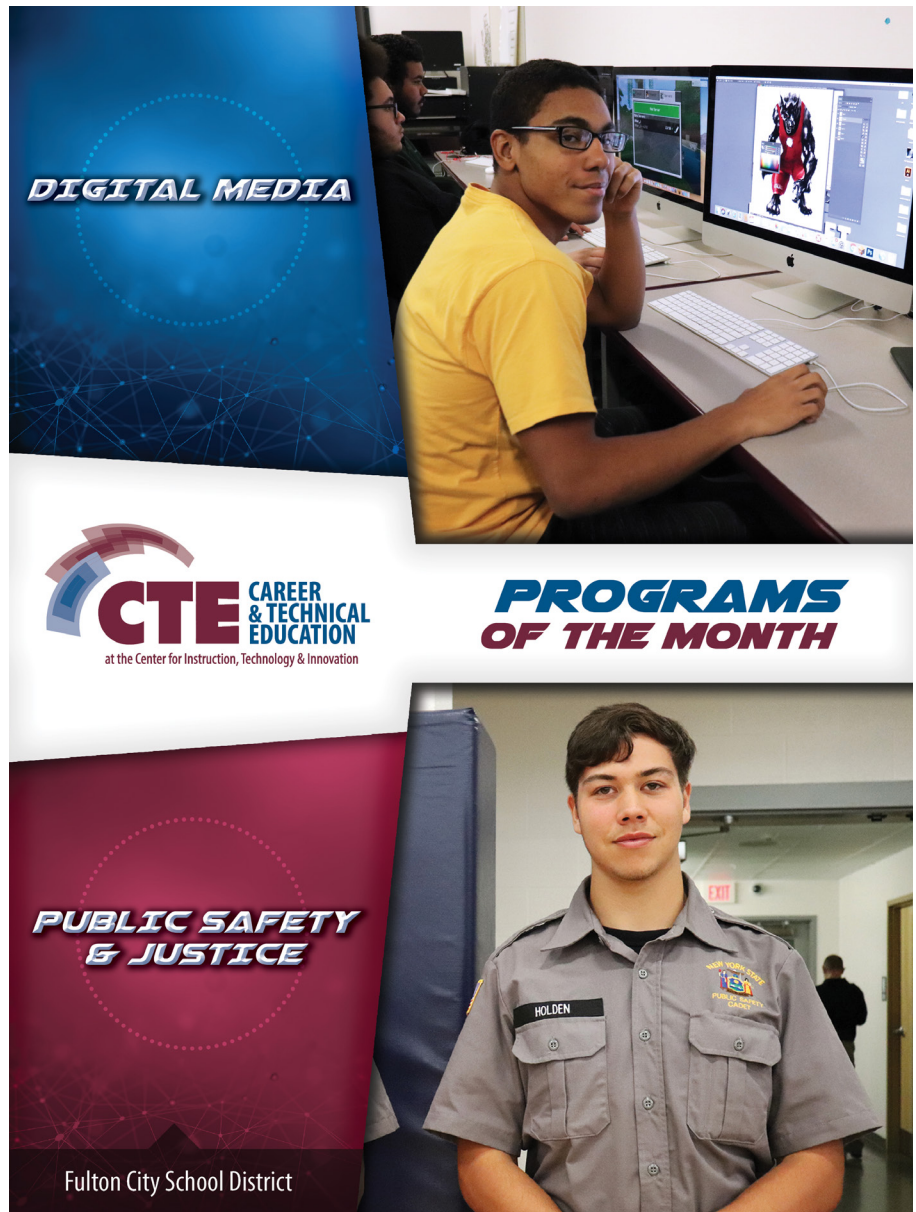
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Career and Technical Education Programs of the Month: Digital Media Technology and Public Safety and Justice



The month of December showcases the Digital Media Technology and Public Safety and Justice programs in Career and Technical Education. Above, students from the Fulton City School District are featured. Digital Media Technology lays the foundation for topics such as graphic design, illustration, public relations and photography. Students in Public Safety and Justice have the opportunity to explore law enforcement, security, corrections, emergency management and response and firefighting careers. They get to experience several hands-on activities, such as rappelling, vehicle extraction and climbing the ladder of a fire truck.