

The SPOTLIGHT



CiTi Launches 'Adopt a CTE Program'

ADOPT A CTE PROGRAM



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation has launched the "Adopt a CTE Program," an initiative designed to strengthen partnerships between CiTi and local businesses, enhancing the career and technical education experience for students while fortifying the hiring pipeline for local industry.

Partnering with CiTi through the Adopt a CTE Program gives organizations the chance to preview potential employees and have a voice in the curriculum and training of the upcoming workforce.

"With the increased popularity and focus on Career and Technical Education due to regional growth and the aging workforce in the trades, this program will help alleviate

some of the added pressure on regional companies," said CiTi Business Education Liaison Garrette Weiss.

Through this partnership, CiTi students, parents and staff will learn more about local businesses here and what they have to offer, and local companies will get to promote their organization county-wide.

Participation options are voluntary and diverse, including guest speakers for student classes, company tours, internship experiences, scholarships, representation at school events such as career fairs and more.

For more information or to Adopt a CTE Program, visit CiTiboces.org/AdoptCTE.

CiTi Mascot 'Sparky' Makes a Surprise Visit for Valentine's Day



Check out the Sparky Valentine's Day video on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CiTiboces/

CiTi IET Students Light Up NY for Hands-On Project



Industrial Electrical Technologies students at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation made their work a little brighter, thanks to applied skills and some friendly competition.

After first-year IET students learned proper skills and safety measures related to their future careers, they were organized into small groups to create a “Light Up New York” sign. Instructor Jon DiStefano used the fun experience as an evaluation of those skills, such as basic conduit bends, calculation of angles, voltage and the relationship between that, current and resistance, and construction of basic wall assembly.

For the culminating activity from a several-week-long lesson in lab, DiStefano said students could choose which part or parts of the state of New York they would use for their conduit bends. Teams chose whether to include the entire state or certain regions. Each project was wired for lighting, as to “Light Up New York.”

DiStefano said the students were ecstatic to work on the project. Winning teammates each received a toolkit to help them advance in their future IET careers. The competition was judged by CiTi instructors and administrators.

Career and Technical Education Celebrated Throughout the Month of February



February is Career and Technical Education month. Visit our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages (@CiTi_BOCES) as well as our YouTube channels to watch video interviews with our CTE instructors!

CiTi Alumni Spotlight

CiTi alum Ruth Vasquez is a 2006 graduate of Oswego High School and the New Vision Allied Health program at CiTi. She received her graduate degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University. Now a Surgical Nurse Practitioner at Oswego Hospital, Vasquez says New Vision helped reinforce her dream of becoming a healthcare provider. Experiencing all aspects of healthcare, including witnessing a natural birth to caring for the elderly, she enjoyed being able to travel to different parts of the community and hospital to gain ideas and experience of what she wanted to achieve for her future. 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.



Heavy Equipment CTE Students Prep and Install New CiTi Sidewalk



Roland Frataccia from Oswego operates heavy equipment to prep an area for a new sidewalk through the HERO program.

Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation students are partnering with the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Operations and Maintenance Department to prep and install a new sidewalk on CiTi's main campus.

HERO Instructor Nick Marshall says the students relish every opportunity to use their skills learned in class and apply them to real-life work that needs to be done.

The new section of sidewalk is being prepped now, and the students will lay down gravel as they wait for warmer weather to pour cement.

"It has been great working with the students," said CiTi Director of Facilities Jim Cerio. "A win-win situation for everyone at CiTi."

The two-year HERO program teaches students how to operate various types of heavy-duty trucks and excavation equipment, practicing first on simulators before testing their skills on the real thing.

CTE Students Recognized as Most Employable for Quarter 2

Gabriel Balcom
Auto Technology • Sandy Creek

Gabrielle Brown
Cosmetology • Sandy Creek

Cameron Waugh
Digital Media Technology • Fulton

Victoria Stoutenger
Early Childhood Education • Fulton

Ben Ostrander
Welding Technology • Altmar-Parish-Williamstown

CTE students were recognized as most employable students for the quarter, who exhibit traits that are desired by employers. The Oswego County Federal Credit Union sponsors the program with \$50 gift cards to five students selected at random.

For a full listing of Most Employable quarter two winners, visit CiTiboces.org.

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Career and Technical Education Programs of the Month for February: Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation and Advanced Metal Manufacturing



**PROGRAMS
OF THE MONTH**



Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation and Advanced Metal Manufacturing are February's Career and Technical Education programs of the month.

Advanced Metal Manufacturing introduces students to the skills and training of design, machining, fabricating and welding.

Students in the Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation (HERO) program will learn how to service, repair and operate various types of heavy duty trucks and excavation equipment.

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