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CiTi Adult Education Graduates Ready for Healthcare Careers



CiTi Dental Assisting graduates pictured above.



CiTi Practical Nursing graduates pictured above.

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation congratulated six new Dental Assisting graduates and 13 Practical Nursing graduates at recent graduation ceremonies.

The dental students endured a 10-month program that included more than 1,000 hours of coursework and fieldwork to be welcomed into the dental profession. This program gave the students an opportunity to work directly with dentists and perform a wide variety of tasks that required both interpersonal and technical skills.

"I am so proud of you all," said instructor Adele Haskins while addressing the recipients. "You overcame challenges, some of you continued to work while going to school, and you are bettering your lives as you move into this new chapter."

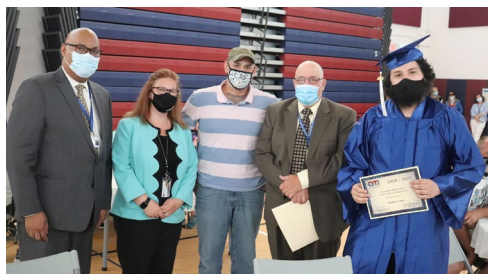
The following students completed the program: Rosa Bravo-Rios, Tatyana Cummins, Alexis James, Ashley Janes, Maya Tonkin and Bryceann Williams.

After nearly 11 months of intensive study, Practical Nursing students' hard work and dedication to the program recently culminated in a completion ceremony where they were officially welcomed into the nursing profession.

"Healthcare workers hold this region, this country and this world together," CiTi Board President John Shelmidine said during the keynote address. "You have chosen a noble career."

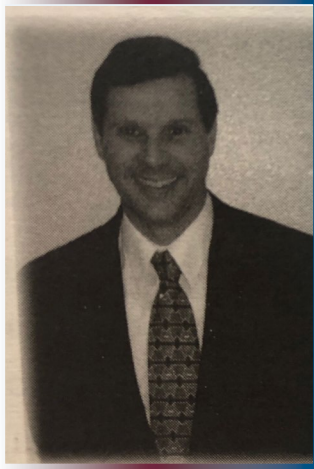
In addition to taking the pledge, pins and diplomas were presented to members of the class: Samantha Capitulik, Elaine Delamater, Sara Greenway, Olivia Hilton, Kaitlin Johnson, Amber Jones, Kara Nicholas, Steve Rogers, Nina Schanz, Stephanie Seeley, Jolene Shoults, Trevor Stiles and Brandi Truesdell.

Congratulations to All Our CiTi Graduates



Summer 2021

Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Mark LaFountain Retires after Nearly 40 Years in Education



Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Mark LaFountain is retiring after nearly 40 years in the education system, 25 of those years spent at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation.

LaFountain earned a liberal arts degree at Jefferson Community College and his bachelor's degree, master's degree and CAS certification from SUNY Oswego. He started his career as a sixth-grade teacher at Sackets Harbor and then a second-grade teacher at North Rose-Wolcott.

He first joined CiTi during his administrative internship as the migrant education summer school principal. Through his years at CiTi, he has served in roles such as supervisor of special education, career and technical education principal, director of human resources and assistant superintendent.

"I truly have enjoyed my career," he said. "I found something that I liked to do 40 years ago and have enjoyed every minute of it. If I had to choose my career path all over again, I would not change a thing."

LaFountain lives by a quote from President Roosevelt: "People don't care how much you know; they only want to know how much you care."

"I would hope people will remember me as someone who would always take the time to listen to them and someone who was honest, trustworthy and caring," he said.

He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Sharon, and enjoying hobbies such as wood-turning, gardening, wine making, model railroading, golf, cooking and traveling in his free time.

"It has been a magnificent career," said LaFountain. "But as the oldest and longest-standing administrator at BOCES, it is time to move on and let the young folks take over."



CiTi Students Sign-on to the Workforce



A global pandemic can't stop the success of career and technical education students as numerous students solidified employment with local industries even before their graduation.

"Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, we were able to provide high quality, hands-on learning opportunities for students thanks to our creative instructors and partnerships with local businesses," said CiTi Work-based Learning Coordinator Carol Taormina.

The CiTi Career Center not only helps secure internship and co-op work experiences for CTE students, but also works one-on-one with students to build resume and job seeking skills. Partnerships with local industry provide guest speakers, worksite tours, job shadowing and project work for actual clients.

Congratulations CiTi Retirees!



The following students signed-on to work for the following companies: Mitchell Donaldson, Advanced Metal, Fulton, NET & Die; Brandon Burch, Auto Tech, Fulton, Kitts Auto Services; Dylan Cooper, Auto Tech, Fulton, Army - Helicopter Repairer; Lori Daino, Auto Tech, Fulton, Park-K Chrysler Jeep; Tyler Dence, Auto Tech, Central Square, Monroe Tractor; Joe DeStevens Auto Tech, Oswego, A&P Automotive; Nathan Smith, Auto Tech, Oswego, Goodyear; Dylan Woolson, Auto Tech, Mexico, Mikel's Auto Repair; Kaila Loadwick, Cosmetology, Oswego, Nicole Marie's Salon; Will Corcoran, Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation, APW, Southeast Specialty Flooring; Stefin Cooper, Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation, Pulaski, Laser Transit; Tom Maleski, Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation, Oswego, Lindsey Aggregates; Tyler Redhead, Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation, Phoenix, Oswego County Highway Department; Jerrett Harter, Industrial Electrical Technology, Oswego, E M Electric; Brayden Hartman, Industrial Electrical Technology, Fulton, Huhtamaki; Ian Jackson, Industrial Electrical Technology, Central Square, Electrical Union - IBEW; Ian Rogers, Industrial Electrical Technology, Oswego, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union; Austin Carroll, Welding, Oswego, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union; Braeden Dempsey, Welding, Fulton, Universal Metal Works; Isaac Gill, Welding, Mexico, Chase Enterprises; Ben Ostrander, Welding, Pulaski, Fulton Companies; Devon Tonkin, Welding, Oswego, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union; and Bailey Welling, Welding, Fulton, Chiasson's Heating & Cooling.

For more information on CiTi Career and Technical Education offerings, visit CiTiboces.org/CTE.

RETIREE	TITLE	YEARS
Michelle Benjamin	Teaching Assistant	37
Kathryn Bonner	Teaching Assistant	16
Gary Borland	Custodial Worker	27
Lisa Carney	Teacher	25
Vicky DeCare	Teaching Assistant	36
Bonnie Finnerty	Executive Director of Regional Success	7
Kathleen Horth	Senior Typist	33
Barbara Kickbush	Teacher	39
Mark LaFountain	Assistant Supt. for Personnel	25
Denise Neacosia	Teacher	36
Denise Owen	Teaching Assistant	34
Roseanne Saunderson	Teaching Assistant	33
Kelly Schulz	Teacher	27
Patricia Tryniski	Teacher	33
Wayne Wideman	Director of Facilities III	32
Lynne Wilson	Teacher	37

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CiTi's Roseann Bayne Earns Leadership Award



Years of experience in education as a leader, innovator, mentor and visionary recently translated into a prestigious honor for Roseann Bayne, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at CiTi BOCES.

Bayne earned the Jane Bullowa Staff/Curriculum Development Network's (S/CDN) Service and Leadership Award. The honor is presented annually to acknowledge an outstanding S/CDN member whose accomplishments have improved the field of education in New York state. It celebrates those who have been actively involved in S/CDN activities while bringing innovation to

education and impacting the quality of services to children.

"Roseann's professional credentials and contributions to education make her a worthy candidate for this award, but it is the joyful way that she approaches her work that makes her stand out amongst the other worthy candidates in our Staff/Curriculum Development Network," the Mid-State Joint Management Team said in a press release.

In addition to Bayne's role at CiTi, she also serves in several other capacities as an education expert and community leader. She is a member of the S/CDN Executive Committee and serves on statewide committees for Social Emotional Learning and the Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework. Nationally, she is an active member of the Association of Educational Service Agencies.

"Roseann is truly a leader in every sense of the word. She is a dedicated educator with a passion for helping others," said CiTi BOCES District Superintendent Christopher Todd. "Her spirit and intense passion for education is contagious, and I couldn't think of someone more deserving of this honor. We are incredibly grateful for the expertise she brings to our leadership team and shares with our teachers, our staff and our students. Her contributions to the Oswego County educational landscape are immeasurable."

Aside from the impact Bayne has had on her colleagues in education, her reach extends well beyond the classroom and into the greater Oswego County community. She serves on the Weston T. Hyde Educational Foundation, which aims to create new and enhance existing educational opportunities for local residents. She also was the driving force behind the Fueling Futures program, which provides food to CiTi students for long weekends and holidays.

"While we are fortunate to have many competent and collaborative colleagues amongst our Staff/Curriculum Development Network team, we believe that Roseann also possesses the spirit, enthusiasm, inquisitive and collaborative nature that the Jane Bullowa Service and Leadership Award represents," the Mid-State Joint Management Team said upon presenting her with the award.

