

# CiTi THE SPOTLIGHT

FALL 2021

## CTE CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS INSTALL NEW SIDEWALK AT CITI CAMPUS



Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Construction Technology program are installing a hardscape sidewalk on campus as part of a project-based lesson designed to incorporate both construction and mathematics.

Students began the concrete paver sidewalk, which connects the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) building and its outside exits to the rest of the CiTi campus, in early September after planning began in the spring.

"Students calculated the area of the project and determined how many precast concrete pavers would be needed for the initial project estimation," Construction Technology Instructor Craig Mahon said. "They also needed to calculate the volume to find the amount of sand and stone needed as well."

Forty-two students in both Mahon's morning and afternoon classes divided the work to complete the project.



*"The students really get an idea if they like that type of work by doing the hands-on aspect of it," said Construction Technology Instructor Craig Mahon.. "They look forward to working on the project, and it really gives them gratification seeing everything come together."*



# ELKS LODGE DONATES TO CITI'S FUELING FUTURES PROGRAM



*Representatives from the Oswego Elks Lodge present a significant donation of shelf-stable food to CiTi for its Fueling Futures effort. Pictured, from left, are Elks Exalted Ruler Vickie Rowe, CiTi Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Roseann Bayne, and Oswego Elks Past Exalted Ruler and Past State President Daniel J. Capella.*

An ongoing food distribution effort at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation recently received a significant boost from the Oswego Elks Lodge.

Members of the local lodge donated \$2,000 worth of shelf-stable snacks, drinks and other food items to CiTi's Fueling Futures program.

"The Oswego Elks Lodge invests in the youth in our community through a variety of programs," said Exalted Ruler Vickie Rowe. "We're thrilled to be able to make this donation to Fueling Futures, providing shelf-stable food to children throughout Oswego County."

Fueling Futures is funded by CiTi BOCES' employee payroll deductions, grant money and donations, and aims to

ensure CiTi students have the food they need to thrive. As part of the program, students receive a variety of items to sustain them during the school day and beyond, with additional sustenance provided for nights and weekends, when school isn't in session.

CiTi partners with the Weston T. Hyde Oswego County Educational Foundation, named after our former district superintendent, whose mission is to create new and enhance existing educational opportunities for Oswego County residents; to secure funding resources not currently available to BOCES and school districts; and to build partnerships through incentives. Funds from the foundation have been instrumental in supporting our Fueling Futures program at CiTi, providing food to students and their families who need it, among many other things. Donations to the foundation are now possible online through PayPal here: <https://www.westonthydefoundation.org/make-donation-2>





# CITI CELEBRATES DEAF AWARENESS DAY TO PROMOTE UNITY AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATION ACROSS CULTURES

Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's Fourth Street School learned basic American Sign Language to promote a better understanding of Deaf culture and community as part of CiTi's Deaf Awareness Day.

Lisa Phinney, CiTi's teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, helped students create a bulletin board filled with basic ASL signs, including common phrases, numbers and letters, along with a student-led video to share in building classrooms.

"Our goal for today was to have a day without any barriers for communication so that the Deaf people in this building can feel like we're all a community and chat with each other," Phinney said. "We're aiming to make communication free and easy, and we're hoping that continues beyond today."

CiTi's Deaf Awareness Day, held the last week of September, coincided with Deaf Awareness Month that recognizes the rich cultural history of the Deaf community and encourages the continuation of work to advocate for the rights of Deaf people everywhere.



*CiTi Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Lisa Phinney facilitates a conversation between Deaf and hearing students Thursday at CiTi's Fourth Street building.*

## NEW VISION STUDENTS RESEARCH OPIOID CRISIS



*New Vision students gave a presentation of their research regarding the national opioid crisis recently! Part of their research included the movement from paper prescriptions to electronic health records, allowing for regulation of prescriptions to help prevent addiction stemming from over-prescribing.*



## MODEL SCHOOLS: EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Instructional Technology Model Schools has historically recognized educators in Oswego County for creativity with technology in the classroom. After a global pandemic that forced our community to rely on technology like never before, our first seasonal educator spotlight recognition for the school year goes to ALL Oswego County educators for your perseverance through COVID-19.

To nominate someone for the next Educator Spotlight, visit our website at:

<http://www.CiTiboces.org/EducatorSpotlight>



## OSWEGO COUNTY P-TECH STUDENT SPEAKS AT FULTON MANUFACTURING MONTH EVENT



Noah Walter, a fifth-year student in the Oswego County P-TECH program, touted the success of his Pathways in Technology Early College High School participation at an event to kick off Manufacturing Month in the city of Fulton.

The event, hosted by the city of Fulton, featured representatives from local manufacturers and partners including Universal Metal Works, Huhtamaki North America, N.E.T. & Die Inc., Cayuga Community College and Davis-Standard LLC.

"There are massive amounts of opportunities here, a lot more than people realize," Walter said. "You can progress really far and be happy with yourself personally, economically and beyond just locally with the opportunities that are here."

Through the P-TECH program, he was able to secure a local internship with Huhtamaki. He wants younger students to know that fulfilling careers in manufacturing, specifically in electrical technologies, are plentiful and growing in Oswego County.

"CiTi provided me contact with all our industry partners, which allowed me to have an internship; it was a very valuable experience," he said. "There's a massive shortage coming from last-minute retirees, providing more opportunities, and it's a very valuable spot to be in."

## TEAMBUILDING DONE RIGHT IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

CTE students in Public Safety and Justice have been busy with real-life learning experiences as of late, practicing rappelling at the Scriba Volunteer Fire Department's fire tower and on the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department's firetruck.





# PULASKI STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN OCAY LEAGUE “GEOGRAPHICAL SCAVENGER HUNT”

Students from eight Oswego County school districts recently competed in the Oswego County Academic Youth League competition “Geographical Scavenger Hunt.”

The challenge tested students’ knowledge and skills as they embarked on a “Geographical Scavenger Hunt” to try and find gems hidden in Selkirk Shores State Park. A member of each team was given a quiz every 30 minutes to test their knowledge of environmental science, ecology and habitats, scientific names, earth’s systems and geographical boundaries. Meanwhile, other members had to solve a riddle and use a map and compass to try to locate gems.

Scores were based off overall quiz score and number of gems found. The first-place team from Pulaski was comprised of Holly Pacyon, Eileen Carnes, Logan Godfrey, Mackenna Lyng, Luk Tighe and Kaleb Weiland. Mexico High School placed second, while Hannibal placed third.

“Congratulations to Pulaski for their 1st place finish, Mexico for their 2nd place finish, and Hannibal for finishing in 3rd. The weather cooperated perfectly and it was great seeing the students interact in person again!” said OCAY Coordinator Caitlin White.

OCAY League was organized in the spring of 1997 with the idea that academics merit a standing comparable to athletics. Students’ academic skills are challenged and showcased in a wide variety of competitive events that emphasize scholastic excellence, team building, leadership and creativity. A particular strength of the league is its emphasis on cooperative problem-solving. OCAY League is coordinated through the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation’s gifted and talented program.

1ST  
PLACE



*The OCAY League event champions from Pulaski include Holly Pacyon, Eileen Carnes, Logan Godfrey, Mackenna Lyng, Luk Tighe and Kaleb Weiland, who are pictured.*

2ND  
PLACE



*Mexico High School students, Mackenzie Craig, Kendall Cuyler, James Galvin, Alex Gayne, Ryan Liedka and Carolyn Zedack who took second place in the OCAY League event.*

3RD  
PLACE



*Robert Andocs, Cole Hess, Aidan Majeski, Jordan McCombie, Morgan Weaver and Alex Wilder took home third place for Hannibal High School.*



## DYLAN HOHM ALUMNI STORY

CiTi alumnus Dylan Hohm is a 2019 graduate of Central Square Central School District and the CTE Small Engine Technology program. He began his career in June 2021 as a road technician with Kleis Equipment LLC, Constantia, and credits his time at CiTi for helping to find his passion.

"CiTi BOCES gave me the opportunity to find something I actually wanted to do," he said. "Every program is set up to give you the idea of the real-life, day-to-day experience of your career."

Dylan completed two internships in his field during his time at CiTi and continued his education at a Connecticut trade school where he completed a program in Diesel Technology. Dylan can still be found at the CiTi campus from time to time, participating in training sessions for Doosan Infracore North America which manufactures the construction equipment his company sells and rents.



## CITI ADULT OFFERINGS KICKS OFF NEW RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

We have all had a turning point in our lives when something clicked or changed our life's trajectory. With the state of business and employment in this country, millions and millions of people are having that "turning point," looking to change or start a career across the country. Is today where your "turning point" begins?



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation offerings adult students the chance to start a new career in the healthcare and trades industries. In less than a year, you could jumpstart a new career with a competitive salary and benefits. Funding assistance is available. For more information, visit [Citiboces.org/AdultOfferings](https://Citiboces.org/AdultOfferings).

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- Nurse Assisting
- Practical Nursing

### Trades and Technology Careers:

- CDL-A Tractor Trailer
- CDL-B Dump Truck
- Office Assistant
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Operation
- Welding





# My TURNING POINT

## LED TO MY FUTURE

Mitchel Pettit, RN  
*Practical Nursing Graduate*

I was going from one minimum wage job to the next. I was working long hours and still couldn't pay my bills.

It was time for a change. I turned to **CiTi Offerings for Adult Students.**

After 8 months of studies, I got my LPN certification and started my healthcare career. I now work for Crouse ER as an RN.



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# CITI CELEBRATES OUR PRINCIPALS!

October is National Principals Month! We are showing our appreciation to all of our principals for their hard work and dedication to our students, families and staff!



**GARY J. BRISSON**  
Bridges to Success and Synergy



**CAYLA DEFREN**  
CTE, CTE Advantage, Program Administrator of New Vision



**ELIZABETH DOUGHERTY**  
STRIVE Middle School at Central Square MS



**BRIAN HEFFRON**  
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**JENNIFER POINDEXTER**  
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**ROBYN PROUD**  
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**CAROL SCACCIA**  
STRIVE, EBI and A+



**ERIN SIMMONS**  
Fourth Street School (Stepping Stones, A+, STRIVE,  
Work Based Learning Programs)



**MICHAEL THURLOW**  
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