

CiTi THE SPOTLIGHT

SPRING 2022

FOUR CiTi STUDENTS TAKE HOME MEDALS AT STATEWIDE SKILLSUSA COMPETITION

Four students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi's) Career and Technical Education (CTE) program recently returned from the New York State SkillsUSA Competition with medals.

Julian Guzman, a student in the CTE Digital Media Technology program, and Martin Lilly, who is enrolled in the CTE Computer Coding program, won first-place medals in the Web Design category. Both are eligible to advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, which will be held June 20-24 in Atlanta, Ga.

Second-place finishers in the Nail Care Team category were CTE Cosmetology program students Hailey Lewis and Mariflor Diaz-Perez.

"Our students put in so much hard work and practice for this competition, and I am extremely proud of how well they performed," CiTi English teacher and SkillsUSA advisor Savannah Zohler said. "They represented CiTi in a very positive and professional manner, and it was amazing to see them be rewarded for their hard work!"

Held at the New York State Fairgrounds, the statewide competition sees nearly 2,000 CTE students compete annually in technical, trade and leadership contests.

According to skillsusa.org, "SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. We provide educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education in the nation's classrooms."



Julian Guzman (left) and Martin Lilly (right) take home gold medals for Web Design.



CiTi students compete at the NYS SkillsUSA competition.



Hailey Lewis (left) and Mariflor Diaz-Perez (right) are second-place finishers for Nail Care.

DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS TEACH PRESCHOOLERS DENTAL HEALTH

The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's adult Dental Assisting program recently visited Noah's Christian Nursery School in Fulton to educate the youngsters on the importance of dental hygiene.

The Dental Assisting students got creative with props and rhymes for an age-appropriate and fun lesson on brushing and flossing. 'Sparky' the dragon, a stuffed prop, really drove the lesson home with a reminder to brush those teeth all the way in the back.

"It was a really fun day," said CiTi Dental Assisting instructor Adele Haskins. "It's great to be involved with the community and get kids excited about taking care of their teeth."

The program at CiTi has a 100 percent job placement rate for graduating students. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary for an entry-level role is \$41,180.

New this fall, the program will be offering a part-time schedule over the course of two years that could be ideal for working parents. For more information and to apply, visit Citiboces.org/AdultOfferings or call 315.963.4283.



CiTi Dental Assisting student Andrew Washer uses 'Sparky' the dragon to teach the toddlers at Noah's Christian Nursery School the proper way to brush their teeth.

TWO STUDENTS COMPLETE CiTi GED PROGRAM



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation extends congratulations to students Emanuel Perry and Jason Lance Jr. for recently earning their GED.

Perry is currently enrolled in the Auto Body program through CTE and has discovered an affinity for welding, hoping to pursue that as a career.

Lance said he is enjoying his time in the Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation CTE program and plans to join the military.

CiTi's GED Alternative Education program assists students in studying and preparing for the GED exam. More information can be found on our website, Citiboces.org/GED.



Top: Emanuel Perry

Bottom: Jason Lance Jr.

CiTi'S A+ PROGRAM AT MEXICO CAMPUS RECEIVES DONATION FROM MCFEE AMBULANCE

The Donald McFee Memorial Ambulance Service recently made a generous donation to The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi's) Exceptional Education A + program students, based at CiTi's Mexico campus, in light of April's designation as Autism Awareness Month.

"April was Autism Awareness Month and, as a result of that, employees of McFee Ambulance wore special 'on duty' shirts and generated a donation fund," McFee Ambulance Public Relations Coordinator Regina Balducci said.

Members of the Mexico-based, nonprofit ambulance service presented CiTi's A+ students with dozens of fidget spinners, which students chose to receive as their donation, and brought along two ambulances for students to explore.

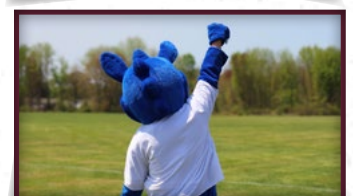
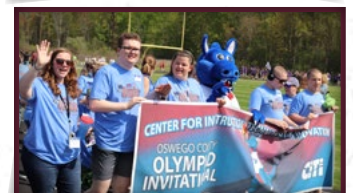
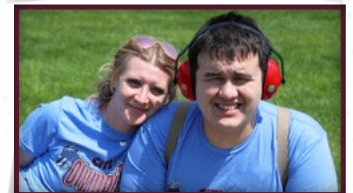
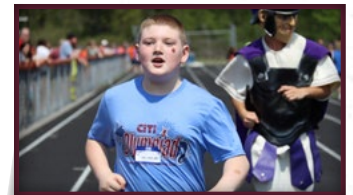
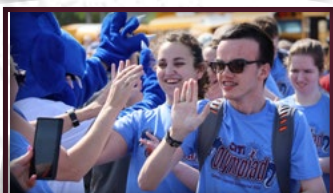
"We sincerely appreciate the collaboration with the community," CiTi Alternative and Exceptional Education Principal Jennifer Poindexter said. "McFee is truly an invaluable asset, and we appreciate all they do."

Balducci said the ambulance service holds donation drives for at least two to three awareness months every year.

"We always appreciate the opportunity to support our local community," she said.



OSWEGO COUNTY OLYMPIAD INVITATIONAL



CiTi INTRODUCES NEW CTE AGRICULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Oswego County high school students recently explored the The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi's) newest CTE program, Agricultural Studies, geared toward Americans' growing interest in farm-to-table dining and buying locally-sourced produce and goods.

Carolyn Deary-Petrocci, who will instruct the course upon its launch in fall 2022, welcomed students to CiTi's Mexico campus to discuss what to expect and led them on a tour of CiTi's sugarhouse and greenhouse — areas in which students would learn skills such as market gardening, tree tapping and horticulture.

The program drew the attention of Chayse Madore, a junior at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown High School, who is currently enrolled in a separate CTE program. Having grown up on a small family farm, Madore believes the program better aligns with her interest and background in agriculture.

"My friend had a flier for the new program, and I decided to come check it out," she said. "I'm pretty certain about enrolling because I feel like it's a good fit for me."

Deary-Petrocci said all students, no matter their familiarity with agriculture, will benefit from the Agricultural Studies program.

"Some students have agricultural backgrounds and others don't, which I find interesting," she said. "We will be able to introduce them to the study

of agriculture, while helping others further their knowledge through the program."

The CTE Agricultural Studies program will engage students in exploring sustainable farm-to-table pathways through plant sciences, horticulture, small animals and conservation. Nearly 100 acres of CiTi-owned forest will be used to expand CiTi Farms for various program highlights, like beekeeping, while students collaborate with those enrolled in CTE Heavy Equipment Repair & Operation, Construction Technology, Welding Technology, Culinary Arts and Industrial Electrical Technologies programs to complete projects.



Instructor Deary-Petrocci educating students in the greenhouse.

CiTi RECEIVES 2022 SCHOOL SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation was presented with the 2022 School Safety Excellence Award Titanium Level in recognition of the BOCES outstanding efforts to create a safer school environment, and as a direct result of the school's diligence and adherence to safety principles prescribed to safety group members by the Utica National Insurance Group.

CiTi Safety Coordinator Aleisha Hartford and Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Mike Sheperd stand with the 2022 School Safety Excellence Award.

CiTi'S FIRST EVER MILITARY DAY A 'SUCCESS,' HIGHLIGHTS TRANSFERABLE SKILL OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi's) Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs recently had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with U.S. Armed Forces members from several branches to discuss career opportunities.

One of those who attended CiTi's Military Day was Jonathon Burgess, a CTE Computer Coding student from Phoenix. Burgess said he was drawn to the U.S. Air Force and the Marines for the opportunity to use his skills to help operate unmanned aircraft.

"All the drones that are unmanned need coding and there's good money there," he said. "There are a lot of students at CiTi who would enjoy going into the military and fighting for their country and this gives them the perfect opportunity to learn about the different branches."

CTE Principal Michael Thurlow said the first event of its kind for CiTi was planned to have a connection between the military and each CTE class offered.

"Our focus is to prepare students to build their futures," Thurlow said. "This means that the skills students obtain here are easily transferred to a military career or any other viable career option."

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Theresa Deleon, one of the 130 military personnel who attended Military Day, said the event was "definitely successful" and enjoyed showing what her branch has to offer.

"A lot of these students haven't seen the branches together at the same time and knowing they have different options is good for them," she said.

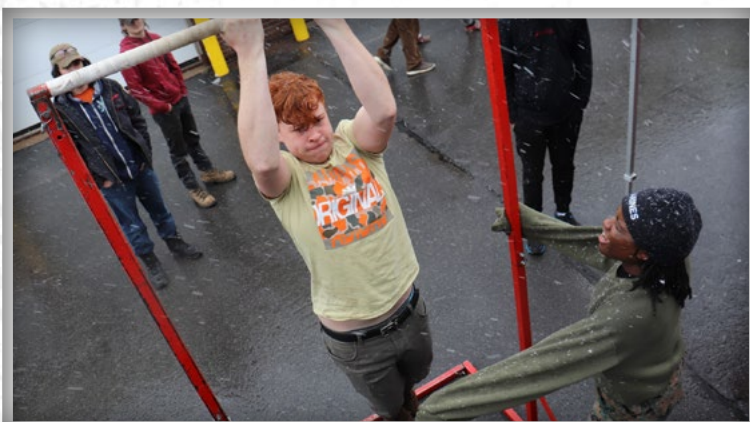
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Nancy Carr	Speech Therapist	36
Karen Friot	Nurse	15
Scott Henry	Counselor	34
Joann Smegelsky	Counselor	31
Holly Thompson	Teacher	32
Mary Throne	Teacher	35
Nancy Kather	Instructional Technology Integration Specialist	14
Carolyn Spawn	School Nurse	36
Monique Yerdon	Teaching Assistant	36
Bobbi Bliss	Custodial Worker	15

CiTi STUDENTS AT VOLNEY PRACTICE BIKE SAFETY

CiTi students at Volney Elementary ride through a mini obstacle course and learn the rules of the road during a bike safety lesson.



The Oswego County Police Department donated the helmets, and Murdock's Bike Shop donated pins to hand out to students to promote bicycling.



ALUMNI FEATURE: ALIZA DEASY

CiTi alumna Aliza Deasy is a 2019 graduate of Mexico Academy and Central School District and the CTE Culinary Arts program. A 2021 graduate of Jefferson Community College's Hospitality and Tourism program with a concentration in Culinary Arts, Aliza is eagerly preparing to kick off her career as head chef at Pulaski's Streamside Golf Course. There, her responsibilities will include purchasing, menu planning and pricing, along with creating amazing food.

She credits both of her CiTi Culinary Arts program instructors for imparting different flavors of wisdom when it comes to doing what chefs do best in every kitchen.

"Chef (Susan) Jerrett knows the ins and outs of running a restaurant as well as being a great baker," Aliza said. "Chef (Sam) Passer knows how to have a good time in the kitchen and has some serious experience in the industry, working at various full-service restaurants."

The greatest academic advantage to attending CiTi's Culinary Arts program for Aliza came in the form of 10 college credits, which meant early graduation from JCC and room for additional business classes in her schedule.

"Advice I would give to someone thinking about joining the Culinary Arts program is to just do it," she said. "Fully submerge yourself into something you love and see how successful you will become!"



P-TECH GRADUATES 20 STUDENTS

Oswego County P-TECH celebrates 20 graduating students from the program, with nearly a 100 percent job placement rate at the time this is written.

Mechanical Technology:

Connor Beckwith
Jeremy Fuller
Maxwell Hill
Trevor Humez
Collin McNeil
Ryan McRitchie
Collin Merkel
Olivia Pappa
Quinn Wallis

Electrical Technology:

Andrew Blodgett
Catieann-ann Blodgett
Cole Donovan
Claire Dreibelbis
Ethan Facey
Noah Hosier
Zachary Mahan
Zachary Mayo
Alex Olscheweske
Daniel Stellingwerf
Noah Walter

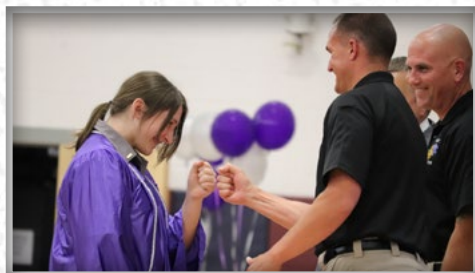


YOU'RE INVITED TO CITI'S 2022 END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATIONS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
CARE Celebration	June 7 th	11:30 a.m.	CARE Mexico
Public Safety & Justice Ceremony	June 7 th	6 p.m.	Mexico Campus
Exceptional Education Senior Celebration	June 10 th	11 a.m.	Mexico Campus
New Vision Celebration	June 13 th	11 a.m.	Virtual *
CTE and CTE Advantage End-of-the-year Celebrations	June 13 th	9 & 10 a.m. 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.	Mexico Campus
Synergy Senior Celebration	June 14 th	10 a.m.	Virtual *
Bridges Celebration	June 22 nd	12:30 p.m.	Bridges Oswego

** Virtual ceremonies will premiere live on our Facebook and YouTube pages @citiboces*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



Nathan Allen *
Azalia Avery *
Mackenzie Backus *
Brandon Bacon
Taylor Baker *
Toby Baker *
Mackenzie Barlow
Autumn Bartlett
Gabrielle Benson *
Bailey Bevacqua *
Alissa Bova *
Eymarah Bowman *
Michael Brady *
Nicholas Bragg *
Evelyn Brill *
Nathaniel Brown
Alecsis Buda
Evan Caroccio
Jacob Carter *
Isabella Cary
Kelsey Caza *
Andrew Centrone *
Jared Charleston *
Elizabeth Chrisman
Mackenzie Craig
Breannah Demo *
Elaina Derr
Caitlyn Dubois
Austin Dufrane*
Maria Dunsmoor *

Morgan Eastman
Ryan Engler
Caleb Fischer *
Lauren Fitzsimmons *
Madison Flood
Konnor Frey *
Caleb Frost
Alyssa Gage
Brian Gibbs
Alexandra Gloude
Kaylee Gloude
Jessica Graham
McKenzie Graham
Julian Guzman *
Rebecca Haines *
Oliver Hall *
Isabelle Hallock *
Emily Hamacher *
Maurice Handy *
Brett Harriott *
Ethan Hessler
Jacob Hill *
Abigail Hinman
Jeffrey Horner Jr.
Hannah Huff *
Alexandra Jakowiak *
Ayden Jensen
Ashton Johnson *
Jenna Karkowski *
Karson Kimball *

McKinnah Kimpel *
Isabella Koproski
Emma Lee *
Martin Lilly *
Jaylyn Longley
Timothy Manaseri *
Raymond Manor III
Dominick Mason
Nicholas McCann
Megan McCarey *
Matthew McCarty
Hailey McGrew *
Emma McManus
UnaRose McNitt
Matthew Metott *
Griffin Miller *
Cole Moody *
Brandon Muir *
Julia Murray
Katelyn Nettles
John O'Leary
Jordan Ostrander
Gabriella Payne *
Brian Pond
Noah Ratcliff *
Emily Rattray *
Kelsey Redhead
Tyler Roper *
Robert Rose *
Jessmarie Ruiz-Martinez

Mia Rupert
Lauren Salisbury
Jonathan Schnauder *
Makayla Schnur
Aiden Seinoski *
Savannah Sellin *
Mikala Sheffield *
Abby Smith *
Wyatt Standard *
Tyler Stone
Laurelei Thayer
Brennen Tynan
Mallory Upcraft
Dylan Waldron *
Connor Wallace
Katrina Wallace
Liam Walsh *
Darwin Warner *
Leslie Warner *
Lymdsay Warner
Cameron Waugh
Aidehn Welling
Micayla Wright *
Jessica Yesensky

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