

Four OHM BOCES Students Receive Nominations for Annual Vanguard Award

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Four Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Career and Technical Education students were recently nominated for the Vanguard Award, which is presented to outstanding students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs that are not traditional to their gender.

The selected students are:

Stephanie Wing, a senior in the Utica City School District and a student in Richard Marchitelli's Criminal Justice II program;

Augusta Smith, a senior in the Oriskany Central School District and a student in Richard Waskiewicz's Construction Trades II program;

Zachary Sweet, a senior in the Holland Patent Central School District and a student in Colleen Perta's Cosmetology II program;

and Kyrstan Panzone, a senior in the Whitesboro Central School District and a student in John Stratton's Auto Technology II program.

One male and one female student from across New York state will be named Vanguard Award winners in February and will receive a certificate and statewide recognition as students who are role models for others considering nontraditional careers.

The Vanguard Student Recognition Award is coordinated by The NET (Nontraditional Employment & Training) Project and the New York State Education Department. The NET Project, an affiliate with the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society at the University at Albany, is committed to preparing students for the 21st century workforce through the promotion of gender-neutral educational strategies and practices.



Pictured from left to right: Augusta Smith, Oriskany Central School District, Kyrstan Panzone, Whitesboro Central School District, Stephanie Wing, Utica City School District; and Zachary Sweet, Holland Patent Central School District.