

OHM BOCES Student Named Vanguard Award Finalist

Jan. 13, 2010 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Career and Technical Education student Kyrstan Panzone, a senior in the Whitesboro Central School District and a student in John Stratton’s Auto Technology II program, has been selected as one of the 2009-2010 Vanguard Student Recognition Award finalists.

The Net Project Director Sandra McGarraugh said, “the finalist selection process was, as always, very competitive. We considered the nominator scores and recommendation as well as the student responses. Your student stood out as someone who, in a unique way, clearly qualifies for the award. She will be featured as a representative from your school on a nontraditional career poster that will be available for purchase throughout the United States.”

In the final selection process, four secondary students and three post-secondary students will be chosen by The Net Project’s team of reviewers from the pool of 24 finalists to receive the Vanguard Award. The award will be presented at the ACTEA conference in February 2010 in Albany, NY. The Vanguard winners will be the guests of the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society for an overnight stay in the Desmond Hotel. The winners will attend a special dinner in their honor on Thursday, February 25, and will receive their awards at a breakfast ceremony on Friday, February 26.

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.

