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OHM BOCES ANNOUNCES THE KIWANIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 12, 2008 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – The Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES Career and Technical Education Center's senior Matthew Barber will be recognized at 6:15 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2008, at the New Hartford Kiwanis Club as the November student of the month.

Barber is from the Westmoreland Central School District and is in the electricity / heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) program.

"Matt has always been inquisitive and a real asset in class," said David Waters, instructor. "He is always the first one in the classroom each day and starts working on projects well before the bell rings. Recently, Matt played a lead role in our class's completion of several weeks of work in the new Conservation Learning Center being constructed as part of the OHM BOCES capital project." Barber planned, worked and was also responsible to oversee three other students as they completed a permanent installation involving conduit, wire pulling, receptacles, switches and fluorescent lighting, Waters said. Barber also has a nearly two-year record of perfect attendance in the program.

After graduation from high school, Barber plans to continue his training by applying for acceptance into the electrical apprenticeship program with the electrical union, IBEW. The

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apprenticeship provides the optimal blend of education and field-related experience necessary to become a journeyman electrician. Barber's interest centers on commercial and industrial electrical installations.

The selection is based on attitude, initiative, classroom skills and performance, specific achievements and future plans. The Kiwanis Club awards one Career and Technical Education student a \$50 scholarship each month. The students are then put into a pool of candidates who are eligible to be chosen as the Kiwanis Club Student of the Year and receive a \$500 scholarship.

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Photo: Senior Matthew Barber, electricity / HVAC student at the OHM BOCES Career & Technical Education Center, and the New Hartford Kiwanis student of the month for November.