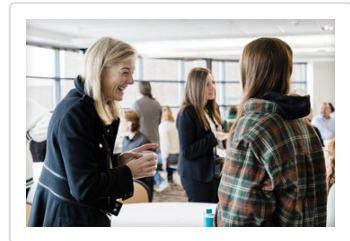
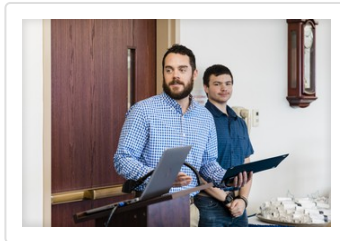
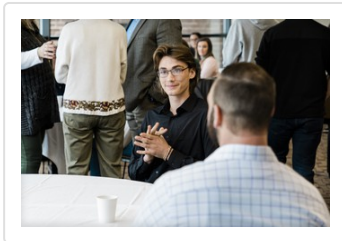


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Partner Appreciation



On November 16, students, staff and partners from higher education and industry came together to celebrate the collaboration that is vital to the P-TECH model. For the first time, alumni were also at the event as they are now employed by P-TECH partners of Wolfspeed, Inc. There were three recognitions presented by students from the PTECH Student Leadership Team.

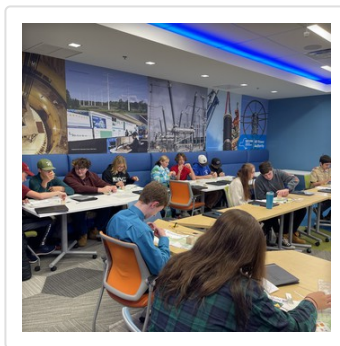
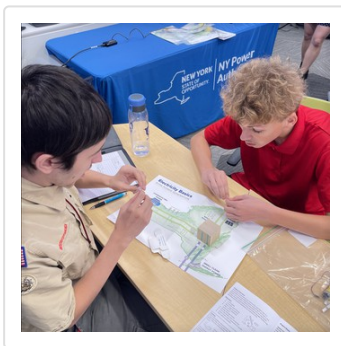
Jim McCoy, of Indium Corporation, was awarded the Individual Contribution Award for his generosity and commitment to the P-TECH OHM program. McCoy has played an integral role in P-TECH OHM since it began in 2015. He was one of the first business partners and has contributed in every single aspect of the program. McCoy has coordinated internships and the student worker program, as well as serving as a mentor, guest speaker, project judge and host for job shadows and workplace tours. He goes above and beyond to foster growth in P-TECH OHM students and contributes to the advancement of the program.

Stephanie Lai, of Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC), was awarded the Partnership Excellence in Higher Education Award for her support of P-TECH OHM students across their college curriculum. Lai acts as an advocate and partner for students who are enrolled at MVCC, bridging the gap between high school and college while also providing opportunities that ensure post-secondary success. She makes sure that students are registered for classes and fulfilling their degree requirements while providing them with the same opportunities as any traditional college student. As P-TECH OHM continues to expand, Lai's role of making sure that every student is getting what they need and providing valuable information to P-TECH OHM staff is even more crucial.

New York Power Authority (NYPA) was awarded the Outstanding Business Partner Award for their generosity and commitment to the education of students in P-TECH OHM. NYPA began its partnership with P-TECH OHM in early 2021 and has quickly become a strong contributor to the program. Over the past two summers, NYPA has provided nine students with paid internship opportunities and hosted the 2021 and 2022 PTECH Summer Bridge programs at the NYPA Energy Zone. Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, NYPA gave P-TECH OHM students a chance to connect virtually with other P-TECH peers from across the state in monthly career academy workshops focused on professional development.

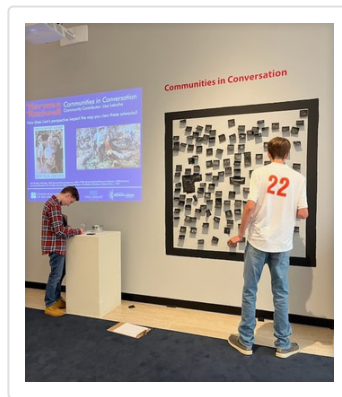
Following the award recognitions, students joined partners at roundtable discussions focusing on resiliency. It was a chance for students and partners to get to know each other better while sharing lessons learned on overcoming obstacles.

NYPA Career Academy



Sophomore students traveled to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) Energy Zone to take part in the first of many career and college development activities on October 27. Students were introduced to the many career opportunities at NYPA, completed a hands-on activity on electricity generation and learned about the college selection process. Students were engaging and asking questions throughout the visit, with many students interested in the future internships and job opportunities later in their P-TECH careers. Throughout this school year, students will revisit NYPA to discuss careers, professionalism and workplace readiness skills.

Art in English Class



Mrs. Giruzzi's dual credit English 11 Honors/EN101 class visited the Norman Rockwell exhibit when it was at Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute in Utica. Students analyzed a painting of their choice from the exhibit, and then created a modern interpretation of it. Munson Williams is a newer partner to the P-TECH program to support the arts in STEAM. Teachers have been more intentional about integrating the arts into their curriculum and instruction as well to support this initiative.

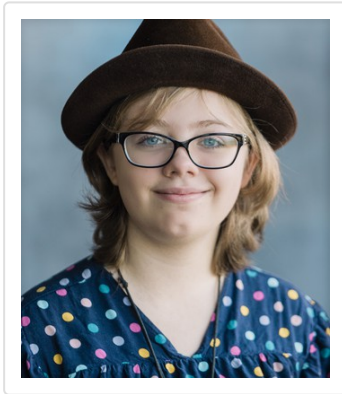
P-TECH Pioneer Events



There were two P-TECH Pioneer Events for October. A group of students and staff participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at MVCC. In addition, the month was known as "socktober" in school. Academies competed to see who could bring in the most pairs of socks throughout the month. The Social Studies Academy won with 222 pairs of socks donated! Overall, 757 pairs of socks were donated to the Utica Rescue Mission and Abraham House.

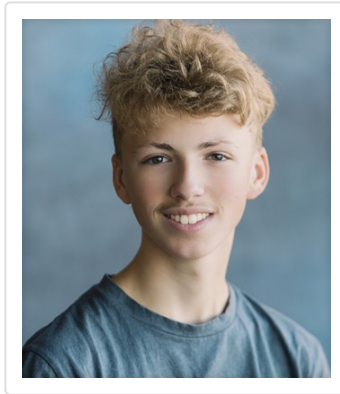
November's Pioneer Event is a food drive for the CNY Veteran's Outreach Center. Students and staff can bring in non-perishable food items to their homerooms through December 7.

Student Ambassadors



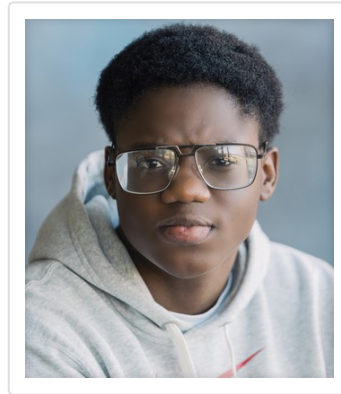
Freshman: Cacey Confer

Cacey is from the Whitesboro Central School District. Teachers state, "Cacey has displayed outstanding attitude and effort in classes." Peers value Cacey's understanding and supportive demeanor.



Sophomore: Jonathyn Langone

Jonathyn is from the Rome City School District. Jonathyn has been exceptional academically in his time at P-TECH thus far. Teachers acknowledge him for his effort, especially in his dual credit math course where he is always on task and helping peers when they need it.



Junior: Jordan Black

Jordan is from the Utica City School District. Teachers claim that they have seen tremendous growth in Jordan throughout his time in P-TECH and he has had an exceptional start to his school year. Peers recognize him as a considerate and kind individual.



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