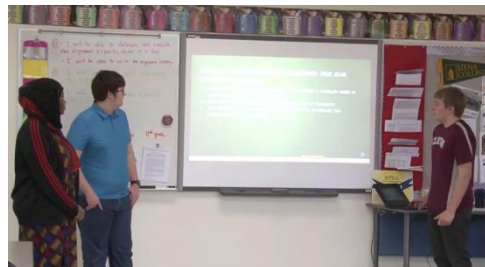


Capstone Project Presentations

Sophomore students presented their Capstone Projects to their classmates and P-TECH staff in English class. The Capstone Project required teams of students to create their own project from start to finish. Students had the choice of addressing a need in the community, solving a need or problem at P-TECH OHM, or expanding on a previous project. The projects were diverse and the solutions were innovative. The projects included: a community service project benefiting local animal shelters, a proposal including a plan for an educational end of the year field trip, a proposal to make the OHM BOCES playground more accessible to students with special needs, a business plan and proposal for a P-TECH OHM bookstore, a community arts and music festival event, ideas to make classrooms more aesthetically pleasing and conducive to learning, a proposal for a P-TECH OHM technology club, and a Summer Bridge project for incoming freshmen. Each team had to identify and connect with an appropriate business partner as a consultant to guide them with their project.

Due to inclement weather, the presentation sessions were cancelled. Since many parents and business partners had planned on attending, P-TECH OHM junior Dominick Violante videotaped the presentations. Access to the presentations will be shared virtually with stakeholders by visiting our website where the link is posted.



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Junior Job Shadow Day

Students in the junior class took part in a job shadowing day on Thursday, January 25. Students went to the Air Force Research Laboratory, BNY Mellon, Indium Corporation and Trenton Technology. Students were able to shadow professionals in careers they are interested in pursuing. It was a great experience for all who participated. Alicia Hallam stated, "I can see myself working in an environment like the one I observed. I learned it's important for me to be in a positive and friendly place." Pictured above are students Anthony Mazza, Nevaeh Scott-Dominguez and Alicia Hallam with job shadow hosts at BNY Mellon. Thank you to all of the businesses and hosts who participated!

January Student Ambassadors



Freshman: Jimmy Vo

Jimmy is from the Utica City School District. Many peers nominated Jimmy to represent them as a Student Ambassador. A common theme noted was his kindness towards others and his great personality. Teachers recognize Jimmy for growth he has displayed since the beginning of the year in public speaking, and for having perfect attendance through the school year thus far.



Sophomore: T Dell'Anno

T is from the Whitesboro Central School District. T has shown tremendous growth since starting at P-TECH OHM last year. One of the biggest areas of improvement has been attendance. T's peer acknowledge the leadership and compassion always displayed to others. Teachers state that "T has a desire to learn and understand content" which serves as a great model for other students.



Junior: Dominick Violante

Dominick is from the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. This year, Dominick is also enrolled in the Advertising Design & Multimedia Productions CTE class. He has embraced this program and used it to benefit P-TECH OHM. He filmed the Capstone Project presentations and is editing them so they can be shared with families and partners. His commitment to career development and the pursuit of his passion is a great example for others.



Saturday Showcase

P-TECH OHM took part in the Career & Technical Education Center Saturday Showcase on February 3. Visitors got to see the brand new Fab Lab and participate in hands-on, interactive activities facilitated by P-TECH OHM students. There was also an information session for families of eighth grade students that are interested in applying to the P-TECH OHM program. Applications are due to P-TECH OHM by Friday, February 16. Interviews of applicants will be arranged with home district counselors after the Mid-Winter Recess.



P-TECH PRIDE

P-TECH PRIDE is a special recognition of individuals who have gone above and beyond with one or more of the P-TECH values of partnership, respect, innovation, diversity, and excellence. This month, we would like to acknowledge William Grant. Will is a junior from Westmoreland Central School District. He is on track to finish the P-TECH program in 4 years, earning both his high school Regents diploma and AAS degree by the end of next school year. Will is taking a full load of college courses both semesters this year, in addition to completing his high school requirements. He did so well academically during the fall semester that he was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at MVCC. He also made the President’s List. Both accomplishments have never been made by a high school junior at MVCC before. Great job, Will!

Upcoming Events

February 15

Utica Children’s Museum Challenge Presentations

February 16

Applications Due for 2018-2019 Freshman Class

February 19-23

Mid-Winter Recess

March 1

TST BOCES Tour of P-TECH OHM

March 1

Sophomore Industry Challenge Launch

March 2

Student Leadership Team Meeting

March 2

End of Progress Report Period

March 6

Sophomore CTE Visitation

March 14

Open House & P-TECH OHM International Night