



International Night

P-TECH OHM held an International Night celebration during the OHM BOCES Open House on March 21. This event offered an opportunity for students to engage with diverse countries around the world by exploring their language, food, customs, and culture. At P-TECH OHM, diversity is one of the core values that students, parents, faculty, and staff embrace. The students taking Global I presented their projects that represented three months of hard work. The idea and details of International Night were originally designed by current 11th graders. As part of the design requirements, students included a visual display of the project, an interactive cultural element, a 3D physical model from a unique aspect of the country, and an interview with a person who represented each nation. The interactive elements made each presentation very engaging, ranging from dancing and games to food sampling. Students presented on countries that are meaningful to members of the P-TECH program including: Lebanon, Russia, Bosnia, France, Vietnam, Ghana, Somalia and the Dominican Republic.

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YWCA Salute to Outstanding Women Honoree

P-TECH OHM 's school counselor and business partner liaison, Christina Warner, has been selected as the 2018 Outstanding Woman in the STEAM category for YWCA Mohawk Valley's 30th Annual Salute to Outstanding Women for her leadership at P-TECH OHM. Although her titles sound like separate entities, bringing business partners into her students' educational career to build a network of support that will influence a promising future is crucial for students who feel limited by personal barriers. Mrs. Warner's role on the P-TECH team is geared towards growing the local economy with our students who are from this area and invested in its development.

Mrs. Warner is viewed as a strong, female leader by students, parents, teachers, and the administrative team at OHM BOCES. Her ability to provide social-emotional support to students while also giving them the support necessary to participate in a rigorous early college high school program makes her exceptional. Her mission to create opportunities at the college level that leads seamlessly into the workforce is crucial. Students view Mrs. Warner as supportive, intelligent, compassionate, and a team player. They see her closely involved with their families, teachers, local agencies, businesses, and college partners. She gives them a vision for the future that creates meaning in the present. Her work is important. Her mission is meaningful. She is OUTSTANDING. Congratulations, Mrs. Warner!

March Student Ambassadors



Freshman: Loretta Turck

Loretta is from the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. Teachers state that she is a "leader among the freshman class through her effective collaboration and cooperation with any student she works with." She actively participates in classes and has become a stand-out when presenting. Peers describe Loretta as a "fantastic person" with a positive attitude.



Sophomore: Sean Arnold

Sean is from the Whitesboro Central School District. Teachers describe Sean as a "P-TECH superstar." He is an excellent independent and group learner, who consistently turns in assignments ahead of time and helps others. Peers recognize Sean for his inquisitive nature and positive demeanor. He participates in various activities outside of school including: community service events, community theater, musicals and robotics.



Junior: Anthony Mazza

Anthony is from the Utica City School District. Teachers describe Anthony as an "excellent student who is self-driven and takes advantage of opportunities to ask questions and get ahead in class." Anthony has taken two online college level classes this year, which has required a lot of dedication and self-discipline. His peers acknowledge his leadership, cooperation and academic curiosity.



P-TECH OHM Book Club

Students have continued to show a significant interest in establishing a book club, so Ms. Fairbrother was able to coordinate and launch an official "P-TECH Book Club" this past month! Students are currently reading *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and meet once a week to share their thoughts and reactions to the novel. There are 25 official members, consisting of 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. It is great to see P-TECH students excited about reading while being encouraged to foster discussion with their peers!

April Pioneer Event

P-TECH OHM will participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at SUNY Poly on Sunday, April 29. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the US today; it is the only cause in the top 10 that has no cure or prevention methods to date. This nationwide walk raises awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

The kick off ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. followed by the walk at 1:15 p.m. To join the P-TECH OHM team, please visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=11397&pg=team&team_id=465340 and for more information, see Mr. Hoover.



Job Shadows

Select P-TECH OHM students participated in job shadow days in March. On March 22, 8 students from the freshman and sophomore classes participated in the "Student Introduction to Engineering & Science," or SITES job shadowing day. The students spent their morning at ICON in Whitesboro, and then had an informative lunch presentation at Harts Hill Inn.

On March 28, 10 female students participated in the "STREAMS to Success" job shadowing day at the Airforce Research Laboratory. This event targeted female students in order to provide them with a day long shadow of a female professional working in the STEM field.

Upcoming Events

April 12

Freshmen Regional Career Day

April 13

US History Guest Speaker: "Women Belong in History"

April 20

Business & College Partner Open House

April 20

STEAM Poster Reveal with Paige Group

April 20

Utica Children's Museum Final Presentations

April 21

P-TECH Family Event: SUNY Poly Maker Faire

April 23-27

Spring Recess

April 29

P-TECH Pioneer Event: Walk to End Alzheimer's at SUNY Poly

May 11

End of Progress Report Period