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### Virtual Reality Lesson

On September 12, students in the freshman and sophomore classes had the opportunity to participate in a study led by A. Joseph Tamer. Mr. Tamer is conducting research for Arizona State University in connection to NASA. Students were broken up in two groups, and taught a science lesson. One group was taught in a traditional lecture format. The other was taught the same content using a virtual reality program. All students took the same pre- and post-tests in order to determine which lesson was more effective.

After the lessons, Mr. Tamer discussed his background and how he ended up working at Arizona State University and also teaming with NASA. He grew up locally and had a lot of professional life lessons to share with students. Students quickly identified him as someone they wanted more involved with our program. He agreed to act as an individual mentor for one of the P-TECH sophomore students.



## September Student Ambassadors



### Freshman: Anastasia Petko

Anastasia is from the Utica City School District. Teachers state that Anastasia has started her P-TECH career with an excellent attitude and work ethic. Her dedication to her schoolwork is evident. She has displayed outstanding leadership qualities and has the potential to be a great role model for her peers.



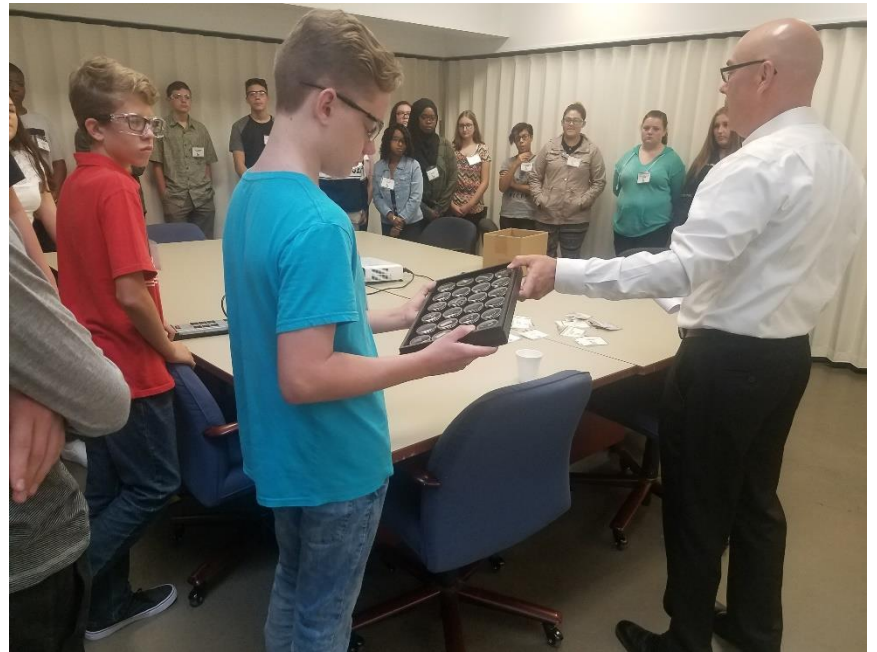
### Sophomore: Mahir Drljic

Mahir is from the Utica City School District. Teachers acknowledge a huge improvement in attitude so far this year. He is extremely positive and happy to be at school each day. He is reaching out, connecting with and mentoring freshman students. He has made many feel comfortable and supported in a new environment, which many students are grateful for.



### Junior: Ashlee Davis

Ashlee is from the Utica City School District. Ashlee continues to impress teachers and peers with her determination, work ethic and perseverance. She has a positive attitude and friendly demeanor. She puts academics first and is a great model of professional skills for her peers.



## Field Trips

P-TECH OHM students were out of the building on several occasions to start the year. Freshmen toured Indium Corporation on September 7 and sophomores visited the company on September 14. These tours were a follow up from the Summer Bridge program that Indium Corporation was a main partner for. It was a great experience for students to already have some familiarity with the company as well as some of the employees before actually seeing the facility. They also learned how algebra skills are applied in a manufacturing setting to solve real world problems. Students were eager to see Indium Corporation in action after having such a positive experience working with them over the summer.



On October 12, P-TECH students in grades 9-11 attended Manufacturing Day at SUNY Poly. Students were excited to see many of our business partners at the event, as well as local colleges and universities.



### **P-TECH PRIDE: Juniors Shine at MVCC**

Two junior students are attending classes full-time at Mohawk Valley Community College. Nevaeh Scott-Dominguez from Utica City School District and Sean Arnold from Whitesboro Central School District are both on track to earn their Associate's Degree in May 2020, before they are awarded their high school diplomas. Nevaeh and Sean have adapted well to the demands of college courses and have gotten involved in the MVCC community. Nevaeh recently attended a lunch with students on the cabinet, where she got to know the MVCC President, Dr. Randall VanWagoner. The two are pictured above. Sean has also gotten involved in many clubs on campus and recently had a leading role in a theater production.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **October 26**

Clothing Orders Due to Mrs. Piatkowski

### **October 31**

Student Leadership Team Meeting

### **November 2**

End of Marking Period

### **November 2**

Cut & Donate P-TECH Pioneer Event

### **November 7**

Junior Class Field Trip to MVCC

### **November 12**

Veteran's Day No School at OHM BOCES, MVCC is in Session

### **November 20**

Positivity Project Launch

### **November 21-23**

Thanksgiving Recess

### **November 27**

Junior Class Field Trip to MVCC