



Fall P-TECH Pioneer Events

P-TECH students and staff are supporting several worthwhile causes through P-TECH Pioneer community service events this fall. On October 21, nine students along with family members and P-TECH staff, braved the cold weather to participate in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk in Utica.

On November 2, there was a "Cut & Donate" event with P-TECH and CTE students, staff and family members. Sixteen individuals had haircuts performed by seniors in the CTE cosmetology program. Approximately 163 inches of hair was donated to the nonprofit organization Children with Hair Loss, along with monetary donations.

Throughout the months of November and December, there will be a "Spirit of Giving" donation drive. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to bring in donations that will go to local organizations to help veterans and others in need.



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Freshman: Abigail Phelps

Abby is from the Whitesboro Central School District. Teachers recognize Abby for her work ethic and dedication to her education. They state that she is actively engaged in lessons and is never afraid to ask a question. Peers recognize Abby for her leadership potential and being a great collaborator.



Sophomore: Jeremiah Lockwood

Jeremiah is from the Westmoreland Central School District. Peers state that Jeremiah is "an amazing student inside and outside of the classroom." He is a friend to everyone in the program. They site his diligent effort in each class, and his willingness to work with anyone as his biggest strengths.



Junior: Nayeli Colon

Nayeli is from the Utica City School District. She has been donating time from her lunch to help younger students with algebra. In addition to this show of leadership, Nayeli has started the school year exceptionally strong, and is doing extremely well in the college course she is taking.



Chamber Music Performance

The Gryphon Trio performed at OHM BOCES on October 22. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the trio of violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and pianist James Parker have impressed international audiences with its highly refined, dynamic performances and established the group as one of the world's preeminent piano trios. With a repertoire that ranges from the traditional to the contemporary and from European classicism to modern-day multimedia, the Gryphons are committed to redefining chamber music for the 21st century. The Trio tours regularly throughout North America and Europe, have commissioned over 75 new works and frequently collaborate on projects that push the boundaries of chamber music. Throughout their performance, they gave a musical history lesson and engaged in questions from students. This was a great opportunity for P-TECH students to hear a style of music that they may not be familiar with.



Partner Awards Ceremony

P-TECH OHM recognized three business and higher education partners for their contribution during the 2017-2018 school year in an event on October 17. Rick Short, of Indium Corporation, was given the Individual Contribution Award. Trenton Technology Inc. was given the Outstanding Business Partner Award. Timothy Thomas, associate deal of physical sciences, engineering and applied technologies at MVCC was presented the Partnership Excellence in Higher Education Award.

Sophomore students presented the awards to each honoree. Faith Sykes of New Hartford, Haden Ward of Utica, Jimmy Vo of Utica explained how each partner went above and beyond for the P-TECH OHM program last school year. The students also presented the honorees with a plaque that was designed and built in the FAB Lab by the Think Tank class taught by Mrs. Piatkowski and Mrs. Colantuoni.

The event was a great time to recognize the award recipients, and all of P-TECH OHM's partners for the time that they dedicate to the program. Many partners were in attendance, along with the freshman and sophomores cohorts. This was also a great opportunity for most sophomore students to meet their individual mentor for the first time after the award presentation.



Upcoming Events

November 14

P-TECH Presentation to OHM Board of Education

November 15

Student Leadership Team Meeting

November 20

Positivity Project Launch

November 21-23

Thanksgiving Recess

November 27

Junior Class Field Trip to MVCC

December 7

End of Progress Report Period

December 14

Last Day of Instruction for MVCC Fall Semester

December 17-18

MVCC Final Exam Days

December 24-January 2

Winter Recess