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International Night

Parents, family members, business partners, and friends are invited to International Night on March 13 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at OHM BOCES. Students in grades 9-11 have been working hard on their projects for months, and they are eager to present their findings to attendees of the event. Students' presentations are a large portion of their grade and they look forward to receiving feedback from all those who attend.

In November, students in grades nine and ten were grouped together and assigned a nation from around the world. As part of the project, groups assembled a graphic novel, researched the history, constructed a museum-worthy 3D model, and are performing a cultural representation from their nation. Presentations will take place in increments of ten minutes on International Night.

In eleventh grade, students were tasked with researching any topic in world history that was an agent of change. Based on their findings, students will create a historic museum for the public to tour. Topics range from: Johann Trollman, an elite boxer persecuted in Nazi Germany; Florence Nightengale and Mary Seacole, two nurses of the Crimean War; Picasso and cubism in the early 20th century; the War of the Roses, and so forth. On International Night, students will defend their findings and present a visual representation of their project in an exhibit designed by students.

February Student Ambassadors



Freshman: Alex Bauer

Alex is from the Whitesboro Central School District. Teachers noted Alex's ability to work successfully as an individual or in a group setting as his biggest strengths. He is able to overcome obstacles and keep teammates focused. Alex is known for his kind demeanor and positive disposition.



Sophomore: Alex Craig

Alex is from the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. Alex has done a great job in his college course this year. After a challenging first marking period, he dedicated more time and utilized resources to get his grade up in the course. His dedication is evident by the thoroughness of his labs and the amount of questions he asks during class time.



Junior: Gianna Snyder

Gianna is from the Utica City School District. Teachers acknowledge the tremendous growth that Gianna has shown this school year. She represented the P-TECH program in Math Corps at MVCC and brought many of the positives from the program back to P-TECH. She understands and embraces the results that a positive mindset and environment can have on individuals.



Checkpoint Visit with the Root Farm

The freshman class has been diligently working on an industry challenge to design an accessible par course for The Root Farm. Executive Director Peter Blanchfield and Recreational Program Manger Adam Quigley recently spent an afternoon at P-TECH OHM for a checkpoint visit. The student teams presented them with their progress to date; showing off their design drawings, rationales, 3D imagery and print outs, models, advertisements, signage, and bill of materials/budgets. Peter and Adam spent time with each group to provide ideas for optimization and answer questions to improve the design process for the students.





P-TECH Visitations

P-TECH OHM hosted many visitors in recent weeks. Robin Willner, the Director of the NYS P-TECH Leadership Council, came to P-TECH OHM on February 26. The P-TECH OHM leadership team met with Ms. Willner and discussed all the great things happening in the P-TECH OHM program. Lunch was provided by Chef Hoffmeister's Culinary Arts class and served by two P-TECH students in the class, Don'Trell Washington and Joseph Watson. The following day, staff from the Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH program met students, toured P-TECH OHM and attended a collaborative staff meeting. Both programs hope to partner in the future on projects and events. Finally, P-TECH OHM hosted the sixth grade class from NY Mills Central School District. Three P-TECH students acted as hosts along with Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Schoff. Freshman Isabella Yaghy from Utica, sophomore Lexi Green from Whitesboro and junior Anthony Marquez from Utica (pictured above) led round table discussions about the P-TECH program. They also took students on a tour of the program and shared some of their personal educational experiences.

P-TECH Spirit Week

P-TECH OHM will hold its very first Spring Week on Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22 for students at the OHM BOCES campus.

Monday – Character & Meme Day

Bring your favorite mem or character to life, or wear a character t-shirt

Tuesday – Color Wars

Class battle through colors! Wear your grade's assigned color

Wednesday – Dress like a Professional

Dress for the job you want!

Thursday – Throwback Thursday

Pick and time period & throw it back

Friday – P-TECH PRIDE Day

Wear P-TECH gear & colors

Upcoming Events

March 11-15

MVCC Spring Break

March 13

OHM BOCES Open House & P-TECH International Night
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

March 15

Superintendent's Conference Day

March 18-22

P-TECH Spirit Week

March 27

STEAMS to Success Job Shadowing Day

March 29

End of Marking Period

April 11

College & Career Mentoring Day

April 12-22

Spring Recess

April 25

Freshmen Career Day

May 1

P-TECH Completion Ceremony