



Partner Appreciation Event

On Oct. 22, P-TECH OHM invited college and business partners to an appreciation event. The annual event recognizes the contributions of all partners to the P-TECH OHM program. It also highlights individuals and companies that went above and beyond for students in the previous school year. Honorees were nominated by P-TECH OHM students and staff. Awards were designed by Mrs. Piatkowski's Think Tank class, and presented by sophomores Dezyrae Feliciano (Utica), Dakota Premo (Whitesboro) and Braden James (New Hartford). As a symbol of gratitude, all partners also received a sticker decal that was designed by Isabella Shaffer (Utica) and Abigail Phelps (Whitesboro).

Saldin Muheljic, of Trenton Technology Inc., was awarded with one of two Individual Contribution Awards given this year. Muheljic served as a mentor and supervisor for P-TECH OHM senior Nevaeh Scott-Dominguez during her paid internship at the company during the summer of 2019. Scott-Dominguez nominated Muheljic for this honor, citing his time commitment, patience and dedication to her learning. His leadership and guidance helped to make the paid internship experience an invaluable one for Scott-Dominguez.

The second Individual Contribution Award was given to Jim Hisert, of Indium Corporation, for his involvement in the P-TECH OHM mentoring program throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Hisert went above and beyond what was asked of him as a professional mentor. He not only communicated with his mentee on a regular basis, but also attended school events, provided additional assistance and offered further career development activities to his mentee. Hisert's guidance and support made a significant impact on the education of his student mentee.

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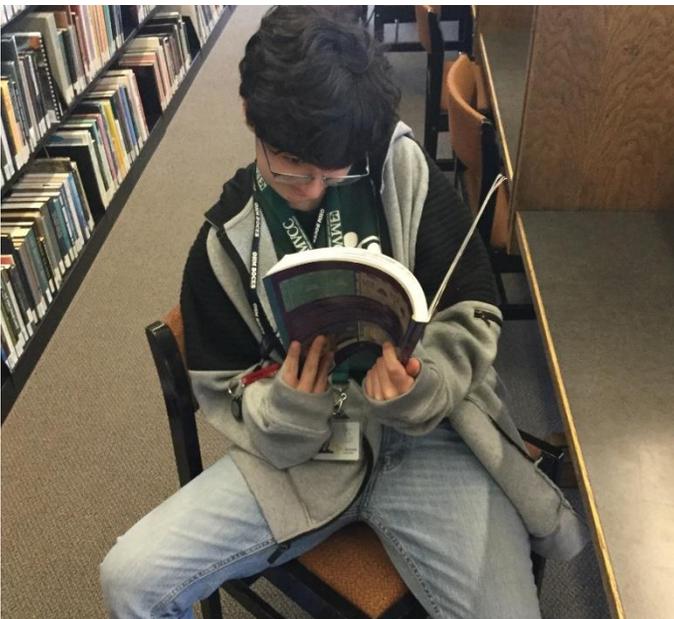
BNY Mellon was awarded with the Outstanding Business Partner Award for their generosity and commitment to the education of students in P-TECH OHM. BNY Mellon presented P-TECH OHM with an educational grant to sponsor the 2019 Summer Bridge program and many employees donated their time and expertise serving as mock interviewers, project consultants, career path experts and group leaders throughout the week-long program. BNY Mellon also hosted the ninth and 10th grade P-TECH OHM students at their Innovation Center in Oriskany, where students gained first-hand knowledge of how important innovation is in the finance industry.



Field Trips

On Oct. 30, students in the freshman class traveled to the Stanley Theater to see “New York Times” best-selling author Erin Gruwell. Students are currently reading “The Freedom Writer’s Diary” in English class with Mrs. Giruzzi. Seeing Gruwell and hearing more about her students’ stories made for a great morning for the entire class.

On Nov. 14, students in 10th grade taking global history and geography II went to Mohawk Valley Community College's library to start their research for International Night. As part of the trip, students engaged in an interactive scavenger hunt that required them to find resources in the library. In addition, students started to gather information for their papers and museum exhibit. International Night is slated to take place on March 11.



P-TECH OHM Clubs

For four years, a recurring student request at P-TECH OHM has been to start extracurricular clubs. This school year, staff members have made this fully come to fruition. All clubs meet on Wednesdays after school for a portion of the Academic Club time. The first priority for the weekly afterschool event is academics, but additional clubs are now supplementing. The clubs launched so far include art club, tech club, chess club, prom committee, yearbook club, fitness club and gamer club.

Donations Wanted

For the months of November and December, P-TECH OHM is honoring military veterans and their families by hosting a donation drive and letter writing campaign. Donations of new or gently used clothing and shoes, shelf-stable items, kitchen utensils, cookware, household goods, paper products and toiletries are being collected. The donations and letters will be delivered to the Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center.

Donations can be brought to the FAB Lab.

October Student Ambassadors



Freshman – Emily Nunes

Emily is from the Holland Patent Central School District. Teachers state that Emily is assimilating exceptionally well into P-TECH this year. She received an "excellent" rating for professional skills, which is very difficult to do as a freshman. She volunteers often in class and is helpful to peers.



Sophomore – Alysha White

Alysha is from the Utica City School District. Teachers state that Alysha is one of the most diligent and hard-working students in her class. She has great attendance, outstanding grades and a positive attitude that will benefit her as she transitions to college.



Junior – Faith Sykes

Faith is from the New Hartford Central School District. Faith has distinguished herself academically throughout her career at P-TECH. This year, she is making strides as a leader. Teachers have noted a change in her attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to collaborate with others.

Upcoming Events

November 20

Prom Committee & Chess Club

November 26

SUNY Poly Field Trip for Juniors

November 26

BNY Mellon Industry Challenge Final Presentations

November 26

P-TECH OHM Thanksgiving Celebration

November 27-29

Thanksgiving Recess-P-TECH & MVCC Closed

December 2

Clothing Order Due

December 4

Gamer Club

December 6

End of Progress Report Period

December 6

SABA Breakfast

December 13

Last Day of MVCC Fall Semester Instruction