

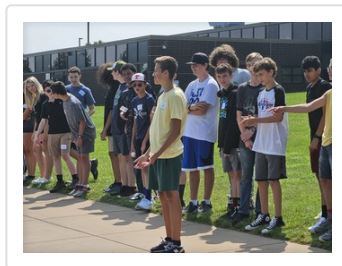
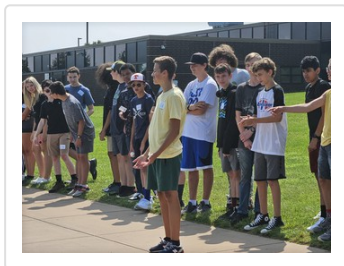
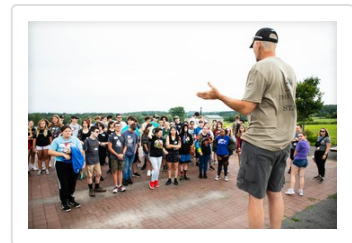
# September 2023

Monthly Newsletter of P-TECH OHM



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## Summer Bridge Program

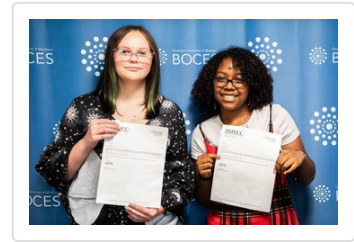


Incoming freshmen and returning sophomore students participated in the annual Summer Bridge program on July 24-27. The four-day program focuses on the P-TECH core principles of

partnership, respect, innovation, diversity and excellence. This is also referred to as P-TECH PRIDE.

Students and staff traveled to the Root Farm on July 24 to engage in team building activities. Staff from Daneli Partners worked with sophomores on July 26 to identify personal strengths and approaches to leadership. Throughout the week, freshmen were introduced to the program through various activities including sessions with upperclassmen and a campus-wide scavenger hunt. All students participated in hands-on modules that fostered team building.

## Induction Ceremony

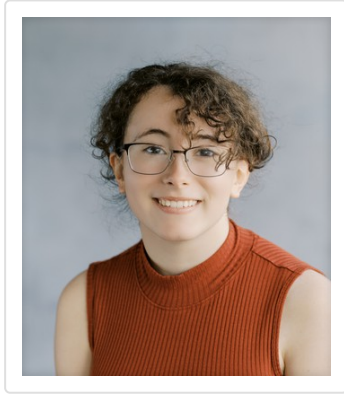


The culminating event of the Summer Bridge program is the annual Induction Ceremony. During the ceremony, freshmen were formally welcomed into the P-TECH OHM program by Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) Chief Strategy Officer Tim Thomas. Each student received their college acceptance letter and some MVCC swag.

P-TECH OHM alumnus Isabella Yaghy and current year-five student Nicholas Greico spoke at the event. Both Bella and Nick are from the Utica City School District. Bella, who graduated from MVCC (human services) and Utica in 2022, spoke about the importance of going outside of your comfort zone and creating your own brand. Nick, who graduated from Utica in 2023 and will earn an associate degree in electrical engineering technology this spring, shared how beneficial building a network throughout P-TECH can be.

## New P-TECH Staff

P-TECH is happy to welcome new staff, as well as staff who had role changes, to the team this year. Please see below for a short bio on each of these staff members.



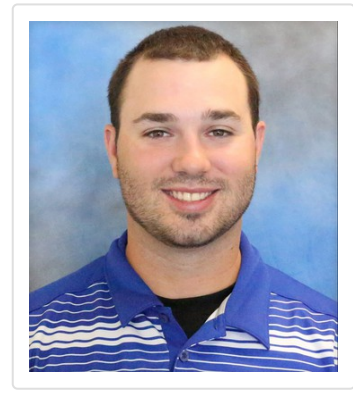
## Nicole Collins - Math

Ms. Collins will be supporting algebra students with targeted math labs. In addition, she will be teaching a dual credit math course. Prior to coming to the OHM BOCES, Ms. Collins taught math in New Hampshire.



## Jamie French - Special Education

Ms. French has been a teaching assistant in P-TECH for the past two years. This year, she will be our acting special education teacher. Prior to joining the P-TECH team, Ms. French worked in the Bridges program at the OHM BOCES.



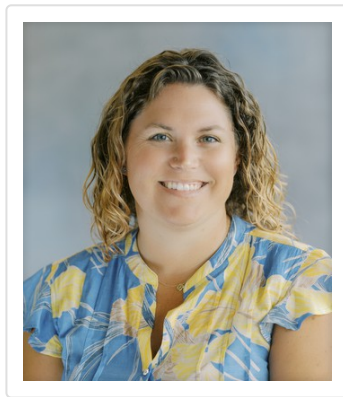
## Jeff Sergott - Physical Education & Health

Mr. Sergott is returning to P-TECH this year to teach health and physical education. Mr. Sergott is familiar with the P-TECH program, having taught PE in the 2016-2017 and 2021-2022 school years for P-TECH.



## Amanda Stevens - Science

Ms. Stevens was a long-term substitute for science from spring 2022-June 2023. She is returning as a full-time P-TECH teacher this year, teaching living environment and chemistry.



## Jessica Wagner - English

Ms. Wagner will be teaching ELA 9 this year. Prior to coming to the OHM BOCES, Ms. Wagner worked at the Whitesboro and NY Mills school districts.

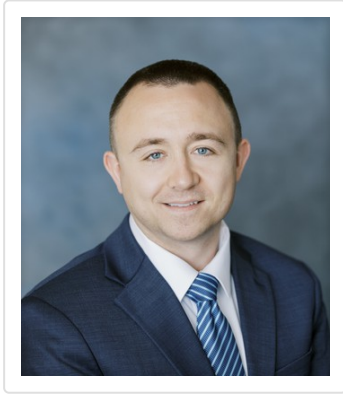


## Michael Wurz - Social Studies

Mr. Wurz is teaching global studies I and II as well as participation in government this year. Mr. Wurz was previously at the Dobbs Ferry School District and the MSA program at the OHM BOCES.

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## Matthew Fagan - Assistant Principal

Mr. Fagan has joined the staff as the assistant principal. Prior to this, he was a physical education and health teacher as well as PBIS coordinator at the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES.

## NYPA Internships

40 P-TECH Students Complete Career-Readiness Internship with New York Power Authority



Students from P-TECH OHM were among 40 P-TECH students from across the state that completed paid summer internships with the New York Power Authority (NYPA).

Henry Aung (Utica), Aiden Butler (Oriskany) and Michael Spanneut (New Hartford) spent their summer at the Clark Energy Center in Marcy. Their internship project tested the capabilities of UAS (drones) to aid in the detection of the Northern Long Eared Bat, a species recently added

to the endangered species list. They tested whether drones equipped with thermal imaging cameras were able to identify bats along NYPA's rights of way. If the drones and cameras are able to accomplish this, it will assist in identifying areas which NYPA is required to leave undisturbed during specific times of year, and save employees time and money from needing to inspect manually. As part of their internship, the three studied for and all passed their FAA Part -17 exams, allowing them to fly drones commercially with few restrictions.







## Pathways in Technology Early College High School

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