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## P-TECH Alumna Receives Scholarship

Sabah Haji, a graduate of P-TECH OHM, was recently awarded the Zonta International Women in STEM Scholarship. Thirty students received this award internationally, with only eight total recipients in the U.S. Sabah is a passionate advocate for women in STEM. She works at Wolfspeed while simultaneously completing her education in mechanical engineering at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Congratulations, Sabah!

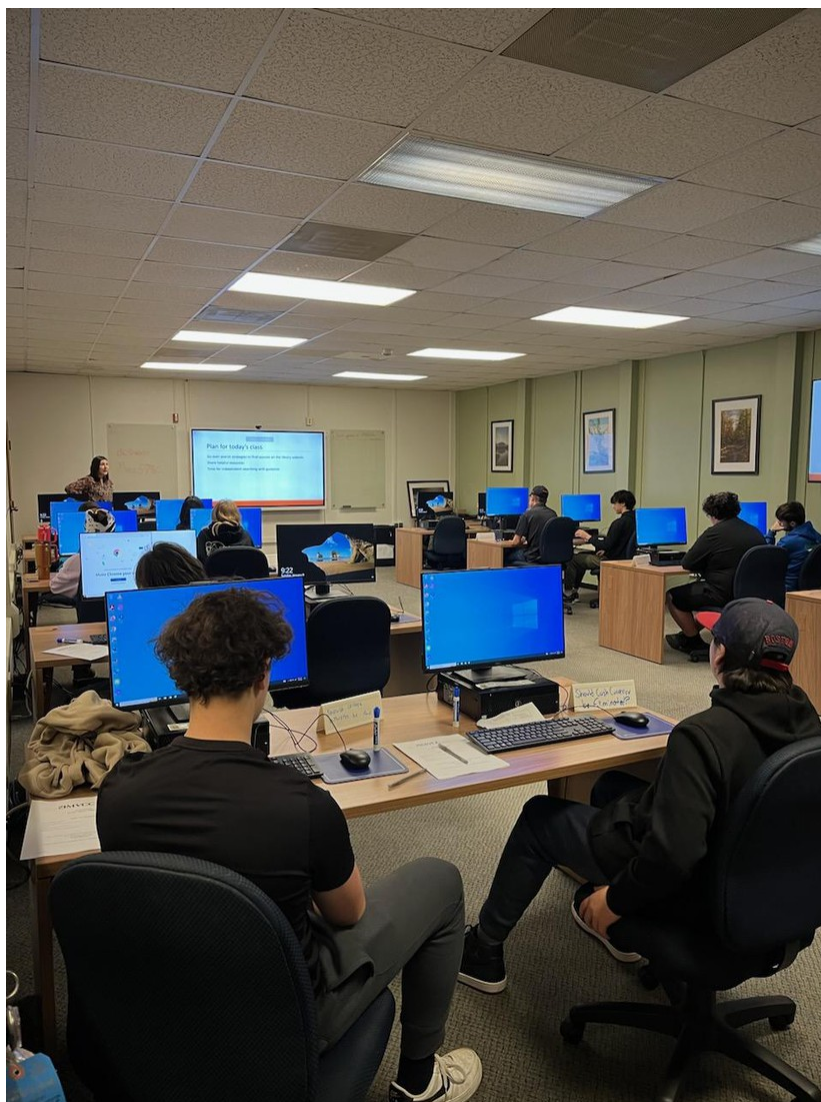
Please click the link below to access the article from the Daily Sentinel.



### **Sabah Haji of Utica receives Zonta International Women in STEM Scholarship**

The Zonta Club of Utica is pleased to announce that Sabah Haji of Utica has been selected to receive the Zonta International Women in STEM Scholarship, a scholarship that encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields.

## MVCC Library Field Trip



Mrs. Giruzzi and Ms. Garrett took 11th grade P-TECH students on a field trip to the Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) campus library. The students are working on an argumentative essay on a topic of their choosing. Examples of project topics include Processed Food Addictions, Self-Driving Cars, Screen Time Limits for Minors, and the Relationship Between Social Media Use and Mental Health.

During the trip, the MVCC librarian gave the students an overview of the library's databases and several tips on researching. Afterward, the students had time to ask the librarian questions, research their topics and find credible sources. This trip served multiple purposes for the students –providing them with the opportunity to research their topics, and also to learn about the resources that will be available to them when they begin to attend classes on the MVCC campus.

## P-TECH PRIDE Day



P-TECH PRIDE represents the program's core principles of Partnership, Respect, Innovation, Diversity and Excellence. For one day each month, the program steps away from regularly scheduled classes to provide programming focused on these core principles.

December's P-TECH PRIDE Day centered around partnership by working with the current P-TECH students who attend MVCC full-time. These students came to the OHM BOCES campus over their winter break to speak to the newer P-TECH students about their experiences at the college. The freshmen and sophomores were able to ask questions regarding topics they were curious about, such as the workload, how to manage time, how to find success in college classes and the various responsibilities, among many other items. The underclassmen found the sessions useful and gained valuable information to help them prepare for their college education.

Another way in which the P-TECH students focused on partnership was through their donations to the Utica Center for Development to help veterans. Students donated a total of 602 items, including canned goods, pasta, beans, rice, kitchen items, home goods and toys. Thank you to everyone who donated!

P-TECH students also had the chance to fly drones during the PRIDE Day activities. They learned the controls and the basics of flying with this introductory experience to the field of remotely piloted aircraft. Students had a blast as they worked with a partner to move their drone around the room and navigate obstacles along the way.

## P-TECH Student Presents to Board

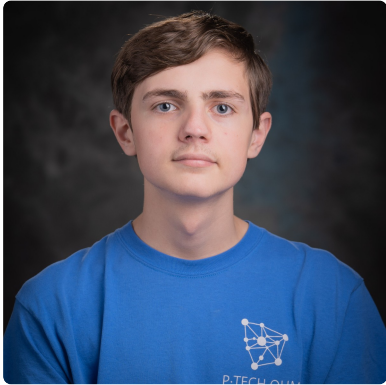
Year-five student Nicholas Grieco was recognized by the OHM BOCES Cooperative Board on January 10. Nick is from the Utica City School District and is in his final semester in the MVCC electrical engineering technology pathway. Nick plans to transfer to SUNY Polytechnic Institute in the fall to pursue a degree in computer and electrical engineering.

During his presentation, Nick reflected on how P-TECH helped him to grow by focusing on professionalism and providing opportunities with local business partners. Last year, Nick



leveraged a paid internship opportunity at Indium Corporation into a part-time job, which he still currently has.

## P-TECH Student Serving as Vice President



Year-six student Coleman Savoy is serving on the MVCC Student Congress as the Vice President of the Rome campus. The Student Congress oversees student activity funds, acts as a liaison with the college, appoints student representatives to activities, and provides programs and events that benefit all students.

Coleman is from the Holland Patent Central School District and is in his final semester in the remotely piloted aircraft systems degree pathway. He will be P-TECH's first graduate in that pathway

since it was added in 2021.

## Student Ambassadors



### Freshman - Niasia Carter

Niasia is from the Utica City School District. Teachers state that Niasia is standing out due to her academic commitment. "She is someone who cares about her grades, learning the content and doing well. She seeks out extra help and will even give up time from lunch to ask a question."



### Sophomore - Samantha Aldrich

Sammy is from the Rome City School District. Teachers note Sammy's dedication and effort. Even when courses are difficult for her, she works hard in and outside of the classroom. She always asks questions and takes advantage of extra opportunities. Once she grasps a topic, she enjoys helping others.



### Junior - Nicholas Abbott

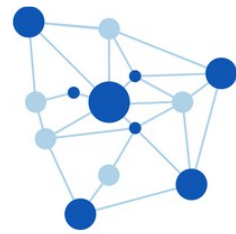
Nick is from the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District. Peers recognize Nick's leadership, cooperation and consideration of others as his greatest strengths. Nick has outstanding attendance, asks questions in classes and is always willing to help others.

## Pathways in Technology Early College High School

A partnership between the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, Mohawk Valley Community College, and Mohawk Valley EDGE.

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