

Sophomores at P-TECH OHM Attend STEAM Women Rising Symposium



On March 3, female sophomore students at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program attended the 3rd annual Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) Women Rising Symposium at the Beeches Manor in Rome with Mrs. Piatkowski, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Arcuri. This event for female students in local school districts was run by the Project Fibonacci Foundation to increase awareness of the opportunities in STEAM fields.

Founder and CEO of HMJ Consulting Hilda Jordan, Executive Director and Chairman of Project Fibonacci's Executive Board Dr. Andrew Drozd and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon all gave opening remarks. The students enjoyed breakfast and received a swag bag with over \$100 in gifts from sponsors. Next, the Project Fibonacci Foundation team led an activity featuring calming techniques and gave out a to-go kit complete with supplies to utilize when experiencing stress or anxiety.

A panel of women in STEAM careers answered questions from the students. Master Sergeant



President and CEO at Rome Health Annemarie Walker Czyz; President and CEO of Munson Anna Tobin D'Ambrosio; President and CEO of Utica National Insurance Group Kristin H. Martin and Superintendent of the Rome City School District Nerlande Anselme. The students then participated in a career connections fair. This consisted of 30 businesses and colleges. During lunch, students completed a scavenger hunt while networking with students from other districts.

After lunch, students heard from the keynote speaker Melanie Sawyer, the owner of Wild Foods and Wilderness. She is also a survivalist instructor, forager and participant on season 10 of Alone on the History Channel. The day concluded with raffles for those who completed the scavenger hunt. P-TECH's winner was Evalyn Gates! Congratulations Evalyn!

P-TECH Students Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa



On February 24, several students in the P-TECH program were inducted into the Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC). This is the official International Honor Society for two-year colleges. To become members, students must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA. The following students earned this distinction:

- Joel Lynch | Junior, Westmoreland Central School District
- Liam Mahardy | Junior, New York Mills Union Free School District
- Sophia Ranney | Junior, Vernon Verona Sherill Central School District
- Kyle Saladin | Junior, Oriskany Central School District
- Arina Samoshuk | Junior, Clinton Central School District
- Beatrix Stayton | Junior, Sauquoit Valley Central School District
- Gavyn Toepp | Junior, Rome City School District

Congratulations everyone! Please click the link below to read the full article from MVCC.



MVCC adds 75 students to Phi Theta Kappa honor society

On Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, Mohawk Valley Community College added 75 students to its five-star Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during an induction ceremony at the College's Utica Campus. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges and the largest honor society in American



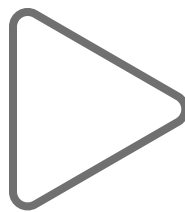
Freshmen Compete at MVTEEA STEM Showcase

On March 18, freshmen in the P-TECH program travelled to Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) to attend the Mohawk Valley Technology and Engineering Educator's Association (MVTEEA) Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) Showcase. This event involved a variety of competitions, such as 3D printing, mousetrap vehicles, computer-aided design and much more.

The students were able to compete in the bridge building competition. In the weeks leading up to the event, the students designed and built their bridges. At the competition, the judges tested how much force the bridges could support.

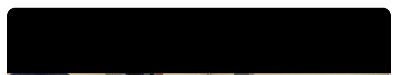
P-TECH OHM had two students place in the competition, with Sophia David, of the Holland Patent Central School District, taking first place and Eliany Enamorado, of the Utica City School District, placing third! Congratulations to both students! Check out the video below to see the bridge competition in action!

MVTEEA Showcase Bridge Competition



Coding Classes Develop Apps

Students in Mrs. Piatkowski's coding classes learned how to



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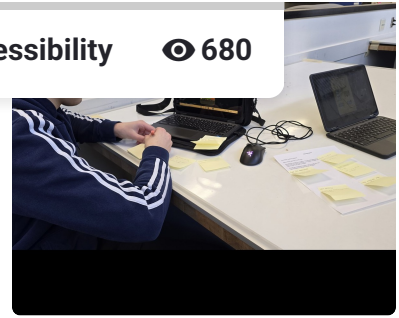


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ideas, select a topic, interview classmates and create program specifications before building, testing and optimizing their apps. The students were able to select any topic in which they had an interest. Students designed their apps to teach their peers about their chosen topics. The project culminated with a gallery wall showcase with peer feedback and voting.



See the poll results from each class below and click the links to see the apps!

A/C Day Class

Most Creative: [Metal Gears Story](#) - Damon Price

Best Informational: [Info on RC Cars](#) - Jayden Leshkevich

Best Functioning: [Helicoprion Learning Center](#) - Augustine Oo

Overall Favorite: [Know Horses](#) - Alexis Stevens

B/D Day Class

Most Creative: [How to Cook](#) - Akasha Ervin

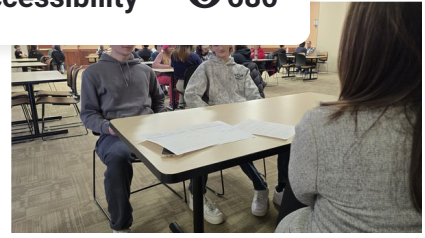
Best Informational: [What's out at space](#) - Vladislav Gutko

Best Functioning: [DIY French Toast](#) - Ayden Knoblauch

Overall Favorite: [Locomotive Learning Center](#) - Trevor Windover

P-TECH PRIDE Day





The P-TECH program's PRIDE day represents its 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.

This month, we focused on partnership through our work with the Daneli Partners. Our students were able to work on their interview skills through practicing "elevator pitches." They learned about the importance of being able to talk about themselves in a way that is concise but thorough. They were also able to practice their interview skills in a mock interview session with business partners. Both activities were excellent preparation for their future career pursuits!

We also highlighted innovation through a visit from SUNY Polytechnic Institute's robotics team. They presented to our students and spoke about the opportunity to join and participate. The team talked about what they do and what their competitions are like. The students asked a variety of inquisitive questions and learned a great deal from the team!

Student Leadership Team Volunteers at CTE & P-TECH Open House

Several members of the P-TECH program's Student Leadership Team volunteered their time this month to assist prospective students and their families. On March 12, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) and P-TECH programs held our annual open house event. Those who have applied or are interested in our programs had the opportunity to visit and tour the building and the classrooms. Our volunteers guided groups through the facility while talking about their experiences and answering questions. The students and their families spoke very highly of our tour guides! Thank you to the following students for donating their time to our program:

- Layla Carbone | Utica City School District
- Niasia Carter | Utica City School District
- Cacey Confer | Whitesboro Central School District

Support P-TECH at SweetFrog! 🍦



Celebrate the return of warm weather with frozen yogurt and support P-TECH at the same time! On Wednesday, April 2, from 4-8pm, SweetFrog in New Hartford will donate 20% of all sales to P-TECH OHM. To participate, show the flyer or mention P-TECH at checkout.

See below for event details and a copy of the flyer! Thank you for your support!



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Event Information

SweetFrog Fundraiser

When?

Wednesday, Apr 2, 2025, 04:00 PM

Where?

Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, Clinton Street, New Hartford, NY, USA



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Academic Club

The Academic Club meets each month on designated Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m. During this time, students may work on assignments and get extra support from teachers. The following are the upcoming Academic Club dates:

To attend an Academic Club meeting, students need parent/guardian permission and their own transportation.

Student Ambassadors



Freshman: Lena Galime

Lena is from the Utica City School District. Teachers note how hard Lena works on her assignments, often going to classrooms during her lunch to work on projects. Peers mention Lena's kindness and willingness to help others. She makes an excellent teammate and works well with everyone.



Sophomore: Layla Carbone

Layla is from the Utica City School District. Layla demonstrates immense kindness to others, going out of her way to include everyone and ensure everyone understands the content in class. She contributes to the P-TECH community by participating in a variety of clubs and activities. Layla serves as a positive role model for her peers as she is hardworking, compassionate, and respectful.



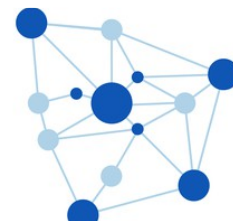
Junior: Zowie Getti

Zowie is from the Sauquoit Valley Central School District. As a member of the Sunshine Club, Zowie helps to spread positive energy and cheer to all those in P-TECH. She is an enthusiastic learner as well, putting outstanding effort into all of her classes. Zowie works very well as part of a team, always going above and beyond for the good of the group.

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