

Component Connection



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December 2019

SkillsUSA Float Takes First Place at Auburn Parade

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES SkillsUSA Float took first place in the Auburn Holiday Parade. The float, which was themed after the show *SpongeBob SquarePants*, utilized the efforts of several CTE programs.



Compass Program Spreads Holiday Joy

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to help our Compass students spread holiday joy. The community helped collect hundreds of toys, clothes and household items for the students to gift to their loved ones.



HERO Program Honored by NYSSBA

Students in Cale Jirinec's Heavy Equipment and Repair Operation (HERO) class at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES were recently recognized by the New York State School Boards Association.



The HERO program and its annual rodeo event was honored as part of NYSSBA's Champions of Change for Kids. Sandra Ruffo, NYSSBA Area 4 Director, was on-hand to present the HERO class with a banner. During her presentation, Ruffo listed the criteria for receiving the honor, and said that the HERO program was selected overwhelmingly from a pool of more than 100 applications.

The rodeo started in 2008 and has become a prominent event in central New York for HERO students from throughout the region. As an example, representatives from various colleges attend the rodeo to view students' hands-on abilities and will often offer scholarships based on student performance.

Along with recognizing the students and Jirinec, Teacher Assistant Suzanne Burnett was also highlighted by the Cayuga BOCES staff as the "driving force" of the rodeo.

New Visions Medical Professions Students Dance for a Purpose

This holiday season was all about giving back for the New Visions Medical Professions program. The class paired up with Auburn Community Hospital to make a fun video celebrating Giving Tuesday.



Giving Tuesday refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and was created to be an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the holiday season.

In the video, personnel from Auburn Community Hospital and the New Visions class sing and dance to The Beatles' classic song, "Twist and Shout." To view the video, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ACH-GivingTuesday>

Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Students Celebrate Holiday Season

1. Mrs. Tarolli's classroom spent time ringing the bell to raise money for the Salvation Army.
2. The New Visions Medical Professions class donated healthy gift bags to the Chapel House Homeless Shelter in Auburn.
3. Criminal Justice students helped the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office during the annual Shop with a Cop event.
4. Helen Day's class at Owasco Elementary School raised \$1,300 during their annual Holiday Shop.
5. It's the most wonderful time of the year!!



Felicia Doyle Named a NYACCE Student of the Year

By earning a high school equivalency diploma and receiving her Nurse Aide Licence all in the same year, the New York Association for Continuing and Community Education (NYACCE) recently named Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES student Felicia Doyle as a 2019 Student of the Year.

Doyle decided to earn her high school equivalency as a way to motivate her daughter to do the same, and said the experience provided her with a big sense of accomplishment.

"I couldn't really tell my daughter she needed to finish her schooling without me ever finishing. That would be hypocritical," Doyle said. "I think we all just need to try to succeed because it's such an overwhelming feeling."

While taking her High School Equivalency program, Doyle also enrolled in the HealthTrain Pre-Nurse Aide class, and after completing HealthTrain, went on to the Nurse Aide program.

Through her determination, Doyle graduated from both programs, earning both a High School Equivalency diploma and her New York State Certified Nurse Aide License. She also managed to secure full-time employment at a local nursing home.

"I'm really proud of Felicia. This is a really great spotlight for all the hard work she has done," said teacher Jennifer Kent-Issacs.

Doyle said she would like to continue her education and become a certified registered nurse. As Doyle puts it, it's never too late to follow your dreams.

"I want to keep moving up in nursing," she said. "I'm 34 years old, but you're never too old to go for it."

