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## 86 Students Inducted Into National Tech Honor Society



Ryan Cali, FLTCC student from Romulus High School.

Romulus High School and Maria Baez, a WTCC student from Gananda High School, who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society last year, presented their reflections and shared stories about their experiences as tech and career students. For more information about the National Technical Honor Society, go to the NTHS website at [www.nths.org](http://www.nths.org).

For more information about Technical and Career Education at W-FL BOCES and for a complete list of the 2006 NTHS inductees, go to [www.wflboces.org](http://www.wflboces.org) or call 315-332-7317.

On May 18, 2006, 86 Tech and Career Education students from both Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center and Wayne Technical and Career Center were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at an evening ceremony held at the Newark High School Auditorium. The National Technical Honor Society is a nonprofit, honor organization for outstanding students enrolled in occupational or technical programs.

Its purpose is to promote leadership, honesty, career development and skilled workmanship; to reward student achievement; to encourage and assist student education and career goal setting; to promote a stronger linkage between local vocational-technical institutions and business and industry; and to promote the image of technical education in America.

Ryan Cali, a FLTCC student from



Inductees recite the National Technical Honor Society Pledge of Membership.

## Tech & Career Students Excel on State Assessment



Eleven students from W-FL BOCES Tech and Career Centers received the 2006 High Schools That Work (HSTW) *Award of Educational Achievement* from the State Career and Technical Educational Consortium. In New York State, only 88 students received this honor from 17 Career and Technical Education sites.

Judy Adams, Principal at FLTCC said, "Our total of 11 students out of 88 in the state is very impressive! We are very proud of our students who have achieved this goal." Students receive this honor for meeting the performance and curriculum requirements established by High Schools That Work.

The award was established nine years ago and the assessment is administered every two years. It is a way to let businesses, industries, colleges and universities know that students have demonstrated the potential to succeed by meeting reading, mathematics and science performance goals, completed a rigorous academic course of study and completed a concentration in a career or technical field.



## W-FL BOCES Hosts Executive in Residence



**Mike Smoczyk**, Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE) at Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School in Minnesota with **Joe Marinelli**, District Superintendent of W-FL BOCES.

At the May Chief School Officer (CSO) meeting, Joe Marinelli, District Superintendent at W-FL BOCES, introduced Mike Smoczyk, Association of Educational Service Agency (AESA) *Executive in Residence* to superintendents from the W-FL Region. Smoczyk, a CTE Director from White Bear Lake, Minnesota, spent a week shadowing Dr. Marinelli learning about W-FL BOCES educational services and programs. His visit also included touring BOCES schools, meeting staff and students, and learning about the operations of the district.

In a letter to Board President Nancy Scher, Smoczyk said, "A thriving and vital organization like W-FL BOCES does not evolve by accident. The administrative team under the leadership of Dr. Marinelli is a highly effective, talented and results-oriented group. Each member took time to explain to me their responsibilities and how they work as a team to set and achieve goals. I feel fortunate to have been able to observe and learn during my visit and appreciate the hospitality of your entire staff."

## WTCC Criminal Justice Students Restore Garden at Newark Manor

As part of a community service project, the students from Wayne Technical and Career Center's (WTCC) Criminal Justice Program restored an overgrown and unattended garden for the residents at Newark Manor Nursing Home.



**Chelsea Erenstone** from Gananda and **Emily Boerman** from Marion plant a tree in the newly tilled garden.

The students spent many weeks, planning their restoration, weeding, watering and planting. With assistance from WTCC ST-TEP and Power Mechanics students, a new garden walkway, decorative well and garden planters were created and integrated into the garden. Criminal

Justice Instructor Karen Dell said, "Everyone at Newark Manor was very appreciative of the kids being there and offering their services. My students were VERY excited about this project."



Students created a wheelchair accessible walkway for residents.



**Chris Hopkins** from Sodus removes weeds from the garden.



# It Was a Zoo at Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center!

Seneca Park Zoo Animal Trainer, Helen DiShaw, spent the morning of May 15, 2006 at Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) showing Animal Science Seniors the techniques, cues and behavioral theories used at the zoo to train their animals.

Sandra Hawkins, Animal Science Instructor at FLTCC said that DiShaw did an excellent job of reinforcing the animal training theories like positive reinforcement and operant conditioning the students had been studying in class.

During DiShaw's presentation she demonstrated her training techniques with Wegman's Zoomobile animals including Minnow the parrot, Junior the bush baby and Oilver the Tawny Owl. "The saying 'wise old owl' is a misnomer," DiShaw explained. "Owls take a long time to train!"

DiShaw explained in order to be a good animal trainer you need to have a

strong knowledge of theory, an ability to accurately interpret animal behavior, a love for animals, lots of patience and good people skills. "I'm definitely an animal person, but my job requires that I interact with visitors and other people on a daily basis."

DiShaw advised students who are interested in pursuing a career as a zoo keeper or an animal trainer to continue their education by attending college.

"Zoos are looking for keepers with four-year college degrees in Animal Science or Animal Behavior," she said.

For more information about the W-FL BOCES Animal Science Program,

contact Sandra Hawkins at 585-526-6479 or visit them online at [www.wflboces.org](http://www.wflboces.org).

For more information about the Seneca Park Zoo, visit them online at [www.senecaparkzoo.org](http://www.senecaparkzoo.org) or call 585-526-6479.



Animal Science Instructor, **Sandra Hawkins** and senior, **Kris Hurlburt** take a closer look at "Junior" the bush baby.

Seneca Park Zoo Animal Trainer, **Helen DiShaw** shows students how she trained Oliver the Tawny Owl.

## Geneva's Pullen Receives Administrator of Year Honors



On May 24, 2006, Geneva High School Principal, David Pullen was presented with the W-FL BOCES School Library System Administrator of the Year Award at an afternoon ceremony held in the Geneva High School Library. This award is given annually to a school administrator who has made significant contributions to the field of school librarianship.

Pullen was nominated by Cathy Carlson, Geneva High School librarian for his support of her vision for the library. In her nomination letter, Carlson said, "On many occasions, he has often sat me down and asked me to describe my vision for the library. Together as a team, we will reach this shared vision of becoming a library media center where education takes first priority and becoming a school of excellence is a joint effort. As a team, we will take pride in achieving these goals."

Judy Marsh, Administrator of W-FL BOCES Library/Media Services presents Geneva High School Principal, **David Pullen** with the School Library System Administrator of the Year Award. Pullen is holding one of his daughters who peacefully slept through the entire ceremony.

## School-to-Career Conference Offers Workshops for High School Students

W-FL BOCES School-to-Career/Character Education staff recently held a student conference entitled, "Focus on your Future" at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. This event was sponsored by the W-FL BOCES School-to-Career Consortium and the Youth Council of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Geneva, Penn Yan and Palmyra-Macedon attended three career-focused workshops of their choice in Pet Grooming, Western Medicine, Humor in the Workplace, Project Adventure, Entering the World of Credit, Come to the Digital Playground, Cyber-Bullying: Not a Good Choice and Put your Best Head Forward. Senator Michael



Senator **Nozzolio** delivered the keynote address at the W-FL BOCES School-to-Career/Character Education Conference. Senator Nozzolio is pictured with **Anne Smith**, W-FL BOCES School-to-Career Coordinator (standing next to Nozzolio) and a group of area high school students who attended the conference.

Nozzolio was the keynote speaker for this conference.

Anne Smith, W-FL BOCES School-to-Career Coordinator who organized the event said, "This is an excellent day of learning and fun for our youth. Students are able to attend three different workshops of their choice to get more insight on a career that they are interested in pursuing."

For more information about Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES School-to-Career/Character Education Programs, contact Anne Smith at 315-332-7318 or by e-mail at [asmith@wflboces.org](mailto:asmith@wflboces.org).