

Macomb County career tech students, business partners honored



Teacher Laura Morris nominated Dakota High School senior Madison Desormeau as an outstanding CTE student from Chippewa Valley Schools for her work in business management. Desormeau was one of many local students recognized at the Macomb CTE Administrators Association Awards Breakfast on Feb. 2. Photo courtesy of CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

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Instructors Michelle Clancy and Dr. Lee Mosurak nominated Chippewa Valley High School student Bogdan Peres as an outstanding CTE student for Chippewa Valley Schools, for his work in the medical academy program. Peres was one of many local students

recognized at the Macomb CTE Administrators Association Awards Breakfast on Feb. 2. Pictured are Clancy, Peres and Mosurak. Photo courtesy of CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

Forty-two students and 21 businesses were recently recognized for their dedication to CTE programs in local schools during a Macomb CTE Administrators Association Awards Breakfast held Feb. 2 at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD).

This year marked the 28th annual gathering, according to MISD CTE Consultant Shannon Williams.

Claire Brisson, the director of career and technical education for Chippewa Valley Schools, said each district selected two students and one business or community partner to honor. Chippewa Valley Schools, for example, selected student Bogdan Peres of Chippewa Valley High School for his work in the medical academy program, student Madison Desormeau from Dakota High School for her work in the business management program, and Scott Kraemer of PTI Engineered Plastics as the district's outstanding business partner, according to information provided by Brisson.

Local districts are invited to offer submissions of CTE students and businesses to honor at the breakfast between mid-November and Christmas break each year, according to Williams.

"We take a look at students who have excelled at one particular CTE program, completing a series of classes offered. In many cases the students have been a part of multiple CTE programs. We also look for students who are considered non-traditional for that particular career pathway yet have excelled anyway," Williams said.

Districts often select business partners that show a willingness to serve as advisors to teachers, become guest speakers for students, and/or allow student groups to tour facilities, according to Williams.

"Some partners are also selected for their willingness to take on student interns as employees," Williams said.

Countywide, about 222 CTE programs are offered, 32 program areas and 16 national career clusters, according to Williams. Across Macomb County, 13,000 plus students are enrolled in CTE programs.

Currently, the four districts with the most CTE offerings are Utica Community Schools at 48, Chippewa Valley Schools at 23, Warren Consolidated Schools at 22 and L'Anse Creuse Public Schools with 19.

"However these numbers are very fluid as it does not take into account the new programs that have been applied for this year and the ones that are no longer enrolling students this year. These numbers will not be final until the end of the year," Williams said.

The most common areas of CTE offerings among school districts include marketing, health services and business management.