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# 2019 CTE Students of the Year Prepared for College and Careers

Armada Area Schools would like to congratulate our 2019 Career and Technical Education Students of the Year, Taylor Chambers of Richmond Township and Justin Herbert of Berlin Township. Both students were recently saluted at the Macomb County CTE Administrators recognition breakfast on February 1.



Taylor Chambers



Justin Herbert

Taylor Chambers is a bright young lady that is driven to get things done. She has been a member of HOSA - Future Health Professionals for all four years of high school and is our current president. Taylor has competed in HOSA at the state and national level every year and has worked with the Macomb County Health Department to prepare for competitions.

Taylor takes a professional approach with all she does in her medical classes and works cooperatively on team activities. Teachers find Taylor demonstrates the leadership qualities and compassion for others that will serve her well in the health care field.

As part of our effort to connect with the community, Taylor has worked with the American Heart Association to raise awareness in the Painting the Town Red campaign, with her team raising \$2300 in donations.

Taylor is a strong student and has elected a challenging college

preparatory curriculum, including multiple Advanced Placement courses, honors classes at the Macomb Academy of Science and Arts, and classes through Ferris State University. She is currently ranked 5th in her graduating class with a weighted GPA of 4.395. Besides her work in CTE,

Taylor is involved in Varsity Soccer, Student Council, BETA Club, and is currently the President of the National Honor Society.

Taylor plans to attend Michigan State University and work toward a career as a pediatric oncologist.

Justin Herbert has continually emerged as a leader in all of his CTE classes in Building Trades along with Renewable Energy. He has shown a strong desire to build his skill set in the construction trades to prepare for college and career. His dedication and hard work shine in all his projects. Without asking, Justin takes the time to assist our new paraprofessional with readying the laboratory for incoming classes.

Justin is very detail oriented and represents our school well when taking on projects for members of the community. Customers are always happy with Justin's work. He has mastered the skills of planning, quoting, and executing projects at all levels of our programs.

Justin is a well-rounded student-athlete, with a great combination of CTE, Honors, AP, and college level classes, with a current weighted GPA of 4.087. He is a member of National Honor Society and Business Professionals of America. Athletically, Justin is a member of the Varsity Football and Basketball teams, along with being a charter member of the Armada High School Trap Team.

Outside of school Justin enjoys being a member of 4-H and has raised pigs to be shown at the Armada Fair. He likes working on his truck and enjoying outdoor sports.

Justin will be attending Ferris State University's Honors College to study Construction Management. Justin's nominating teacher, Mr. Defever, is confident of Justin being successful at the college level.

Armada Area Schools wishes Taylor Chambers and Justin Herbert best of luck in their college and career aspirations!

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## Armada High School CTE Programs Make the Connection

Armada High School is proud to offer a variety of Career and Technical Education programs to help connect our students for careers offering growth and opportunity. The skills students develop in our CTE programs are often supplemented through job shadowing and our Career Internship program, where students obtain work-based learning.

Our goal is to provide our CTE students advanced coursework and training that prepare them for industry certifications and employability. Students have the opportunity to take college-level career-related courses through Ferris State and Macomb Community College while at AHS. Many continue their education at technical colleges and report their learning experiences at Armada High School have them well-prepared for college success.

Currently we offer CTE programs in Business/Marketing, Renewable Energy, Building Trades, EMT, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Science, and Culinary Arts. All of our CTE programs are promoted and encouraged to be taken by all students. Our district requires a career sequence as a graduation requirement - two courses in the same career area must be taken over four years.

Armada Area Schools is proud to be a member of the Macomb Classroom to Career Talent Consortium which is part of the Marshall Plan for Talent Innovation Grant program. Collaborating with businesses and other districts, planning is underway to help prepare students for high demand and high wage career sectors. Creative and innovative approaches to education will be part of this emerging program.

Armada High School is taking steps toward "Making the Connection" for our students in Career and Technical Education opportunities. We encourage parents and students to explore the benefits of a career preparatory program in CTE.

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## Armada Welcomes Back Culinary Arts

By Gianna Annoni  
Class of 2022

Something you need in your everyday life is food, so why not know how to make it safely and efficiently? In Armada's new culinary class they are learning new things about the restaurant and food service industry. Students learn many different skills in this year's introductory course with the option next year to take more advanced courses when the program expands. The introductory course has focused on culinary history, food safety and sanitation, and how to prevent the spread of foodborne illnesses.

Armada High School had a culinary program and a restaurant when the current facility opened back in 1976. Curriculum changes and a limit of student interest led to a closure of the program about ten years ago. Since that time there has been a resurgence of budding chefs looking to prepare for a possible career in hospitality. The old commercial foods laboratory is currently under renovation for the re-established culinary arts program. The current lab being used is the school food service program kitchen.

This year's introductory students aren't only learning the background of culinary arts, they are learning the essential process of cooking and baking. Not only do they enjoy eating their own creations, they have had the opportunity to prepare meals for teachers during conferences and just recently created wonderful desserts for the board of education.

Many of the students taking this year's course are hoping to gain some life skills and learn how to eat healthier. Freshman Emily Rewers said, "This class was everything I was looking for because it has taught me important skills to use both in the kitchen with my fellow peers and I am also now able to help my mom with cooking, which is something I've wanted to do for a while."

Freshman Shelby Padyjasek likes how the course has stimulated her creativity in the kitchen. "I have learned a lot of new skills such as knife cutting skills and not only do I feel more safe holding a knife, but also feel more capable of making more variations of food than I did before."

Armada's culinary teacher, Mrs. Rachel Mathis has really inspired the best from



Several varieties of cold salads were part of the dinner prepared by the Culinary Arts students for teachers between parent-teacher conference sessions.



Some of the many desserts that the Introduction to Culinary Arts students prepared for the Armada Area Schools board at the January meeting.



Sophomores Madisen Ruczynski and Mickala Winne used their newly acquired knife skills from Culinary Arts to participate in the pumpkin carving contest in October.

her students. "It is great to see such interest in culinary arts again. The students have great enthusiasm and take a professional approach in their lab work. Regardless of whether they go into the industry, I think every student is going to take away life skills that will stick with them."

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