

# MAKING THE Connection TO Career Technical Education

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## 2021 CTE Students of the Year prepared for college and careers



Isabella Perry

Armada Area Schools would like to congratulate our 2021 Career and Technical Education Students of the Year, George Calvet of Armada Township and Isabella Perry of Mussey Township. Both students are being saluted by the Macomb County Career and Technical Administrators Association in a virtual ceremony soon to be available for viewing.

George Calvet is the son of George Calvet, Sr. and Leah Scott. He is being recognized for his outstanding performance in the classroom, employability, and dedication to the skilled trades.

George has been a leader in all of the CTE courses he has participated. He has excelled in Culinary Arts, Wood Working, Construction Trades I and II, and Small Engines and Fabrication. He demonstrates his commitment to our programs by working beyond the limits of class time. For our curriculum night last spring, George did an engaging and ongoing culinary arts presentation for visiting students and parents. He is always willing to assist others, and eager to go above and beyond what is expected of the class. George is a dependable and hardworking student that demonstrates maturity and professionalism that will serve him well for any college or employer.

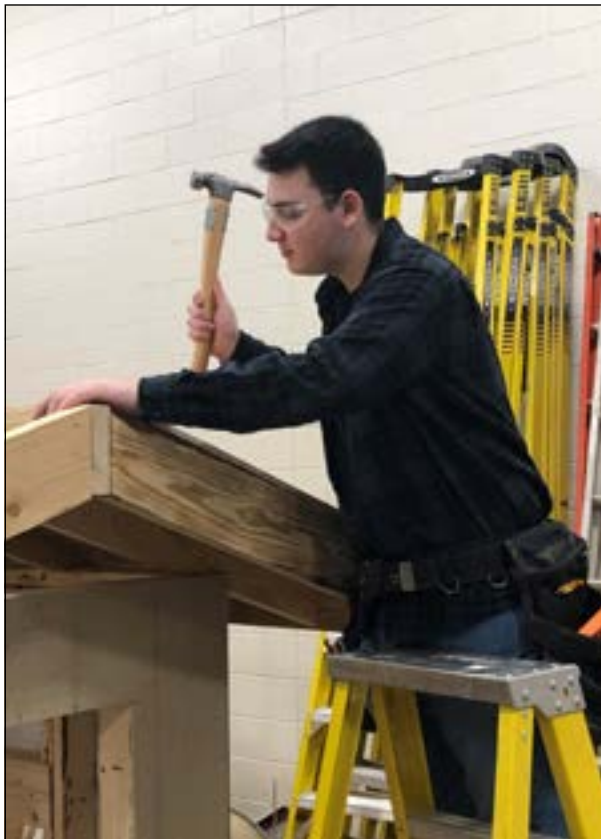
George is an avid golfer and has been a member of the Armada High

School Varsity Boys' Golf team for three years, this past fall earning the Most Valuable Player honor. His hobbies also include guns and working on old cars. He is especially proud of his 1969 C-10 that he has been restoring for the past year, and shares his passion for cars with the Friends of Mount Clemens classic car group that holds meetings along with a car show every June.

George participates in the community through several outlets, including the North Macomb Sportsmen's Club where he assisted Cabela's with an archery event. He also was a campaign volunteer for the Slocum for Congress campaign, and also helps the Salvation Army as a bell ringer.

George's college plans are to attend a trade school to become an automotive technician or electrician. His ultimate goal is to open up his own custom car shop called "Calvet's Customs".

Our second Outstanding CTE Student of the Year is Isabella Perry. Bella 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. She was also one of the founding members of our Middle School HOSA Chapter. Bella has competed in HOSA at the state and national level every year and has



George Calvet

worked with the Macomb County Health Department to prepare for competitions.

Bella takes a professional approach with all she does in her medical classes and works cooperatively on team activities. Teachers find Bella 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, Bella offered Stop the Bleed within the school community along with Emergency Preparedness with 5th Grade students.

Bella is a strong student and has elected a challenging college preparatory curriculum, including multiple Advanced Placement courses, honors classes, and classes through Ferris State University. Besides her work in CTE, Bella is involved in Varsity Tennis and has been our morning voice for announcements for all 4 years of high school.

Bella plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University and work toward a career in art therapy so she can work with the disadvantaged adolescent population.

Armada Area Schools wishes George Calvet and Isabella Perry the best of luck in their college and career aspirations!

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Small Engines students Liam Martin, William Schmid, Ronald VanHoutte, and Andrew Schapman are making adjustments to their go cart after some welding work.

## 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, Small Engine Repair, 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.

The new Small Engine Repair program has proven to be very popular with all types of students. This introductory course covers dissecting two and four stroke engines and trouble shooting. The advanced course includes fabrication skills, such as welding and machining, with students using engineering skills to build a go-cart from the ground up.

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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## Culinary Arts program inspires future professionals



Intro to Baking students use their creative skills to make personal pizzas. Junior Salvatore Viviano is ready to place his pie in the pizza oven.

By Holland Hall  
Class of 2022

Undergoing major revamping and renovations recently, the Culinary Arts program at Armada High School has become one of a kind and an ideal place for students in high school to explore the kitchen for both career and personal benefits. The Culinary Arts program has grown and transformed tremendously over the years as teacher, Rachel Mathis, has begun teaching a wider variety of classes, such as Cake Decorating and Baking. As some students may have intentions of having a career in the kitchen, and others want-

ing to build cooking and baking skills to carry with them for the rest of their lives, the Culinary Arts program at Armada is the perfect place to learn and improve skills in the kitchen.

Over the course of taking multiple culinary classes, Junior George Hebb says he has "learned lots of skills, like knife work and a lot of other basics, like proper sanitation." These basic kitchen skills have benefited Hebb, along with other students, and have led them to a more educated and safe environment in the kitchen, both inside and outside of school. Along with gaining the proper and basic skills and knowledge of the kitchen, Hebb elaborates

that he has "explored dishes from outside of the United States and how different countries use and like certain ingredients in their foods." Exploring these different perspectives and cultures of food allows students to procure interest in culinary arts through unique opportunities in the school setting.

Being fairly new to the Culinary Arts program at Armada, Freshman Paige Schapman mentions that she wants to "work at a restaurant as a food handler or chef someday". Schapman plans on taking more Culinary Arts classes in her coming years of high school, since her interest in cu-

linery arts has grown in this short amount of time. Having the opportunity to be a part of the Culinary Arts program at Armada, Schapman will be able to get a head start on learning the basics and advancing her kitchen skills in preparation for the career she desires.

In all, Armada's Culinary Arts program will continue to impact students in the future and give them opportunities to further their cooking and baking competencies. The Culinary Arts program at Armada will prepare students for a career in culinary, as well as cooking and making food on a daily basis for the rest of their lives.

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