



# 2016 Award Recipients



## Outstanding CTE Senior:



★ **Stephen Perkins** ★  
*Senior, Chippewa Valley High School  
Kristy Walker, recommending teacher  
CTE Program: Accounting*

An extremely organized and reliable young man, Stephen Perkins is impressive in his ability to handle a rigorous course schedule that includes advanced placement and honors courses, while maintaining an impeccable GPA of 4.019. His involvement in extracurricular activities is equally impressive and includes serving as Treasurer of the National Honor Society, section leader for the Marching Band, a member of Business Professionals of America (BPA), and leading a bottle drive in the past and current school years to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With post high school plans to attend either Oakland University or Wayne State University to pursue a degree in Accounting, Stephen is well on his way to achieving his career goal of becoming a CPA. Chippewa Valley Schools is proud to recognize Stephen Perkins as our 2016 Outstanding CTE Senior!

## Other Outstanding CTE Student:



★ **Rachel Zaprawa** ★  
*Senior, Dakota High School  
Scott Mitchell, recommending teacher  
CTE Program: Design Technology*

In a program where women are still a minority, Rachel Zaprawa—4<sup>th</sup> year Design Technology student at Dakota High School—has not only persisted, but has flourished and become an exemplary role model for other young women. Her design concepts are consistently creative and showcase her ability to solve complex problems in pursuit of excellence. She leads by example, whereby her enthusiasm and dedication inspire both students and staff, and many classmates find themselves seeking her advice. Research on her senior electric vehicle project is characteristically thorough and just one example of how she applies her strong work ethic to perform at the highest levels. Among her many outstanding skills and qualities, Rachel possesses what employers repeatedly tell us they need most: exceptional communication skills. Rachel plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at either Kettering University, Lawrence Technological University, or the University of Detroit Mercy.

## Outstanding Community Partner:

★ **Debbie Hampton, RN** ★  
**Executive Director**  
**Church of Christ Assisted Living**

*Brad Morris, Internship Coordinator, recommending teacher  
CTE Program: Medical Academy*

Chippewa Valley Schools would like to recognize Debbie Hampton and the Church of Christ Assisted Living in Clinton Township for providing many of our Medical Academy students with paid internships. Students benefit greatly from related work-based learning experiences, but reluctance to work with high school age students often inhibits them from obtaining such valuable placements. After investigating what it means to be a state-approved CTE program, Debbie ‘took a chance on us’ and not only hired over 20 students in the past three years, but has provided our students with exemplary mentorship, support and guidance to help them further develop their skills in working with the elderly. We are deeply appreciative to both Debbie and the Church of Christ Assisted Living!

