



2020 Award Recipients



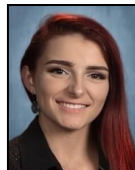
Outstanding CTE Senior:



★ **Bianca Vitale** ★
Senior, Dakota High School
CTE Program: Design Technology
Recommending teacher: Scott Mitchell

Veteran teacher, Scott Mitchell, describes Bianca as, “one of the best and brightest students I have taught in all my years in education. She possesses an inquisitive mind with an ingenious ability to comprehend, analyze, and solve complex problems by applying engineering concepts.” Dedicated, professional, and mature beyond her years, she also has excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Respected by her peers, she humbly demonstrates leadership and generously gives of herself both in and outside of the classroom. Bianca serves as Vice President of the Society of Women Engineers, has been a member of Key Club, the National Honor Society, her church, and works two jobs. As a math tutor at Mathnasium, she uses her higher-level math skills to help others. She says that math is much easier to comprehend because of the abundant, practical application she has experienced throughout her three years in the Design Technology program. Her teacher has observed that her enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence is inspiring and motivating to other students and her efforts have created a happier and more productive class environment. After graduation, Bianca plans to attend the University of Michigan, Flint or Kettering University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Chippewa Valley Schools is proud to honor Bianca Vitale as our Outstanding CTE Senior!

Other Outstanding CTE Student:



★ **Amanda Hofmann** ★
Senior, Dakota High School
CTE Program: Automotive Technology
Recommending Teacher: Joseph Hart

Amanda Hofmann is truly a shining star in the Automotive Technology program at Chippewa Valley High School. Among the advanced students, she is the only female, but that has not deterred her in any way. According to her instructor, Mr. Hart, “she excels at all things automotive, both in school and on the job.” Greg Harnden, Amanda’s supervisor at Russ Milne Ford, couldn’t agree more. Greg says, “Amanda is self-motivated, attentive, and eagerly takes initiative to learn.” As an intern, she works alongside experienced engine repair technicians to learn about the more recent engines, research probable causes of failure, and contribute to the repair and maintenance process. Russ Milne Ford is so impressed with Amanda, that they are recommending her for the Ford ASSET program at Henry Ford College. Amanda is a member of SkillsUSA and part of the Chippewa Engine Team that took first place in the Macomb Engine Challenge at Macomb Community College. Outside the automotive world, Amanda is a competitive ice skater and somehow makes time to teach ice skating to younger students. After graduation, Amanda is planning to pursue automotive technology at UNOH or perhaps another postsecondary or apprenticeship opportunity in the automotive field. Chippewa Valley Schools is proud to recognize Amanda Hofmann as an Outstanding CTE student!

Outstanding Business Partner:



★ **Adam Pinkerton** ★
Ford Motor Company
CTE Program: Automotive Technology
Chippewa Valley High School
Recommending Teacher: Joseph Hart

Our partnership with Ford Motor Company, facilitated by Adam Pinkerton, truly exemplifies what makes CTE so relevant and effective! Were it not for this commitment by Ford, students like Amanda Hofmann might not have the opportunity for expert mentoring and work-based learning at Russ Milne Ford. Adam provides critical input by serving on our Advisory Committee. He has facilitated the donation of parts and equipment, assisted in setting up machinery, and provides access to the Ford ACE online training program through which our students earn Ford Motor Service certifications. Through Adam Pinkerton, we have formed an alliance with Ford Motor Company that will benefit students for years to come. We are grateful to Adam Pinkerton, Ford Motor Company, and Greg Harnden, Service Manager at Russ Milne Ford for their collective contribution and commitment to Chippewa Valley Schools career and technical education. Thank you!