

Central Nine Student and Partners Win IDOE Awards For Excellence

In late February, The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) hosted its 35th Annual *CTE Awards For Excellence Program* where a Central Nine student, Brandon Lingenfelter, and other partners were recognized for their incredible work in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Brandon Lingenfelter has been enrolled in the Automotive Service Technology Program at Central Nine Career Center for the last two years and his instructors describe him as having high levels of maturity and integrity. "Brandon not only represents our Automotive program but he also represents Central Nine with the highest level of achievement we want for all of our students," says Andrice Tucker one of the Automotive Instructors.

Not only is Brandon a classroom leader at Whiteland Community High School, but at Central Nine he is taking CTE to the next level by also working to earn the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate and by participating in the Career Center's National Technical Honor Society! Through hard work and dedication, Brandon has earned dual credits and ASE Student Certifications, recently started his internship with Hubler Acura, and has received accolades for his initiative, work ethic, and attitude.

Central Nine's partner school, Center Grove High School, was also recognized during the Program for their Guidance Departments continued efforts in promoting skilled trades through Career and Technical Education! Recently, Center Grove counselors hosted a career and parent forum to promote and familiarize the process of getting into an apprenticeship and manufacturing pathway by encouraging students to apply to Central Nine apprenticeships upon graduation. They've also been organizing field trips to visit employers to promote job opportunities in skilled trades, which positively impacts over two hundred students!

Additionally, Whiteland Community High School, another Central Nine Partner, was recognized for its Agricultural Science & Business Program led by instructor, Hannah Goeb. Their students have opportunities to explore multiple paths including Animal Science, Horticulture, Food Science, and Agribusiness! The program has seen significant growth over the last five years thanks in part to Goeb's leadership as well as dedication from a strong advisory and alumni committee. All students in the program become members of FFA, and the chapter was recently recognized as a National 2 Star FFA Chapter.

[About Central Nine]

Central Nine Career Center is dedicated to providing its local high school students with life changing career and technical educational experiences that allow them to explore careers and assist them in meeting Graduation Pathway requirements that leads them to the workforce and college as informed, innovative, and professional citizens with career goals. Partners include: Beech Grove, Center Grove, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, Perry Meridian, Southport, and Whiteland Community High Schools. For more information visit <http://central9.k12.in.us/>

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