

North Adams Transcript

McCann students earn college credits

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NORTH ADAMS -- This year, 23 underclass students at McCann Technical School have qualified to receive college credit from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

To gain credit, students enrolled in Engineering Design (Grade 9), Principles of Engineering (Grade 10) and Digital Electronics (Grade 11) courses needed to maintain an 85 percent course average, as well as achieve a qualifying score on a standardized national examination.

The students being recognized this year are:

Grade 11 -- Caleb Cristofolini, Kristin Euchler, Kristin Gregory, Kristie Kordana, Shane Lamarre and Emily Serrano;

Grade 10 -- Christian Chenail, Nathaniel Massari, James Nowak, Jonathan Oleson, Ryan Raimer, Michael Tuffy, David Venegas and Sarah Wilson;

Grade 9 -- Keith Andersen, Zachary Bantle, Christopher Culpepper, Josh Gardner, Zach Giron, Amanda Larabee, Adam Lemoine, Al McKinney and Zach Trombley.

McCann's Pre-Engineering program was certified in 2007 by the *Project Lead The Way* Pre-Engineering and Engineering Technology Program. Students who demonstrate exemplary work in their pre-engineering courses and pass the national examination may apply for transcribed college credit at a variety of national affiliate colleges and universities.

Students enrolled in the Project Lead The Way program have an opportunity to continue to gain college credit for each of the courses at McCann as upperclassmen.

Now concluding its fourth year at McCann with the addition of the Engineering Design & Development capstone course, the *Project Lead The Way* program is co-taught by four academic and three technical teachers and is supported by two counselors, all who have had specialized training in exposing high school students to the basic concepts of engineering.

This specialized training had been funded by the Williams College George Olmsted Award for four years, and the program was enhanced this year with the award of a Dimension Grant, which allowed the procurement of a 3D printer for rapid prototyping of student projects.

Information: www.mccanntech.org and www.pltw.org.