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Career & Tech students from Berne and Delmar are honored by the 2009 Capital Region Scholars' Recognition program

Andrew Cortese of Berne, a Commercial Construction/Heavy Equipment student at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School in Schoharie (Career & Tech), and April Zwack of Delmar, a student in the Early Childhood Education program at Career & Tech's Albany (Colonie) campus, have been honored by the 2009 Capital Region Scholars' Recognition program, a joint initiative of the Capital Area School Development Association, SUNY Albany and the *Times Union*. An April 29 dinner and ceremony celebrated Scholars from across the region.

In addition to studying Commercial Construction/Heavy Equipment at Career & Tech, Cortese is a senior at Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School. According to Schoharie Career & Tech Principal Ray Paglieri, "Andrew's first-year average in Residential Construction/Heavy Equipment was 91, and his current average in Commercial Construction/Heavy Equipment is 96. His desire is to use construction to pursue his dream of going to college for fire protection technology to be a full-time firefighter." Paglieri added that Andrew is a leader in class, an Eagle Scout, junior assistant scout master, volunteer firefighter, and has a job where he works after school and all day on the weekends.

Career & Tech Early Childhood Education student Zwack is also a senior at Bethehem High School. Cindy Jennings, her Early Childhood Education teacher, said, "April exemplifies the desired characteristics of those seeking future employment as education professionals. Her academic achievement and work ethic set her apart from her classmates. April was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society upon maintaining a 92 or higher average. She is a valuable asset to our program and an excellent representative of our Career & Technical School." Zwack plans to major in education in college next fall.

Commercial Construction/Heavy Equipment and Early Childhood Education are two of more than 40 programs of study offered by the Capital Region Career & Technical School, which serves high school and adult students in Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie and southern Saratoga counties. The school is operated by the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and enrolls more than 1,200 students. For more information, visit www.bocescaereertech.org.