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**184 to graduate from Michigan Career and Technical Institute
*Adults with disabilities honored for hard work, achievement***

BARRY COUNTY, Mich. – The Michigan Career and Technical Institute will host a graduation ceremony for 184 students from across the state on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The event is at the MCTI campus, 11611 W. Pine Lake Road, Plainwell. Operated by Michigan Rehabilitation Services within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, MCTI provides vocational training in 13 career areas for adults with disabilities.

MCTI and its staff strive to promote the integration of Michiganders with disabilities into both the competitive workplace and the society in which they live. Students have the opportunity to be enrolled in technical training programs in automotive technology, cabinet making/millwork, certified nursing assistant, culinary arts, custodial, electronics, graphic communications, grounds maintenance/landscaping, machine technology, office automation, pharmacy technician, retail marketing and weatherization.

MCTI also offers health, psychological and social work services, sports and activities, housing, student government and much more. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/MCTI.

MCTI is just one of many programs operated by Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Serving the approximately 1.3 million individuals with disabilities in Michigan, MRS works with eligible customers and employers to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for individuals with disabilities. MRS works in partnership with individuals with disabilities to prepare them to obtain competitive employment, including exploring the possibilities of self-employment or owning a small business. MRS provides these services in all 83 Michigan counties.

MRS can also help employers find and retain qualified workers with disabilities. Learn more about its full scope of services at www.michigan.gov/MRS. Graduation ceremonies begin at 1 p.m. A list of MCTI graduates by training program can be found on the following pages.

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The graduates by hometown are:*

Machine Tech.- Daren Adams, Adrian
 Retail Marketing - Sarah Hitts, Alanson
 Grounds Maint. - Russell Millirans, Athens
 Pharmacy - Rebecca Nicholls, Battle Creek
 Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) - Gabriela Valadez, Battle Creek
 Machine Tech. - Jacob Houser, Bay City
 Custodial - Tyler Velleux, Bay City
 Cabinetmaking - Kimberlee Satterlee, Belding
 Custodial - Alexander Smith, Belmont
 Machine Tech. - Andrew Johnston, Boyne Falls
 Culinary Arts - Cruz Mosley, Boyne falls
 Machine Tech. - Andrew Kelley, Bronson
 Graphic Comm. - John Hickling, Canton
 Culinary Arts - Thomas McMaster, Canton
 Culinary Arts - Jacklyn Nichols, Canton
 Culinary Arts - Jessica Nichols, Canton
 CNA- Armani Johnson, Charlotte
 Cabinetmaking - Riley Brooks, Chelsea
 Electronics - Jacob Gostovich, Chesterfield
 Certified Nursing Assistant - Yashmine Johnson, Chesterfield
 Custodial - Marcus Guerguis, Clay Township
 CNA - Timothy Hadley II, Clinton Township
 Culinary Arts - Ashley Stevens, Coopersville
 Grounds Maint. -Jacob Berry, Dafter
 CNA - Mari-lyn Snow, Davison
 Retail Marketing -Bethany Daniels, Delton
 Custodial -Tiffany Daniels, Delton
 Culinary Arts - Joel Bulger, Detroit
 CNA - Marvin James, Detroit
 Culinary Arts - BJay Leonard, Detroit
 Kishauna Thomas, Detroit
 CNA - Jada Gnass, Dimondale
 Pharmacy - Kaelei Doolin, Eastpointe
 Custodial - Jalen Littlejohn, Eastpointe
 Culinary Arts - Franklin Murphy, Eastpointe
 Culinary Arts - Rhapsody Schmidt, Eastpointe
 CNA – Hannah Mannor, Flint
 Custodial - Cody Shumaker, Gaines
 CNA - Deztiny Short, Gaylord
 Auto - Jared Bristol, Greenville
 Retail Marketing - Richard Brito, Hale
 CNA - Jordan Harris, Hazel Park
 Culinary Arts - Cody Roberts, Hersey
 Graphic Comm. - Jacob Lingenfelter, Highland
 Culinary Arts - Travis Pina, Hillsdale
 CNA - Amanda Self, Hillsdale
 Culinary Arts - Madisyn Vanderpool, Hillsdale
 Electronics - Abraham Mackey, Holland
 Custodial - David Crider, Howell
 Retail Marketing - Michael Donovan, Howell
 Custodial - Evan Storey, Howell
 CNA - Devin Wireman, Ionia
 Cabinetmaking - Samantha Elert-Fabing, Jackson
 Cabinetmaking - Alen Landram, Jackson
 Culinary Arts – Kyle Cummins, Jackson
 Retail Marketing - Thomas Charleston, Kalamazoo
 Electronics - Seth Dillenbeck, Kalamazoo
 Retail Marketing - Timothy Lorus, Kalamazoo
 Grounds Maint. - Adam Buxton, Lake
 Machine Tech. - Benjamin Schlundt, Lake Orion
 Culinary Arts - Michael Ritter, Lansing
 Grounds Maint. - Nathan Tschirhart, Lansing
 Retail Marketing - Austin Yelinek, Lansing
 Culinary Arts - Dinavia Campbell, Lawton
 Grounds Maint. - Zakkary Manley, Litchfield
 Retail Marketing - Wesley Smeltzer, Ludington
 Grounds Maint. - Patrick Scott, Mackinaw City
 Machine Tech. - Spencer Gayan, Macomb
 CNA - Eva Martinez, Macomb
 Culinary Arts - Ashley Rolf, Manchester
 Graphic Comm. - Lucas Kraus, Manitou Beach
 Custodial - Robert Callahan, Mt. Morris
 Culinary Arts - Maleka Long, Mt. Pleasant
 Retail Marketing - Earl Mitchell, Mt. Pleasant
 Retail Marketing - Johnathon Petch, New Haven
 CNA - Megan Wolschleger, Newaygo
 Culinary Arts - James McElroy, Newport
 Custodial - Nicole Tombyll, Northville
 Office Automation - Brandon Guerra, Owosso
 C.N.A. - Shelby Wilburn, Owosso
 Cabinetmaking - Christopher Hamilton, Paw Paw
 CNA - Reilly Havers, Paw Paw
 Auto - Matthew Velting, Perry
 Custodial - Aaron Nichols, Pinckney
 CNA - Donald Walton, Plainwell
 Culinary Arts -Dawson DeBell, Port Huron
 Culinary Arts -Bryan Flick, Port Huron
 CNA - Lashawnda Lovett, Port Huron
 Culinary Arts -Donovan Montgomery, Redford
 CNA - Melissa Forman, Reed City
 Weatherization -Andrew Wice, Reese
 CNA - Hannah Lowery, Riverview
 Pharmacy -Samantha Bremmer, Rockford
 CNA - Gina Saura, Roseville
 Graphic Comm. -Adam Colangelo, Saginaw
 Retail Marketing - Tyler DeBardelaben, Saginaw
 Grounds Maint. - Clevin Jack, Saint Joseph
 Machine Tech. - Dylan Dixon, Scotts
 Culinary Arts - Kelsey Decker, Scottville
 Retail Marketing - Tyler Wiggins, Shepherd
 CNA - Katie McElroy, Silverwood
 Retail Marketing - Robert Glenn, Southfield
 Retail Marketing - Samantha Nader, Southgate
 Cabinetmaking - Travis Ladisky, St. Johns

Culinary Arts - Kelly Wilson, St. Clair Shores
CNA. - Breanna Mainstone, Sutton's Bay
Grounds Maint. - Dean Vargo, Swartz Creek
CNA - Diamond Crawley, Taylor
Machine Tech. - Ethan Davenport, Thompsonville
CNA - Desiree Susendorf, Three Rivers

Custodial - Shawn Downer, Vassar
Machine Tech. - James Daugherty, Warren
CNA - Lynsey Kraus, Warren
Office Automation - Ian Riker, Westland
Grounds Maint. - Anthony Pike, White Lake
Graphic Comm. - Victor Escobedo Zavala, Wyoming
CNA - Okari Keith, Ypsilanti

**List excludes the names of those who requested not to be included in a news release.*

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