

Update from the Genesee County Economic Development Center

“FREE College Degree for Local Students through the WNY Tech Academy”

Aligning the workforce of our county to the jobs of today and tomorrow is a primary goal of the Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC). Developing an educated and qualified workforce is just as important as assisting businesses to locate or expand here. Our manufacturers, distributors, and professional service companies in the region need a highly qualified educated workforce to maintain their status as leaders in their industry sector.

With this in mind the Byron-Bergen Central School District has partnered with several organizations and 12 regional school districts to create the WNY Tech Academy. Established through a 7-year New York State Pathways to Technology grant, the WNY Tech Academy is one of 16 schools opening statewide focused on providing students a 6-year pathway to a high school diploma **and** a 2-year college degree – all at no cost to students or their families. The Academy is recruiting current 8th grade students now, for their first year of programming. Students who apply and are accepted to this program will spend their freshman year at their home district and will travel to the new Tech Academy facility at Byron-Bergen High School half of the day during their sophomore through senior year. Two years of commitment to attending Genesee Community College classes and internships in real businesses settings will round out this amazing six year program. Again, all students that successfully complete the program **will receive a FREE applied associate’s degree from GCC** that will allow them to continue on with their education, move directly into the workforce, or pursue other goals.

Career Pathways:

- Accounting
- Supply Chain Management
- Food Processing Technology

Learn more at www.wnytechacademy.org
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Partnering Agencies:

Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC), Genesee Community College (GCC) , The Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (BOCES), The Business Education Alliances of Genesee, Livingston, and Wyoming, as well as the following school districts; Alexander, Batavia, Byron-Bergen, Caledonia-Mumford, Dansville, Elba, Geneseo, LeRoy, Oakfield- Alabama, Pavilion, Perry, Warsaw, York.