



## June 2026 Board Report

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### Wrapping Up a Wonderful Year

Friday, May 29th, we wrapped up another great year at the Ionia County Career Center, we are proud to celebrate the growth, accomplishments, and future plans of our students. It has been exciting to watch our seniors prepare for new adventures after graduation while our juniors begin looking ahead to their senior year and future career goals. This year, many students are leaving the Career Center with valuable certifications and credentials, a clearer vision for their career paths, and meaningful connections and opportunities that will help shape their futures. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to seeing what comes next for each of them.

### ICCC 25-26 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 scholarship recipients! These students have demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to their future goals. Through their hard work and achievements, they have earned scholarship support to continue their education and career training. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to all they will achieve in the years ahead.



GABE BANGERT - \$500  
KATELYN BRUSE - \$500  
MASON CLARK - \$500  
JOSLIN DEMARA - \$500  
WINNIE HARDER - \$1000  
JOSEPHINE LEE - \$1000  
COLE PETERSEN - \$1500  
LANDEN STEFFEN - \$1500  
ALEXANDER THOMAS - \$1000  
MAKAYLA VANALLSBURG - \$500  
KIANA WILLIAMS - \$500

## **SkillsUSA**

The 2026 SkillsUSA State Competition results are in, and our students represented the Career Center exceptionally well. Leading the way was Tristan Pohl, who earned 2nd place in Heavy Equipment Operation. Fellow competitors Wesley Endres (6th), Cole Peterson (7th), and Xavier Rischow (8th) also achieved top-ten finishes in the event.

In Diesel Equipment Technology, Matt Blanshan placed 8th, followed by Nelly Shippey (9th), Austin Grove (10th), and Trevor Castillo (15th).

We are also awaiting leadership competition results for Cameron Reynolds, Garret Robinson, and Anorah Rockwall. Congratulations to all of our SkillsUSA competitors for their hard work, professionalism, and outstanding representation of the Ionia County Career Center.

## **Summer AI & Curriculum Work**

The ICCC AI Team will continue to meet this summer working on tools and protocols to help staff better utilize AI for curriculum development, especially mathematics integration and provide further service to our students. The main thrust of our work is improving math instruction in CTE to help negate the lag in math competency noted in LEAs across our county on the SAT. All CTE programs are judged on the SAT math scores of our local districts.