Brocton junior Michael LaMar sought insider knowledge from Brocton’s first-ever P-TECH student Devin Bigelow before enrolling in the relatively new program at the time.

He liked what he heard about the pathway he was considering.

“I’ve learned a lot of things and I’m learning new ways to apply myself every day,” Michael said. “I’m getting better as a student … taking that one extra step every day.”

When he’s not listening to the Beatles, Stones or Beach Boys or on the diamond with the Brocton baseball team, Michael is improving his skills in the Computer-Aided Design & Drafting classroom as he pursues his associate degree from Jamestown Community College.

“I already knew some things about computers having grown up around them and it seemed like the easier thing to apply,” he said. “Computer design right now is on the rise because of all the new technology coming through so it was a good fit (for me).”

Michael is one of three Brocton students at P-TECH and one of 24 students in his cohort. The low student-to-teacher ratio and project-based learning has translated into better grades and personal growth.

“Overall, I’m developing a sense of completion in schooling and a sense of confidence. It’s built its way up and it’s helped me become a better student,” he said.

(WNY P-TECH is tailored specifically for students interested in one of two educational pathways: Welding Technology or Mechanical Technology with specializations in CADD or machine tool. The up-to-six-year program allows students to earn an associate degree from Jamestown Community College in a high-demand field with no out-of-pocket expense.

Michael is one of 2,545 students in New York state who are advancing their learning through a Pathways in Technology Early College High School program.)
Dear Board Members, District Administrators and School Community

E2CCB is continuing its ongoing effort to share student stories and outcomes through our Educational Collaborations which highlights how E2CCB is impacting your students, programs and operations.

Thank you for your on-going collaboration as we work together to provide programs and services to support students and districts throughout the region. We continually strive to build and strengthen our programs and services for students in your district as well as maximize operational efficiencies through shared services. We look forward to our continued partnership and making opportunities to best serve the needs of your students, teachers and administration.

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Brocton senior Seth McFadden always knew he liked sports, but it wasn’t until he enrolled in the new Sports Conditioning & Exercise Science program at the LoGuidice Educational Center that he discovered his passion for health and fitness.

Seth is no stranger to exercise. He is a three-sport athlete at Brocton Central School where he plays football, basketball and baseball. He knew sports would always be big a part of his life, but it wasn’t until he learned about a new program at E2CCB that the idea of having a career in the sports and fitness industry became a real possibility.

“I saw this as an opportunity to help me get better and learn new things in the sports field,” said Seth. “I like it. I’ve learned a lot about muscles, nutrients and creating a weight lifting program, and I’ve been able to improve my own workouts because of it. It’s terrific.”

Seth enjoys the hands-on learning opportunities that he experiences in the Sports Conditioning & Exercise Science program. Outside of the classroom, he is getting even more experience by working at the Brocton Fitness Center. He is looking forward to becoming a personal trainer through the program and possibly having a job right after graduation.

“It’s nice to having something to fall back on if I need to,” Seth said. “Becoming a personal trainer is something that will back me up and help me a lot in the future if I decide to go into a medical or health field.”

Seth’s future plans include studying Sports Management at Jamestown Community College and eventually transferring to Brockport for Physical Education.

Seth is one of 37,313 students across the state developing college- and career-ready skills in BOCES Career and Technical Education programs.

Brocton student Hunter DeLand is sure to bring a smile to everyone he meets. Since attending the LoGuidice Educational Center, Hunter has improved academically and socially. He is an enthusiastic student and utilizes his unique personality to help him succeed.

Hunter loves helping people and is gaining valuable work experience at the E Brew Coffee Shop. He is an active member of the community and school.

“I have become much more mature this year,” Hunter said. “I am more focused and know what I need to do.”

Since attending the program, Hunter has felt empowered and is confident that he will find employment after graduation. Since he is a commencement-level student he is going to miss LoGuidic because he feels like everyone on campus is like family.

In his free time, Hunter likes to listen to music, watch movies and enjoys the outdoors. When he graduates he hopes to open his own DJ business because he loves playing music and making people happy.

“We have seen growth in Hunter the last couple of years,” said E2CCB teacher Jack Dugan. “Hunter is a great young man and we can't wait to see what the future holds for him.”

Brocton student Hunter DeLand brightens the halls of the LoGuidice Educational Center where he's become a student leader.
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