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Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Dental Occupations student receives the 2023 Pennsylvania Cooperative Education Association's Outstanding Student Award.

Jamison, PA- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) is excited to announce that Dental Occupations student, Lorelai Smiley has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 Pennsylvania Cooperative Education Association (PCEA) Outstanding Student Award for the Eastern Career and Technical Education (CTE) Region. As one of only three recipients of this award in the entire Commonwealth, the association recognizes the hard work and dedication and has distinguished Lorelai amongst the graduating class of 2023.

"Lorelai is an outstanding senior in her career and technical education classroom. She has attended MBIT for three years and has taken advantage of all the school offers. She obtained her Radiation Health and Safety license in her junior year in addition to two other certifications required for the dental industry. She started cooperative education in the summer of her junior year and has been an asset to community dentist, Dr. Mercado. In addition to being an outstanding co-op student, she has maintained a 3.5 or better in her academic and CTE classrooms." said Work-based Education Coordinator, Ms. Pamela Swoyer

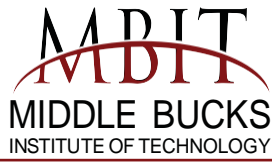
Lorelai has applied to and been accepted at multiple colleges. She is leaning towards attending Kutztown University in Pre-dental and as a biology major. She mentors the younger students in the classroom and is a role model for them. When on the job she is a true asset to every person in her office and has been extensively cross-trained making her an asset to the team in the workplace. She plans to continue working for her practice throughout college and hopes to continue her training with Dr. Mercado.

CTE Region	Student & School	Co-op Instructor	Dental Occupations Instructor
Eastern	Lorelai Smiley – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology	Ms. Pamela Swoyer	Ms. Cindy Midgett

"Lorelai is a student who chose to come to MBIT and take advantage of all the opportunities available to her in the school and classroom. She excelled in the classroom by applying her academics to the clinical skills, passed her radiology license and started a summer internship in her junior year with Dr. Mercado. She continued this internship through her senior year, Dr. Mercado inspired her to become a dentist. Lorelai has applied and was accepted into Kutztown University's Biology program, when she completes her undergrad degree, she will continue on the dental school. The connections she has made in the dental industry through the community partnerships at MBIT will only help enhance her post-secondary experiences. Congratulations Lorelai, your MBIT family is proud of you," said Dental Occupations Instructor, Ms. Cindy Midgett.

"Lorelai is a textbook example of how students can take full advantage of the opportunity that career and technical education offers. Lorelai is fully prepared to enter the workforce, is already accepted into college, and will maximize her opportunity by doing both. She is now experiencing the competitive advantage that career and technical education offers," said Dr. Mark Covelle, Administrative Director of Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

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