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**Questar III BOCES Rensselaer Educational Center Honored with National Excellence in Action Award**

**April 9, 2019 – [Castleton, New York] –** Today, Questar III BOCES Criminal Justice program at the Rensselaer Educational Center received the prestigious Excellence in Action award, which recognizes the best Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study across the nation. Criminal Justice was one of eight programs selected as an [Excellence in Action](https://careertech.org/excellence-action-award) award winner based on its track record of providing clear pathways into college and careers, rigorous academic and technical coursework, strong partnerships with education and industry leaders, and meaningful work-based learning experiences that offer opportunities for career exploration and subject-matter mastery.

Questar III BOCES received the award in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster® from Advance CTE as a result of their commitment to prepare learners, drawn from 10 surrounding school districts, for postsecondary studies and careers in law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Learners can earn 12 college credits through articulation agreements with Bryant and Stratton College, Columbia Greene Community College and Schenectady County Community College. Last year, all learners graduated high school, participated in work-based learning, earned an industry-recognized credential and earned postsecondary credit. Representatives accepted the honor at an award ceremony as part of the Advance CTE Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.

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“The programs of study that we are honoring today all share a steadfast commitment to the highest expectations for CTE," said Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE. "This dedication to quality and equity ensures each learner has access to opportunities that prepare them for future success in their education and career of their choice. Today's honorees serve as national models of what high-quality CTE looks like and can achieve."

Printable profiles of each winner are available on Advance CTE’s [website](https://careertech.org/excellence-action-2019).