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Two Wilson Talent Center Students Earn Breaking Traditions Merit Awards

Intermediate School Districts across the state offer career and technical education programs to juniors and seniors in high school. Ingham ISD offers programming on our campus in Mason through the Wilson Talent Center (WTC). This year, two students from the WTC have earned Breaking Traditions Merit Awards from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Caitlin Fowler, a Culinary Arts & Hospitality student from Stockbridge High School and Jacob Trevino, a Cosmetology student from Waverly High School are the recipients.

Breaking Traditions awards recognize high school and college students from across Michigan who have overcome obstacles and stereotypes to succeed in career and technical education (CTE) programs that are non-traditional for their gender. This year, sixty-two students statewide are earning this honor.

To be eligible for an award, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of a CTE program non-traditional for their gender;
- Enrollment in a Michigan high school, career center or post-secondary program this year;
- Nomination by a teacher, counselor, administrator or other person employed by the student's school or career center;
- Have satisfactory academic standing, acceptable citizenship and disciplinary history; and
- Contribute to the awareness of non-traditional successful participation through mentorship, CTE student organizations, contests or recruitment of other students.

“We are very proud of both Caitlin and Jacob for the contributions they have made to promoting and representing their respective CTE programs,” states Joe Wenzel, principal at the WTC. “I



want to commend their instructors as well for taking the time to nominate these students for their outstanding contributions,” Wenzel also noted.

Ingham Intermediate School District offers programs and services to staff and students in the districts of Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. For more information, visit [Ingham ISD](http://www.inghamisd.org) (www.inghamisd.org).

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