

QUESTAR III

PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

December 29, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please join us for an **Open House on Wednesday, January 17** from **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at **Questar III's Rensselaer Educational Center in Troy**. This is an opportunity for parents and students to learn about our programs and to speak with our staff about the exciting options available to high school students. All ninth and tenth grade students in Rensselaer County are invited. **Our Open House highlights the following educational programs:**

Information Technology Automotive Technologies Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Construction Technologies Cosmetology	Criminal Justice Culinary Arts Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R) New Program: Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance
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Catskill, NY 12414
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EDUCATIONAL CENTER
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1070 Route 9
Castleton, NY 12033
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25 Van Rensselaer Drive
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EDUCATIONAL CENTER
35 Colleen Road
Troy, NY 12180
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Questar III's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs combine classroom learning with training in a wide range of fields. More and more students are looking to us for hands-on programs that emphasize college and career readiness.

Whether your child is interested in attending college/trade school or entering the workforce, they will learn under the guidance of an experienced teacher. Students also have access to internships, community service projects and job shadowing. They can also qualify for our National Technical Honor Society and earn certifications and college credit through their program.

Ted Hennessy will be available to discuss opportunities available for high school seniors. There will be a **general information session held during the Open House from 5:10 to 5:55 for 9th and 10th grade students and parents** who are interested in learning more about one-year CTE program for 12th graders. These programs include:

New Visions Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Theater Institute at Sage (TIS)

Career Studies Programs are available for students who thrive in a smaller class setting. These programs include Introduction to Food Services, Hospitality & Lodging, Automotive Services and Career Exploration. Career Exploration is open to 10th grade students.

Directions to the Rensselaer Educational Center are on the back of this letter for your convenience. In the event of inclement weather, please check television or radio stations for a cancellation announcement. Our snow date will be January 18.

Although our programs primarily serve 11th and 12th grade students, it is important for 9th grade students to prepare by scheduling their necessary 10th grade courses to allow for attendance at REC in their 11th grade year, if they choose.

We look forward to meeting you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact us at 273-2264. For additional information on our programs, please visit www.questar.org.

Sincerely,

 Anthony DeFazio, Principal
 Rensselaer Educational Center

C: Gladys Cruz, District Superintendent
 Matt Sloane, Deputy Superintendent
 Danielle Bouton-Wales, Director of Career Tech Education

From New York State Thruway

- Take Exit 23.
- Follow signs for I-787.
- Travel north towards Troy.
- Get off I-787 at Exit 7E (South Troy & Hudson Valley Community College).
- The exit ramp continues onto the Menands Bridge.
- After crossing the bridge, get into the middle lane.
- Proceed through the first traffic light, this lane then becomes the right lane.
- A Hess gas station is on the right.
- Stay in the right lane and follow Route 4 South.
- At the second traffic light, bear left onto Campbell Avenue.
- Carluccio's Deli and Stewart's are on the corners.
- Follow Campbell Avenue.
- Go two blocks past Franklin Terrace.
- Turn right at the fire station onto Colleen Road (American Evergreen Rentals on your left).
- Questar III is the large brown building on the left at the top of the hill.

From I-90 West

- Take the exit for I-787.
- Bear right on the exit ramp and follow the signs for Troy.
- Get off I-787 at Exit 7E (South Troy & Hudson Valley Community College).
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From Route 4 - South

- Go past Hudson Valley Community College.
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From Route 66 or Pawling Avenue, Troy

- Turn down Spring Avenue, towards the river.
- At the intersection with Campbell, at the first light, bear left down Campbell Avenue.
- At the fire station, turn left onto Colleen Road (American Evergreen Rentals on your right).
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By Bus

- Take Troy City Bus #89 for Griswold Heights.
- Get off at Donegal and Patricia Drive, or Donegal and Ballina Avenue.
- You can see the Educational Center from that point.
- At the end of Patricia Drive, walk across the lawn around the side of the building to the rear and enter thru that door.
- The Office of Continuing Education is straight ahead.
- At the end of Ballina Avenue it's possible to see the main entrance doors.