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# A LIFELONG JOURNEY

DAVE MCCORISON, SHOP SUPERINTENDENT, AND CHAD JOHNSON, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER, BOTH WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, SAID THEY VALUE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EDUCATION PROVIDED BY CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

## CONTINUOUS LEARNING FOR A CHANGING WORLD

At Chippewa Valley Technical College, learning is not limited to a single season of life. It is a lifelong journey that continually evolves as careers change, industries advance, and new opportunities emerge.

Today's workforce demands more than a one-time education. It calls for adaptability, curiosity and a commitment to continuous

In this edition of the CVTC Magazine, readers will see that commitment in action. These pages highlight how the College partners with organizations like Beaver Creek Reserve to strengthen skills and meet workforce needs. They also showcase the incredible work of CVTC's Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education trainers and the training sites built

**TODAY'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS MORE THAN A ONE-TIME EDUCATION. IT CALLS FOR**

**ADAPTABILITY, CURIOSITY AND A COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS GROWTH.**

growth. Whether someone is just beginning a career, returning to the workforce, seeking advancement, or pivoting to something entirely new, education remains one of the most powerful tools for building confidence and creating opportunity.

That is why CVTC is proud to support learners at every stage through both technical education and workforce solutions. From degree and diploma programs to customized business training, professional development, and short-term upskilling opportunities, CVTC helps individuals and organizations stay prepared for what's next.

throughout our expansive 11-county district to help ensure lifelong learning is

accessible and possible for everyone.

Lifelong learning is not only about gaining technical knowledge. It's about strengthening communication, leadership, problem-solving, and other durable skills that help people thrive in any workplace.

At CVTC, the mission is clear: to meet learners and employers where they are and help them grow. In a rapidly changing world, that commitment has never been more important.

**Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia**

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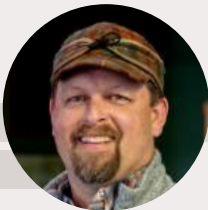
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# TRAINING

For many employers, workforce training has shifted from a routine requirement to something more practical: a tool for solving real problems. Throughout industries, organizations are looking for ways to prepare employees faster, build skills that stick, and adapt as needs change.

That shift is part of what's driving partnerships between regional employers and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Rather than relying on standardized programs, companies are working with the College to shape training around their day-to-day operations.

At Drylock Technologies, training has focused on leadership development at multiple levels of the organization. As roles evolve, so do expectations, particularly in areas like communication and decision-making. Instead of sending staff through static courses, the company has worked with CVTC to adjust training in real time.

Employees often carry those lessons into their daily work. For maintenance manager Sam Gottmer, the impact has been both professional and personal.

"Working with CVTC has helped me become a better coworker, a better leader for my team, and even a better father," he said.

Sometimes the challenge starts before employees are hired. They may not have the skillset. Lippert has partnered with CVTC to build training in welding and fabrication that reflects its production environment. The goal is to reduce the gap between training and the job itself.



IT'S NOT A CANNED PRESENTATION.

THEY KNOW OUR OPERATION ENOUGH THAT

THEY CAN PERSONALIZE IT TO US.

CHAD JOHNSON, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER WITH PIERCE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, SAID RECEIVING TRAINING FROM CVTC HAS HELPED THE COUNTY MAINTAIN COST-EFFECTIVE, LOCAL TRAINING WHILE MAKING LOGISTICS EASY ON THE DEPARTMENT.

"We implemented everything together. It was a perfect match," said Lippert technical trainer Greg Topper.

By the time participants enter the workplace at Lippert, they've already been exposed to similar tools, expectations, and safety practices.

"Instead of having team members come here without knowing the processes or safety procedures, they're coming in with that knowledge already," said Lippert fabrication manager Matt Rundquist.

That preparation can translate into measurable outcomes. Rundquist said he credits the pre-work training program for a five percent increase in productivity.

Public sector work brings a different set of demands. For the Pierce County Highway Department, training is closely tied to safety, compliance, and unpredictable, real-world situations.

Prioritizing safety can have tangible results. After a training session, Highway Commissioner Chad Johnson said employees were able to respond to a real emergency. "It's not hypothetical training. It's real-world training that you never know when you're going to need."

These partnerships don't eliminate the challenges of workforce development, but they reflect a broader shift in how training is approached, not as a one-time event, but as something that evolves alongside the work itself.

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MEET THE EXPERTS BEHIND CVTC'S TRAINING



## **MATT LIND | TURNING REGULATIONS INTO REAL-WORLD SOLUTIONS**

When it comes to workplace safety, compliance, and continuous improvement, Matt Lind brings both strategy and real-world know-how. His experience spans everything from building company policies from the ground up to helping organizations prepare for inspections, improve processes, and follow through on action plans. With a background in Lean Management, Occupational Safety, and Department of Transportation regulations, Matt helps businesses turn complex requirements into practical solutions. He is a Lean Champion, a Green Belt in Lean Six Sigma, and an authorized trainer through the National Safety Education Center.



## **RICH STANGL | HELPING WORKPLACES PUT SAFETY FIRST**

Rich Stangl has spent more than two decades helping organizations create safer workplaces. His background includes occupational safety, fire and emergency services, construction and general industry compliance, fleet safety, and environmental regulations. Rich previously served as Safety Director at Global Finishing Solutions in Osseo, where he worked across a wide range of safety and compliance standards. From Department of Transportation regulations to Wisconsin DNR and EPA requirements, he brings a broad and practical perspective to safety training.



## **JESSICA BARNIER | CONNECTING PEOPLE, LEADERSHIP, AND WORKFORCE STRATEGY**

Jessica Barnier blends academic expertise with hands-on leadership experience in human resources, project management, research, and organizational strategy. She has two bachelor's degrees from the UW-Madison and an MBA from the UW-Eau Claire, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Business Administration focused on organizational behavior. With certifications in PMP, PHR, and SHRM-CP, Jessica brings insight into how organizations grow, adapt, and support their workforce. Her work has included leadership roles in higher education and national research consulting focused on workforce and educational needs.



## **LIZ HILTS | CREATING SAFER WORKPLACES, AND HEALTHIER ONES, TOO**

Liz Hilts brings more than 20 years of manufacturing experience and a passion for helping people build safer, healthier workplaces. Her background includes training, operations, and occupational safety, and she holds a master's degree in occupational safety and health from Columbia Southern University. Liz is also certified as an American Heart Association CPR/BLS Instructor, OSHA General Industry Authorized Trainer, and Mental Health First Aid Instructor. She is especially passionate about reducing the stigma around mental health in the workplace and helping people find practical, real-world solutions through shared learning.



# LEARNING

# BY DOING



MELISSA WILSON, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CAMPUS MANAGER IN RIVER FALLS, SAID SPACES USED FOR TRAINING AT CVTC ENHANCE THE EDUCATION THAT

## CVTC TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS HELP EMPLOYERS BUILD SAFER, MORE SKILLED TEAMS

Walk through Chippewa Valley Technical College's training spaces, and it becomes clear these are not ordinary classrooms.

In one space, workers troubleshoot industrial systems without shutting down a production line. In another, healthcare

of these environments goes far beyond walls and equipment. They give businesses access to hands-on, high-impact training that mirrors the workplace while creating room to practice, problem-solve, and even make mistakes safely.

"The spaces are more than just physical places," said Melissa Wilson, Business Development and Campus Manager in River Falls. "They're where businesses

has become an important resource for employers including, Conagra Brands and Cardinal Glass. Workers use the space to build maintenance and industrial skills, often with support from their employers. The campus is also expanding its automation training capacity, creating new opportunities.

For Dan Lytle, CVTC's Director of Economic Development and Regional Campus Management, that kind of training matters because it gives employees a chance to learn in a setting that does not come at the expense of production or safety.

"We encourage mistakes because we can learn from them," he said. "You can troubleshoot, do root cause analysis and fully understand the problem here before you face it at work."

That same philosophy is at the heart of CVTC's new Safety Training Center in Eau Claire. Designed in response to employer demand and shaped by industry feedback, the center provides companies with a dedicated place to train employees away from workplace distractions.

The center supports training in CPR, first

## WE ENCOURAGE MISTAKES BECAUSE YOU CAN LEARN FROM THEM.

professionals practice life-saving procedures before they face them in real life. Down the hall, safety teams train for high-risk situations in an environment built to help them focus, learn, and respond with confidence.

Across CVTC's campuses, these spaces are doing exactly what they were designed to do: helping employers develop talent, close skill gaps, and invest in their people.

For the Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education team, the value

invest in their employees to upskill, to learn, and to strengthen their workforce."

That commitment is evident throughout the district. In Neillsville, CVTC's mechatronics lab supports training in fluid power and electrical maintenance, giving employers and workers in the region greater access to technical upskilling close to home. In Chippewa Falls, upgraded apprenticeship labs support high-demand electrical and plumbing apprenticeship programs that serve the area's industry.

In Menomonie, CVTC's mechatronics lab



CVTTC TRAINERS CAN PROVIDE PROFESSIONALS AS THEY PREPARE FOR WORKFORCE DEMANDS.

aid, confined space, lockout/tagout, forklift safety, steam systems, hazardous materials and more. It also allows CVTTC's trainers to work more efficiently, with equipment and training tools already in place and ready to use.

The impact reaches beyond manufacturing and safety. In River Falls, CVTTC's Clinical Simulation Center supports both academic programs and continuing education opportunities, including specialized healthcare training and summer experiences that introduce high school students to careers in the field.

The College is not simply offering training. It is creating environments where people can build confidence, sharpen technical abilities, strengthen professional skills and prepare for the demands of today's workforce.

## OUR TRAINING SPACES

### APPRENTICESHIP LABS **CF**

Build electrical and plumbing skills through hands-on training.

### AUTOMATION LAB **ME**

Explore robotics, PLCs, and Industry 4.0 technologies.

### CLINICAL SIMULATION CENTERS **EC RF**

Practice patient care using lifelike manikins and state-of-the-art simulation equipment.

### CYBER RANGE **EC**

Face IT challenges like cyber threats in a realistic virtual environment.

### DEFENSIVE TACTICS ROOM **EC**

Practice defensive tactics, arrests, and jail cell entries/extractions.

### DENTAL SIMULATION LAB **EC**

Practice dental procedures using lifelike manikins.

### EMERGENCY SERVICE SIMULATION CENTER **EC**

Train for real-life emergencies in realistic, fully equipped settings.

### FIREARMS RANGE **EC**

Practice using handguns and rifles through live fire and realistic scenario-based training.

### FIRE SAFETY CENTER **EC**

Develop fire safety products in a space designed for hands-on research.

### MECHATRONICS LABS **ME NE**

Build skills in fluid power and electrical maintenance.

### MILO SIMULATION ROOM **EC**

Make quick decisions in simulated threat and bystander scenarios.

### SAFETY TRAINING CENTER **EC**

Practice worksite safety skills in a full-scale, hands-on environment.

### STEAM TRAINING SYSTEM **EC ME**

Learn to operate and maintain industry-standard steam systems.

## LOCATION LEGEND

**CF** Chippewa Falls

**NE** Neillsville

**EC** Eau Claire

**RF** River Falls

**ME** Menomonie

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READY TO EXPLORE CUSTOMIZED TRAINING SOLUTIONS? HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A COURSE OR SERIES? OUR TEAM IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU!

TRAINING SPACES THAT POWER THE WORKFORCE



IF I HAD TO SUM UP MY EXPERIENCE IN ONE WORD, IT WOULD BE IMPACTFUL. EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED I'VE BEEN ABLE TO APPLY EVERYWHERE.

**KRISTIN KIEFER**

MARKETING PROGRAM DIRECTOR | BEAVER CREEK RESERVE

# STRENGTHENING

## CVTC HELPS BEAVER CREEK RESERVE STRENGTHEN LEADERS

At Beaver Creek Reserve, investing in people is essential to advancing the mission of connecting the community with nature. Known for its nature center, youth camps, observatory, citizen science center, and miles of trails, the organization thrives on the people behind its programs.

Through Chippewa Valley Technical College's continuing education training, Beaver Creek Reserve's leadership team gained practical management tools, a shared language, and renewed confidence that continues to strengthen the organization from the inside out.

Eric Keisler, Executive Director of Beaver Creek Reserve, said the timing and structure of the training made a real difference as the organization expanded its leadership team.

"I've been looking for courses that I could do with our leadership team to get us on the same page, to have us use a common vernacular," Keisler said. "After these classes that we took, the team building, the cohesion, it was also really fun. I didn't expect that part of a continuing ed class to happen."

Beaver Creek leaders participated in management and critical conversations courses, diving into leadership styles, communication strategies, and on-the-job scenarios they could

For Kristin Kiefer, Marketing Program Director, the experience came at a pivotal moment. After stepping into a director role and supervising a growing team, she sought guidance and structure.

"The CVTC classes really helped me grow to be more comfortable in my position as a director," Kiefer said. "They helped me develop those critical skills in order to be a supervisor and work with my team both confidently and comfortably."

Both leaders emphasized how different the courses felt compared to traditional professional development.

"It wasn't listening to a webinar. It wasn't just click through these slides," Keisler said. "It became very customized to our group, and it became very personal within our organization."

Kiefer appreciated the interactive approach and real-life examples that made the material stick.

"I'm definitely a more hands-on, interactive learner, and the classes were very one-on-one," she said. "The instructor gave real-life examples and had us share experiences, which made it easier to bring everything back to our workplace."

The local connection also mattered. Being able to learn alongside

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AND IT BECAME VERY PERSONAL WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION.

### - ERIC KEISLER

immediately apply back at work. The experience was interactive, discussion-based, and grounded in practical application.

"Having this team with this skill set and different tools really does make me feel like a more confident leader now and going into the future," Keisler said. "I can look over my shoulder and know that they have the same toolbox."

peers, step away to debrief as a team, and immediately apply lessons to their work created momentum that extended well beyond the classroom.

For Beaver Creek Reserve, the collaboration reflects something larger than coursework.

"The best part about partnering with CVTC is that it is a partnership," Keisler said. "Our team grew, and our impact in the community helps everyone in the community."

Kiefer summed up her experience in a single word.

"If I had to sum up my experience in one word, it would be impactful. Everything I've learned I've been able to apply everywhere."

# LEADERS



# FUTURES: POWERED BY PARTNERSHIP

At Chippewa Valley Technical College, lifelong learning does not happen in one classroom or at a single stage of life. It happens across campuses, training centers, and workplaces throughout the region, wherever students, colleagues, and employers come together to build skills for what comes next.

Often, that support begins with a name on a wall.

For businesses and donors, naming a classroom, lab, or training space is one visible way to invest in students and the future workforce. But at CVTC, those spaces often represent something bigger: a connection between education and industry that continues long after a gift is made. That visibility matters, said Adam Wehling, CVTC Foundation Executive Director.

"Brand visibility matters when our graduates have so many employer options," Wehling said. "Our Foundation team works with employers to make numerous visible connections including naming of spaces, scholarships and sponsorship opportunities."

Many donor-supported spaces at CVTC do double duty. They serve students in academic programs while also helping people build new skills through workforce training, continuing education, and contract training.

That means a single space can support learning at every stage. From a student just getting started to a working professional gaining new certifications or sharpening skills in a changing industry, it all happens at CVTC.

Still, Wehling said, meaningful support goes beyond signage.

The strongest partnerships are often built through continued involvement: hosting interns, serving on advisory committees, speaking to students, offering job shadows, donating equipment, or simply showing up in ways that help students see what their future could look like.

"Companies want to be visible to students," Wehling said.

And those early connections can matter more than many employers realize. Students often begin building relationships with employers in their first year through part-time jobs, internships, and hands-on experiences.

At CVTC, donor support is about recognition, but it goes beyond that. It's about helping create spaces, opportunities, and connections that make lifelong learning possible. It's about helping students and workers keep growing long after the first credential is earned.



SHANNON SEMMERLING, DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY & PUBLIC BENEFIT, WAS ON HAND IN 2024 TO HELP CUT THE DENTAL FLOSS RIBBON AFTER CVTC WAS AWARDED A GRANT TO CREATE THE DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN DENTAL SIMULATION LAB.

**WANT TO HELP BUILD THE FUTURE?**

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**TRY A CLASS.**

**BUILD A FUTURE.**



PARTICIPANTS AT LEARN GROW LEAD, A CVTC CONFERENCE FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS, PRACTICED COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO MEET AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER.

## EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS START IN MANY WAYS, AND AT CVTC, THEY CAN START WITH A SINGLE CLASS

Through Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education training at CVTC, individuals can take one-off courses in topics that help them grow professionally, personally and practically.

That could mean brushing up on Excel, exploring leadership development, renewing CPR certification, or gaining a new

to get people back in the door for education, whether that's a single class, an entire course, or a full program."

That accessibility is part of what makes continuing education valuable. Instead of navigating the longer process of applying to a degree program, learners can register for a focused course and get started right away. It is a flexible option for busy adults, parents, career changers, and lifelong learners who want to invest in themselves without making a major long-term commitment.

CVTC's offerings also reflect real community needs. Courses

are designed to be responsive, whether that means leadership and management training, mental health first aid, CPR, or other specialized instruction.

Many are taught by professionals with direct industry experience, giving learners practical, hands-on knowledge they can use immediately.

**WE'VE MADE THE INVESTMENT IN THE EDUCATION.**

**NOW PEOPLE CAN COME INVEST IN THEMSELVES TOO.**

safety credential. For some, it is about becoming more confident in their current job. For others, it is about trying something new, solving a problem at work, or learning a new skill.

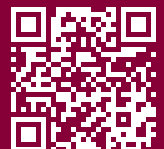
"Education is one of the most fundamental things we need throughout our whole life," said Mary Conway, Business Development and Continuing Education Lead. "CVTC does a really good job of eliminating as many barriers as possible

Conway said these classes often serve as an entry point, helping people see themselves as students again.

"It gives people a chance to get back into that mindset and realize, 'Wait, I am engaged in lifelong learning,'" she said.

"We've made the investment in the education. Now people can come invest in themselves, too."

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# EVERY SECOND COUNTS

**CVTC ALUMNUS, ADJUNCT  
INSTRUCTOR IS HELPING CLINICIANS  
PREPARE FOR MEDICINE'S SMALLEST,  
MOST CRITICAL PATIENTS**



When a baby enters the world struggling to breathe, there is no time to hesitate.

For the clinicians in that room, preparation matters. So does confidence. So does calm.

That's where Chippewa Valley Technical

College and Dustin Goodman come in.

A graduate of CVTC's Respiratory Therapy program, Goodman now serves as an adjunct instructor while also working as a respiratory therapist and ECMO coordinator at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. In addition to his full-time role, he teaches Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) courses through CVTC, a specialized training program designed to help licensed clinicians care for newborns in distress.

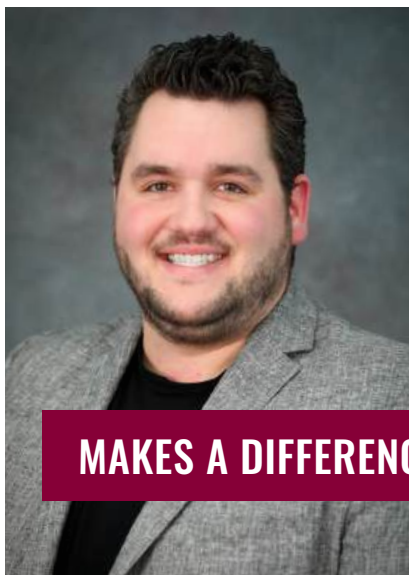
"It fills a need," Goodman said. "There's a need in our community, and I have the ability to do it."

That need continues to grow.

With the closure of regional birthing and pediatric care resources in western Wisconsin, clinicians throughout the area are increasingly being called on to respond to neonatal emergencies. Goodman said that means more nurses, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, family medicine providers, and others need access to high-quality training.

And right now, access to that education is limited.

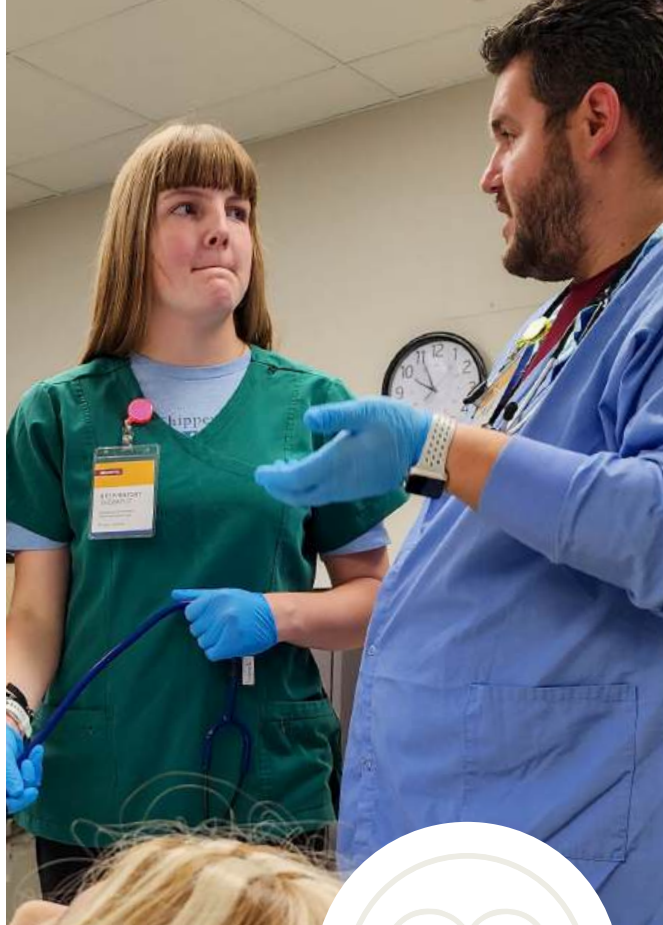
"People are driving hours to come to



**I FEEL BLESSED TO WORK IN A POSITION THAT**

**MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**- DUSTIN GOODMAN**



CVTC IS ONE OF THE ONLY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE TO OFFER NEONATAL RESUSCITATION PROGRAM COURSES – A SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO HELP LICENSED CLINICIANS CARE FOR NEWBORNS IN DISTRESS.

these courses,” he said. “We’ve had people from Madison, Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. There just aren’t many options.”

Through CVTC, Goodman hosts instructor-led NRP courses that are open to clinicians across the region and beyond. Participants complete online modules first, then come to campus for hands-on simulation training. Depending on the level, courses can range from a short renewal session to a full-day advanced class.

The training is highly practical, covering everything from the basics of newborn breathing support to more advanced procedures such as intubation, medication delivery, and emergency line placement.

But for Goodman, technical skills are only part of the picture.

Using simulation equipment housed in CVTC’s Health Education Center, learners practice not just what to do, but how to respond under pressure. They work through realistic neonatal scenarios and discuss how to communicate clearly and compassionately in moments that can be overwhelming for families.

“You have to know the medicine,” he said. “But you also have to know how to talk to parents in one of the scariest moments of their lives.”

That kind of real-world perspective is something Goodman brings naturally to the classroom.

He began his career at UW Health American Family Children’s Hospital in Madison and later worked in neonatal and pediatric respiratory care with Children’s Minnesota. Today, he supports

critically ill adult patients in his ECMO leadership role while continuing to teach the next generation of clinicians.

At Abbott Northwestern, Goodman helps lead a team of respiratory therapists who manage ECMO, an advanced life-support therapy that temporarily takes over the work of the lungs, and sometimes the heart, for the sickest patients.

His current work may focus on adults, but the heart of what drives him remains the same: advocacy, education and helping people feel prepared for the moments that matter most.

“It’s kind of fun to be able to get back and teach,” Goodman said. “I don’t get to teach like that anymore in my day-to-day job, so this gives me that chance again.”

It also gives CVTC students and working professionals an instructor who has lived the work.

For Goodman, that’s what makes the training meaningful.

“You lean on past experiences,” he said. “You lean on stories, on what you’ve seen, on what your colleagues have seen, and you use that to help people understand what these moments can really look like.”

At CVTC, those lessons are helping clinicians throughout the region prepare for some of the most delicate and high-stakes care they may ever provide.

And when every second counts, that preparation can make all the difference.

# GALA

*continuing the legacy*

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1: TRACEY SMISKEY, CVTC FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT & NORTHWESTERN BANK PRESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE CROWD. 2: SUNEM BEATON-GARCIA, CVTC PRESIDENT, WAS ALL SMILES WITH OLLIE, THE CVTC RIVER OTTER, AS THE GALA GOT UNDERWAY.

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**2026 AWARD WINNERS**

STEVE HOLLINGSWORTH, MOTORCYCLE, MARINE & OUTDOOR POWER PRODUCTS ALUMNUS, RECEIVED THE OUTSTANDING REGENT ALUMNI AWARD. MELISSA HENDERSON, CVTC RADIOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR AND 2006 ALUMNA, RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD. MYRA REUTER, CVTC DEAN, STOOD IN FOR DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN FOUNDATION, CHOSEN AS CVTC'S PROVEN BUSINESS PARTNER.



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7: ADAM WEHLING, FOUNDATION DIRECTOR, THANKED THE GENEROUS CROWD FOR THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF CVTC. 6: BUSINESS & ALUMNI AWARDS ON DISPLAY. 4: THERESA MEINEN, CVTC SIMULATION COORDINATOR BID TO WIN. 5: THE COMMUNITY CAME OUT TO SUPPORT CVTC STUDENTS.



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## CVTC RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNER AT GALA

Chippewa Valley Technical College trains the workers of tomorrow, often with help from business partners. Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation, CVTC's Proven Business Partner for 2026, has been instrumental in partnering with CVTC to train and upskill the dental workforce.

In 2023, CVTC was awarded a grant to create the Delta Dental of Wisconsin Dental Simulation Lab, created to provide students with consistent learning experiences. It was the first of its kind in the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Shannon Semmerling, Delta Dental of Wisconsin Executive Director of Philanthropy and Public Benefit, said she was honored to learn the business was chosen for the award.

"Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation is committed to ensuring that every Wisconsinite has access to and can afford quality dental care, regardless of income, geography, or special need," Semmerling said. "That happens through a strong workforce, like those educated here at Chippewa Valley Technical College and the individuals who are served at this dental clinic."

Semmerling said individuals attending CVTC likely will stay in the area to practice dental care, which improves dental health in west-central Wisconsin – a goal Delta Dental of Wisconsin has for all areas of the state.

Thanks to years of strong collaboration and continued support, Delta Dental of Wisconsin has been named CVTC's 2026 Proven Business Partner of the Year.



WATCH VIDEOS OF THE AWARD WINNERS

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ONE LEGACY.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITY.

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