Cody Lapp Presented with the Community Champion Award

The Community Champion Award is presented annually to a Wayne County resident who has gone over and above to support the youth of our community. The Wayne County MOST, in a unanimous decision, choose Cody Lapp of Wolcott for this honor. He was presented with this award on Thursday, March 26, at the North Rose-Wolcott Board of Education meeting, in recognition of his inspiring efforts.

Cody, through the North Rose-Wolcott LIFT (Leadership and Investment in Future Talents) program, collaborates with staff members, teachers, trade workers, and leaders in our community, successfully giving students at the North Rose-Wolcott High School a comprehensive view of today’s workforce, introducing them to new opportunities, and keeping them pointed in the right direction.

Through his efforts, he has provided information on trade skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, auto mechanics, welding and others. He has set up opportunities for students to meet with local business leader to discuss careers and entrepreneurships and provided instruction in life skills and values, including work ethic, integrity, motivation, accountability and perseverance. He is currently working to set up apprenticeships for many of the students he works with.

The Community Champion Award, given by the Wayne County MOST (Maximizing Out of School Time), is recognized at the state level by NYS Network for Youth Success and at the federal level by the Afterschool Alliance.

The LIFT program (Leadership and Investment in Future Talents) is an Afterschool Program at North Rose-Wolcott High School, made possible by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant.