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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES 2026 CEANY OUTSTANDING BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION AWARD

St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development and New York City College of Technology's Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development recognized with statewide award from the Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY).



The Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY) dedicates itself to the promotion and support of quality programs of public continuing higher education in New York State. Each year they laud distinguished contributions: from the advancement of program planning, to applications of continuing education theory and practice, to marketing, to business and industry linkages, to leadership, and to student success.

This fall the 2026 CEANY Outstanding Business/Organization Award was awarded to the partnership of St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development and New York City College of Technology's Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (City Tech).

This is a highly competitive statewide award that recognizes exceptional collaborations between continuing education institutions and community and industry partners across the CUNY and SUNY systems.

City Tech and St. Nicks Alliance have worked together for over a decade.

“What makes our partnership particularly meaningful is the complementary investment each organization brings to the table. St. Nicks Alliance recruits and enrolls eligible participants while providing the financial support necessary to remove significant barriers to continuing education. City Tech provides the instructional infrastructure, including experienced instructors, specialized curriculum, equipment, classrooms, laboratory facilities, and hands-on clinical skills preparation.

Together, we have created a comprehensive workforce development pathway that connects community-based recruitment, technical education, career preparation, industry credentials, experiential learning, and employment opportunities. Our hemodialysis technician training is a reflection of what can be accomplished when organizations share a commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for the communities they serve,” said Khadijah Frederick, associate director, business & industry workforce training center at City Tech.

“St. Nicks Alliance partners with City Tech for Hemodialysis Tech (this award supports our Healthcare training partnership), Green Building Maintenance, and HVAC Technician Training. We not only recruit the trainees we provide two weeks of workplace success, job readiness, and digital literacy training to all of our trainees. Each trainee is matched with a transformational coach. Our job developers support our trainees by matching with a paid internship and career employment with our network of employer partners. After graduation we continue to support our graduates with monthly alumni engagement and career progression opportunities,” said Larry Rothchild, senior managing director of workforce development for St. Nicks Alliance.