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(Name) High School Graduates Earn Bridges Career Academy Awards

School's Name honored Number graduates with a Bridges Career Academy awards and green honor cords at their Award's Event/Graduation Ceremony on Date. The following students were recognized: *Names of Students:*

Students were recognized for their participation in the Bridges Career Academies and Workplace Connection Program. The Bridges program is a partnership between School's Name administrators, counselors, and teachers, Sourcewell, Brainerd Lakes Chamber, local Chambers, Central Lakes College, M State College and local business and industry partners. Bridges works with students, grades 9 through 12, to prepare them for the local high wage, high skill and high demand jobs of the future.

By combining the high school's curriculum and the teacher's expertise, students explore careers with hands-on learning opportunities and participate in real-life business experiences. Students examine various career pathways that are of a personal interest through tours, job shadows, and industry speakers. Academy course work focuses on developing the technical skills for specific careers along with essential employability skills such as teamwork, critical thinking and time management. After graduation, with the skills learned through the Bridges Career Academies, students may continue their education or enter the workforce with the skills they have learned.