

2026 Risk Impact Award Winner Summary

Congratulations to the Following Individuals

Ben Martinez – Chippewa Valley Technical College

Nominated by The CVTC Facilities Administration Team

It is the privilege of the Chippewa Valley Technical College Facilities Administration Team to nominate Ben Martinez for the 2026 J. Timothy Greene Risk Impact Award in recognition of his exceptional initiative, leadership, and dedication in improving CVTC's maintenance operations through smart, proactive risk mitigation.

In his role on the CVTC Facilities Maintenance team, Ben has consistently demonstrated leadership by ensuring that safety is not only a priority but a shared responsibility. Ben has taken initiative in communicating potential risks clearly and consistently, whether reminding faculty, staff, students & contractors about safe work practices, identifying hazards before they become incidents, or reinforcing safety guidelines during daily interactions.

Through Ben's guidance, the CVTC College community has become more aware, more informed, and better prepared to prevent accidents. Ben has shown exceptional skill in translating safety protocols into practical, everyday actions for all who visit, study, or work at CVTC. Ben's proactive approach has resulted in a noticeable reduction in safety incidents on the CVTC West Campus, faster reporting of potential hazards, and a culture where everyone feels empowered to speak up and stay alert. Because of Ben's efforts, risks are identified earlier, addressed more efficiently, and communicated more clearly across teams.

What sets Ben apart is not only his technical skill, but his dedication to building a safe environment through awareness, education, and leadership by example. Ben continuously reinforces the message that safety is a daily practice—reminding others in a way that is respectful, encouraging, and grounded in genuine care for the people around him.

For these reasons, the CVTC Facilities Administration Team strongly recommends Ben Martinez for the 2026 J. Timothy Greene Risk Impact Award. Ben's work exemplifies the highest standard of safety-focused leadership and reflects a deep commitment to protecting our College community through thoughtful and proactive risk management.



Andrew Dewitt – Mid-State Technical College

Nominated by Brad Russell

Andrew DeWitt exemplifies the spirit of the J. Timothy Greene Risk Impact Award through his proactive, collaborative, and forward-thinking leadership in strengthening Mid-State Technical College's safety and security environment. While safety is at the core of his role, Andy's impact goes far beyond day-to-day responsibilities. His initiative, strategic mindset, and commitment to continuous improvement have significantly reduced institutional risk, enhanced emergency response capabilities, and fostered a culture of shared responsibility across campuses.

Andy, alongside his security team, has taken a hands-on, "boots on the ground" approach to risk mitigation—demonstrating leadership not just through oversight, but through action. One of the most impactful examples of this is the transition from the Rave alert system to Informacast. Recognizing limitations in the existing system and the evolving needs of campus safety, Andy and his team proactively partnered with Mid-State's IT department to evaluate, advocate for, and implement Informacast as a more robust emergency notification platform.

This move substantially enhanced the College's emergency communication capabilities. Informacast provides expanded alerting functionality, including visual and audible alerts displayed directly on employee phones and integration with emergency IP clocks across campus facilities. These improvements ensure faster, more visible communication during critical incidents, reducing response times and increasing the likelihood that students and employees receive life-safety information immediately. Rather than waiting for an incident to expose gaps, Andy and his team identified the opportunity, built cross-departmental collaboration, and implemented a solution that measurably strengthens Mid-State's emergency preparedness.

In addition to system-level improvements, Andy has remained deeply engaged in physical security enhancements across all campuses. Following the DMI security audit recommendations, he did not treat the report as a checklist but as a roadmap for long-term improvement. Under his leadership, the College has continuously implemented additional security cameras in identified high-need areas, expanded card access readers to improve controlled entry in employee workspaces, and strengthened monitoring capabilities. These improvements reduce unauthorized access risks, support incident investigation, and increase overall campus visibility.

A particularly impactful initiative has been the comprehensive review and renumbering of campus doors, paired with updated building maps that align with fire and safety standards. By standardizing door numbering and ensuring maps are current and clearly posted at all exits, Andy's team has improved emergency response coordination with local law enforcement and first responders. In a crisis situation, accurate door identification and building navigation can save critical minutes. This effort demonstrates Andy's attention to detail and understanding that effective risk management often lies in the fundamentals.

Andy has also demonstrated responsiveness and adaptability in strengthening security presence at the Stevens Point Downtown Campus. After identifying emerging concerns and recognizing the need for increased visibility, he adjusted staffing and security presence to proactively address potential risks. His approach was not reactive but preventive—prioritizing reassurance, deterrence, and community confidence. This visible commitment to safety reinforces to students and employees that their well-being is a top priority.



What distinguishes Andy's contributions is not only the projects themselves, but the collaborative culture he fosters. He works closely with IT, Facilities, administration, and external partners to ensure that safety initiatives are integrated, sustainable, and aligned with institutional goals. His security team reflects this same commitment—serving as ambassadors of safety across campuses. Together, they model professionalism, approachability, and vigilance.

Andy's leadership embodies the award's focus on improving the overall risk environment and initiating programs that address risk issues. Andy's work has created lasting infrastructure and procedural improvements that will benefit Mid-State for years to come.

Through enhanced emergency communications, expanded physical security measures, improved building safety standards, and strategic campus presence adjustments, Andrew DeWitt and his security team have meaningfully reduced risk exposure and elevated Mid-State's culture of safety. His work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is visible every day—in safer facilities, clearer emergency protocols, and a campus community that feels protected and supported.

For his proactive leadership, collaborative spirit, and sustained commitment to risk mitigation beyond what is normally expected, Andrew DeWitt is highly deserving of the J. Timothy Greene Risk Impact Award.

