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**Evan Gassner Presents at Whitesboro Central School**

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For Evan Gassner, the abilities he has shine brightly thanks to Early Intervention, a strong family support system, and The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter.

This bright young man, diagnosed with Autism at the age of two, was recently asked to showcase his knowledge and skills for teachers at The Whitesboro School District. In today's world technology is used in everyday life and more inclusively in schools as a teaching aid and tool. When it comes to blending the old with the new, teachers at Whitesboro learned from their student – Evan.

Using an iPad, Gassner created a presentation and demonstrated the use of the technology to his teachers. Interested in learning all the ins and outs of the electronic age that we live in, teachers embraced the hands-on lesson provided by this teenager.

Evan prepared himself with all the appropriate tools, definitions and short cuts for the technology. He embraced the questions that the teachers had as they were learning what benefits the iPad has to teaching and how it can benefit the students.

“Evan showed great excitement and enthusiasm while presenting,” said Aida Mariani, director of development and public relations at The Arc. “It is truly amazing how this young man who once faced the challenge of learning and being like his two brothers and sister, is now asked to showcase his knowledge. It speaks volumes about how focusing on a child's ability and providing the supports they require, enriches lives.”

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