

New Programs for Henry CTE students in Fall 2013

Beginning in the Fall of 2013, students in the Syracuse area will have the option of exploring two new careers as part of their high school curriculum. Through its Career and Technical Education Programs, the OCM BOCES Henry Campus will begin offering welding technology and physical therapy professions programs for high school juniors and seniors.

In September of 2012, a similar welding program was introduced for CTE students at the OCM BOCES McEvoy Campus. That program was very well-received and experienced the largest number of students ever for the first year of new CTE program at OCM BOCES.

In Central New York, there is currently a high demand for welders. Students completing the OCM BOCES welding program will become industry certified, providing them with the knowledge and technical skills to prepare them for positions as entry-level welders or advanced placement in post-secondary education.

The employment outlook for skilled physical therapy assistants is expected to increase over 43 percent through 2020.

Demand for physical therapy services is expected to increase in response to the health-care needs of an aging population. The physical therapy course will give students the knowledge and technical skills needed for an entry-level position in the Physical Therapy (PT) field, as well as offer a path to entering higher education in a PT assistant college program.

The physical therapy and welding programs are both two-year programs for high school juniors and seniors. The physical therapy program will be located at the Strength in Motion Physical Therapy office in East Syracuse.

Interested students/families should contact their high school guidance counselor or OCM BOCES Counselor, Melissa Muller at 315/431-8407.

Pictured: Posters for both new programs were created by current OCM BOCES Graphic Communications Technology students in Kathy Labulis' classes.



Physical Therapy Professions

The OCM BOCES Physical Therapy Program will be located at: Strength in Motion, Inc., 314 East 1st Street, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Did you know? The demand for skilled Physical Therapist Assistants is expected to increase by over 43% within the next ten years!

Learn these technical skills:

- Patient Safety
- Clinical Skills
- Mechanical Modalities
- Assistive and Adaptive Devices
- HIPPA Laws and Regulations
- Manual Therapy Techniques
- Breathing and Oxygenation
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Anatomy and Physiology

Make these college connections:

- Onondaga Community College
- Herkimer Community College
- Broome Community College
- Genesee Community College
- SUNY Canton

Earn these credits

High School:
3 CTE and 1 Science or Math per year

College:
Up to 12 college credits through concurrent enrollment and/or college articulations

Considering a **CAREER** in Physical Therapy?
Become a PT or PTA!

For more information: see your high school guidance counselor or contact Melissa Muller at: 431-8407



Welding Technology Program

Technical Skills

- Arc Welding
- Metal Inert Gas Welding
- Tungsten Inert Gas Welding
- Brazing
- Soldering
- Metallurgy
- Welding print reading
- Heat treating
- Flame cutting

Credits Earned

3 CTE per year
1 Science or Math per year

College Connections

- SUNY at Morrisville
- SUNY at Delhi
- SUNY at Alfred

For more information see your High School Guidance Counselor or call our BOCES Guidance Counselor at: 431-8407

Extra, Extra!! We want your news for BOCES Bits!

Please submit your ideas and suggestions for publication in future issues of *BOCES Bits* by e-mailing Laurie Cook at lcook@ocmboces.org.



From the District Superintendent

Dear staff;

It is hard for me to believe how quickly my first year here at OCM BOCES has gone by. It amazes me to realize all the things I've learned about BOCES over these past 10 months. When I began working here last August, I thought I had a good understanding of OCM BOCES but I've since learned that my knowledge just touched the surface.

OCM BOCES is an organization that extends school districts and provides support for every person in those districts; teachers, students, administrators and support staff. And beyond that support of course, are the outstanding educational experiences we afford to our own students: the high quality technical education, special education and alternative learning opportunities.

As I've visited our buildings and campuses, I've had opportunities to meet our students and staff. Not only have I been impressed by the talent and dedication that I've experienced, I appreciate the kindness that has been shown by our staff and students. OCM BOCES truly employs talented, dedicated and caring individuals to serve our capable, hard-working and determined students.

I am proud to be a part of OCM BOCES and of the improvements that together we have made this past year. I look forward to continuing our work next year as we conquer the additional challenges before us.

In the meantime, I wish you a restful and healthy summer. I look forward to continuing our work together this summer and in the next school year.



Jody

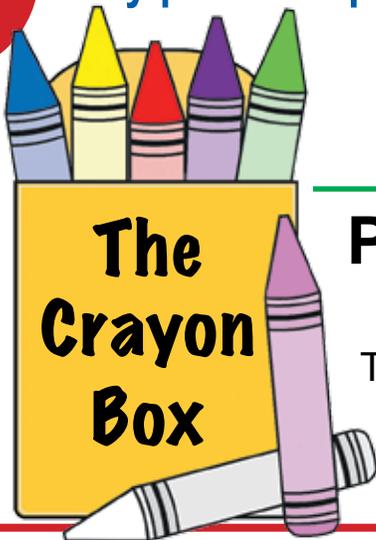


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EAP News...

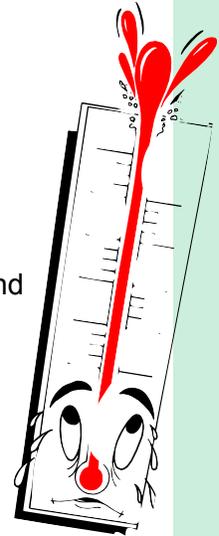


Your EAP is a free, voluntary, and confidential assessment and referral service for employees and their family members who are experiencing personal or work related problems such as:

- Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse
- Emotional problems
- Stress management
- Marital and/or family conflict
- Compulsive gambling
- Financial difficulties
- Aging parents
- Grieving
- Wellness
- Other personal matters

EAP Offers Help Year-Round!

Don't let summer stress make you boil over! Your OCM BOCES Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a 12-month program! You can contact the EAP during the summer and a counselor will be there for you just the same as during the school year. The summer could be a good time to call the EAP for the things that you may have been too busy to get to during the school year, including short-term counseling, a referral for therapy, or information on a variety of topics. Call EAP all summer long at 315/471-1361 or 1/800-EAP-8764 or visit their website at www.eap.ocmboces.org.



Automotive Technology students take second place in Ford/AAA competition

Congratulations to Erick Dodge's automotive technology students, Joshua Hildreth, from the Baldwinsville Central School District and Tyler Shepard from the Cazenovia Central School District for recently placing second in the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition held at Morrisville State College on May 14.

To qualify for the hands-on competition at Morrisville, students had to take a written exam. Only 10 of the highest scoring two-person teams in the state qualified for the hands-on competition.



Students worked in their teams to diagnose and repair ten intentional automotive problems on identical cars in just 90 minutes.

For their second-place finish Hildreth and Shepard each received a trophy and several scholarships, including \$1,500 from the Ford Asset program and \$5,000 from Universal Technical Institute.

Congratulations Joshua and Tyler!

26 local Hispanic students attend PRHYLI through OCM BOCES



Through the OCM BOCES RBERN (Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network,) 26 local Hispanic students recently had the opportunity to attend the 23rd Annual Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PRHYLI) in Albany, NY. The institute introduces Hispanic high school students to the state's legislative process and civic issues affecting the Latino community, while fostering such skills as debate, citizenship and leadership. It is a collaborative effort among regional RBERNS, the NYS Education Office of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies, the NYC Department of Education, ASPIRA of NY, Inc., and the NYS Assembly's Hispanic Task Force.

The students were selected from nine mid-state high schools to form the Syracuse Delegation: Cicero-North Syracuse High – Lauren Ramos; Fowler High – Ana Díaz Cruz, Eddie Guzmán, Janice Martínez, Karelyn Vávquez, Neyshmaire Meléndez, Magares Rojas, and Abigail Rivera; Marcellus High – Anetxy Barnes and Kelsey Rodríguez Doran; SCSD: Syracuse Central Institute of Technology – Jacob Delgado, Rosalía Hernández, Deanna Martínez, Gabriel Mustell, Jenny Chafía, Jenice Chafía, and Thalia Colón; Henninger High – Alia Anamaria; Jamesville-Dewitt High – Ana Carolina Piedra; Proctor High – Jennifer Difo and Stiven Difo; Ithaca High – Maria Porrás Torres, Sophia Escobedo, Lilia Escobedo, and Wesley Rodríguez; and Solvay High – Kevin Vreeland. Students were chaperoned by Ofelia Anamaria, Barb Bergman, and Melba De Jesus, led by Sally Doran from the OCM BOCES RBERN. Students trained together at OCC in areas directly linked to the NYS Social Studies Standards, with the goal of being prepared to carry out a mock assembly while practicing leadership skills.

Approximately 200 students from nine total delegations across the state met for the culminating three-day event earlier this spring. This year's team building and team leadership activity was led by Giselle O. Martin-Kniep, President of Lerner-Centered Initiatives, Ltd. and Communities for Learning: Leading Lasting Change. Students were split into groups, given guidelines and asked to research "Can we create a future without waste?" Their challenge was to create a multimedia presentation that would inform, inspire and change the way people think about the waste they produce by "up-cycling" and learning to lead others in appreciating the need for a zero waste lifestyle.

Once in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol building, the group debated five NYS bills currently before the Assembly. During the awards banquet that followed, 30 seniors were awarded scholarships on a competitive basis for their achievements and performance. Syracuse Delegation had four winners: Maria Porrás, Deanna Martínez, Lauren Ramos, and Sophia Escobedo. In addition, one student per delegation was nominated "outstanding delegate" and from those nine, the "Delegate of the year" is chosen by a select panel of evaluators over the course of the weekend; our Maria Porrás was chosen! What an honor!

Students were then escorted to the adult conference, Somos Uno – an organization dedicated to the dialog of Hispanic issues and policy making representing all aspects of government, business, and community – to hear NYS Assemblymen speak. Rounding out the weekend, students had several more educational opportunities to learn about the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Latin music in the new world by Dr. José Cruz and hear a panel of PRHYLI alumni speak.

PRHYLI celebrated its follow-up activity on June 1, 2013 at OCC. For more information on applying next year, e-mail Sally Doran at sdoran@ocmboces.org or call 433-2664 for details.



Criminal Justice Students Help Honor Officers Who Died in Line of Duty



New Vision Criminal Justice students from the OCM BOCES Henry Campus recently took a class trip to Washington, DC, where they spent two days working at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The memorial honors law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. It is a focal point of the National Police Week observance in Washington, DC, with one of the ceremonies being a formal Candlelight Vigil, held each year on May 13. While in Washington, the students served as ushers for the vigil; the only high school group in the country that volunteers for this occasion.

For more information on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, visit their website at www.nleomf.org.



Kudos to You!

OCM BOCES student from Chittenango receives award for academic excellence in CTE



Congratulations to Alayna Arno, an OCM BOCES Health Occupations student from the Chittenango Central School District, who recently received an award from her home school for academic excellence at OCM BOCES. Alayna received the award during the Chittenango High School awards ceremony on Thursday, May 30 for having the highest grade point average over the two years she attended OCM BOCES.

Alayna's plans are to attend Onondaga Community College for a year beginning in the fall, and to then transfer to Gardner Webb University to receive her nursing degree.

Mindy Akers, who is Alayna's teacher at OCM BOCES said, "Alayna is an excellent student and relates to the patient with kindness and empathy."

Congratulations Alayna!

OCM BOCES Inducts 2 new members to CTE Alumni Hall of Fame



The OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education Alumni Hall of Fame was established to honor individuals who have graduated from OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education programs and who demonstrate leadership in their field. Each year, nominations are solicited and reviewed by a subcommittee made up of members from the OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. One winner is selected annually from the OCM BOCES Henry Campus in Syracuse and one winner from the OCM BOCES McEvoy Educational Campus in Cortland.

In order to be considered for the award, nominees must be a graduate of an OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education program, they must be engaged in an occupation related to their program of completion at OCM BOCES, they must demonstrate leadership in their field and they must exercise civic responsibility.

Each award winner has a commemorative plaque placed in the "Hall of Fame" in their respective campus of graduation.

The 2013 inductees to the OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education Alumni Hall of Fame are: Robert (Bob) Canorro (top picture) for the Henry Campus and Brian Eastman (bottom picture) for the McEvoy Educational Campus.

OCM BOCES District Superintendent Jody F. Manning presented this year's winners with their awards at each campus' graduation ceremony in early June.



Words of Wisdom

“ Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. ”
Now is the time to understand more, so that we
may fear less.

-Marie Curie

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Congratulations & Best Wishes to our Retirees!

Congratulations to the following staff members who retired this year from OCM BOCES. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students, districts, clients and the community.

Lisa Atwater, English Teacher – 17.5 years of service (3/6/96 - 6/30/13)

Mary Brady, Manager of Systems & Programming – 12.5 years of service (9/1/98 - 11/15/12)

Sharon Campbell, Adult Education Teacher – 17 years of service (10/28/96 - 6/30/13)

Laurie Case, Typist II – 13.5 years of service (9/25/00 - 3/27/13)

Thomas Comer, LAN Technical Support Specialist – 13.5 years of service (7/24/00 - 3/28/13)

Ellen Dvorak, Occupational Therapist I – 26 years of service (9/1/87 - 3/16/13)

JoAnne Flood, Program Coordinator (Employment & Training) – 21 years of service (1/29/92 - 3/22/13)

Kathy Froio, Teaching Assistant – 23 years of service (12/1/90 - 2/6/13)

Gail Hartigan, Teaching Assistant – 13 years of service (9/1/00 - 4/19/13)

Patricia Hogan, Literacy Teacher – 24.5 years of service (9/1/88 - 2/1/13)

Margaret Kingsley, Typist II – 33.5 years of service (2/6/79 - 8/31/12)

Kay Kraatz, Mathematics Teacher – 12 years of service (9/1/01 - 6/30/13)

Jeanette Kratz, Special Education Teacher – 23 years of service (9/1/90 - 6/30/13)

Cynthia Kwiek, Account Clerk II – 12.5 years of service (10/15/90 - 6/28/13)

Harold Kyle, AV Repair Worker – 36.5 years of service (10/25/76 - 2/28/13)

James Leary, AV Repair Technician – 40 years of service (7/1/73 - 6/28/13)

Linda Leone, Typist II – 32 years of service (3/2/81 - 6/28/13)

Sharon McMahon, Teaching Assistant – 14 years of service (9/30/99 - 6/30/13)

Eileen Miller, EAP Supervisor – 29 years of service (10/1/84 - 8/31/13)

Rose Miller, Occupational Therapist – 16 years of service (9/1/96 - 9/1/12)

Molly Milner, Music Teacher – 21 years of service (9/1/92 - 6/30/13)

Kathleen Muraski, Programmer II – 27.5 years of service (5/6/85 - 12/28/12)

Phillip Ramey, Automotive Industries Teacher – 30 years of service (9/1/83 - 6/30/13)

Gail Rausch, Typist II – 41 years of service (9/13/71 - 8/24/12)

Mary Ann Rodriguez, Account Clerk III – 23.5 years of service (9/21/89 - 3/30/13)

Sandra Rossetti, Systems Training Assistant – 14.5 years of service (4/6/98 - 12/28/12)

Cynthia Rhodes, Teaching Assistant-Interpreter – 18.5 years of service (1/4/93 - 9/1/12)

Timothy Sandstrom, Science Teacher – 19 years of service (9/1/94 - 6/30/13)

Steven Saya, Coordinator for Educational Programs – 18.5 years of service (7/19/93 - 12/27/12)

Rosemary Schaefer, Teaching Assistant-Interpreter – 11 years of service (3/25/02 - 1/25/13)

Yvonne Starliper, Systems Training Assistant – 31.5 years of service (2/17/81 - 6/29/12)

Lynne Stenberg, Special Education Teacher – 31 years of service (9/1/82 - 6/30/13)

Karen Stuhler, Typist II – 12 years of service (12/29/00 - 11/29/12)

Kathleen Tice, Teaching Assistant – 24 years of service (4/3/89 - 6/30/13)

This year, Cynthia Bretschneider, who had been a Physical Therapist with OCM BOCES for 21.5 years, passed away shortly after her retirement in January of 2013.