

Message from the Superintendent



As spring approaches, and the weather (hopefully) follows in rapid succession, OCM BOCES is shifting all gears into budget season. Our administrative team has completed services visits with each of our 23 component districts and presented them with “snapshots” of the value they get from OCM BOCES. Districts

have completed their initial budget requests and we have shared our administrative, capital and rental budget with the Board of Education. We will share those budgets with our component districts at our April 5 Annual Meeting at the OCM BOCES McEvoy Campus. Please be sure to check out our online [budget information](#) and district snapshots to read about the individual successes students and staff have had with us.

Dr. Jody Manning
District Superintendent

Seeking nominees for CTE Alumni Hall of Fame

OCM BOCES is currently seeking nominations for its Career and Technical Education (CTE) Alumni Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors OCM BOCES CTE program graduates who demonstrate leadership in their field. Two individuals will be selected for recognition as 2017 Hall of Fame inductees: one graduate from the Henry Center in Syracuse, NY and one graduate from the McEvoy Center in Cortland, NY. Nomination forms are due March 31, 2017.



[Read more](#)

CNY School Boards Association's 2017 Legislative Forum February 11 at OCM BOCES Main Campus

The Central New York School Boards Association will hold their 2017 Legislative Forum on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the OCM BOCES Main Campus. The goal of the forum is to utilize the smaller group setting to promote meaningful dialogue with legislators so that they can obtain specific input on district's state budget concerns. The program will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. RSVP no later than Friday, January 27 to rstone@cnysba.org.

February is #CTEMonth®; Celebrate Today, OWN Tomorrow!

OCM BOCES is joining the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the entire CTE community to celebrate February as #CTEMonth! During the month of February, ACTE encourages exploration and education around the accomplishments, achievements and contributions possible through CTE. OCM BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Jody Manning [recently addressed embedded CTE programming](#) in an article in *District Administration* magazine. OCM BOCES media marketing communications students have created a series of videos about their school's various CTE courses.

[Visit OCM BOCES YouTube channel to check out the videos](#)



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Where are they now? Media Marketing Communications Program graduates discuss program with current students

On Friday, Jan. 13, the first (and only at this point) graduating class of OCM BOCES' Media Marketing Communications (MMC) program came back together to share experiences with current MMC students. "Take advantage of every experience offered here, don't be afraid to take risks and cherish the time you have left in high school," were some of their words of wisdom. They also shared how they are doing now and how the MMC program and WCNY helped transition them into college life.

[Read about the graduates here](#)

BOCES Employee's photograph makes cover of Rosamond Gifford Zoo magazine

Congratulations to OCM BOCES' own Terri Redhead, an administrative assistant at the Main Campus, whose photograph was chosen for the

Zoo's Winter 2017 *My Zoo* publication Terri is an avid amateur photographer with a passion for taking pictures of animals. She began taking pictures about six years ago, when her daughter Ashley won a contest with the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and Terri decided to volunteer with them. Since that time, Terri has taken hundreds of pictures of the zoo's animal residents. Her photographs have been featured on the zoo's social media pages and websites and have adorned the cover of their *My Zoo* publication several times in the past. Terri's photographs have also been selected for awards by the Buffalo Zoo and in New York State Fair Photography contests.



Congratulations and THANK YOU to literacy instructor **CELIA VOLBRECHT**, who retired this January after 27 years of dedicated service to thousands of students here at OCM BOCES. Celia touched the lives of countless students of all ages and from all walks of life, many of whom would NOT have reached their goals without her inspiration.



Celia always impressed everyone at OCM BOCES with her kindness, dedication, commitment and passion for teaching. She is very humble about her accomplishments, but one award that stands out is her selection in 2012 as Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NYACCE). She also helped more than 1,000 students acquire their high school equivalency diplomas a conservative estimate by all accounts. Celia says she loved her job because she enjoyed helping enthusiastic students, seeing their understanding “click” during lessons and learning something from them in return.

Celia's departure will leave a huge void at OCM BOCES and all the related organizations that benefitted from her help and expertise. We wish her all the happiness in the world with lots of quality time to spend with her husband, Richard, and their four grandchildren.

Your Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of CNY offers wellness information online

Each year, the month of February is celebrated as heart health month with extra attention given to heart disease awareness and prevention. If you are looking for information about this or other wellness topics, be sure to visit the Preventive Health section of **your** OCM BOCES Health Insurance Cooperative's website. A variety of information and resources is available regarding smoking cessation, fitness, cancer screening and much more. [Visit the website here](#)

OCM BOCES employees How GREEN are you?

January 27 marked the official launch of our Go Green Challenge here at OCM BOCES. The challenge is a fun but ruthless competition to see which OCM BOCES building can demonstrate the largest improvement in energy reduction and recycling efforts by the end of the school year. Bonus points will be awarded for special sustainability projects. Students and staff at OCM BOCES CNYRIC, Crown Road Campus, Cortland Alternative School, Henry CTE, Student Services Buildings and O&M/Central Receiving Buildings, Main Campus, McEvoy Center and Seven Valleys New Tech Academy are competing for the Go Green Championship Trophy Lamp, along with a pizza party to celebrate their win. [Find out more on the Go Green website](#)



Non-Discrimination Policy

The OCM BOCES non-discrimination policy has been updated and added to our web site. Please [click here](#) to view it in full.

Like us on Facebook!

Follow us on Twitter!

Check us out on YouTube!

While several OCM BOCES programs have their own social media outlets, our organization now has a general Facebook page, Twitter account and YouTube channel that we can use to share news and events across all departments. We are happy to share and retweet any and all of

your important news! **PLEASE** like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) (@ocmboces). Check out our [YouTube Channel](#) as well, especially if you want to review the Opening Day video about our goals and targets. For all of our social media platforms, check out our **social media hub** at ocmboces.org.

Employee Assistance Program

Don't forget about our confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which can help you with anything from job stress to aging parents to a death in the family. Go to ocmboces.org/eap for more.

The EAP is pleased to offer the following FREE workshops this Spring:



- **March 2**
Eat That Frog: Get More Done in Less Time
4:30-6pm at Canastota High School Forum Room, Canastota
- **March 9**
ABC's of Adult ADH
4-5:30pm at Liverpool Public Library Carman Community Room, Liverpool
- **March 14**
Food & Mood
4:30-6pm at OCM BOCES, McEvoy Conference Center, Cortland
- **March 23**
Clearing Clutter
4:30-6pm at CIT/Oswego BOCES Stern Admin Bldg Boardroom, Mexico
- **March 29**
NYS Employee Retirement System Overview
5-6:30pm at OCM BOCES New Main Campus, Syracuse
- **April 4**
Brain Games: Staying Sharp at any Age/Stage
4:30-6pm at Boynton Middle School Library, Ithaca
- **April 27**
Caregiver Camp: Caring for the Caregiver
4:30-6pm at OCM BOCES New Main Campus, Syracuse

Please note that programs are on varying days of the week and have varying start times

You can register in the following ways:

1. Send an email to Michelle Stolicker, EAP Supervisor at eap@ocmboces.org with the workshop title in the subject line and your contact information (name, preferred phone number and email) in the body of the message.
2. Call Michelle with the above registration information.
She can be reached at (315) 471-1361 ext. 315 or (315) 952-6388.
3. Download the [online registration form](#) and return to Michelle via BOCES mail, US Mail or send as an email attachment to Michelle at eap@ocmboces.org with

the workshop title in the subject line.

If you would like to contribute to the BOCES bits, which is generally distributed the first week of each month, please contact Laurie Cook at lcook@ocmboces.org or Jackie Wiegand at jwiegand@ocmboces.org

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