BOCES BITS

From the District Superintendent



As is typical this time of year, things are moving very quickly as our programs and services get into full swing. Once again, our dedicated staff worked hard to ensure a smooth opening at all locations. As I toured our facilities during opening week, I was impressed with the positivity of our staff and students. Everyone seems

happy to be back and excited about the promise of a new year.

This year, OCM BOCES opened two outstanding new programs to serve special needs students aged 18-21. Located at SUNY Cortland and Onondaga Community College, the focus of these programs is on providing work-based learning opportunities at the colleges, academics to support the vocational opportunities, and community-based instruction. We will highlight this unique opportunity in the near future. Stay tuned for more exciting news!

OCM BOCES Board of Education member receives NYSSBA's top award



Joan Reeves, president of the Baldwinsville Central School District Board of Education and a member of the OCM BOCES Board of Education, has earned the 2015 Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service. The award is the New York State School Boards Association's (NYSSBA) highest honor for

school board service and is presented annually to a current or former school board member in recognition of extraordinary service to public education and children. [Read More]

Adult Education Cosmetology students offer skincare education and analysis at NYS Fair



Adult Education Cosmetology students Breanna Bell, Heather Dillman, Amanda Heisler (pictured), Daena Hurley and Brittany Zimmer partnered with the New York State Department of Health to educate New York State Fair attendees on the dangers of artificial tanning and provide free skin analyses to interested participants.

Earlier this summer, the NYS Department of Health asked OCM BOCES Adult Education Cosmetology instructor Cindy Foran for experienced

volunteers to provide these services from their booth at the Fair. To prepare, the five students attended webinars and training to learn how to operate the advanced skin analysis tools. Students tended the booth every weekday of the Fair and also had the opportunity to share information about OCM BOCES to interested fairgoers. [Read More]

CTE graduates leave a legacy at Henry Campus



Two June 2015 OCM BOCES graduates from the Henry Campus came back to their school before the school year and used their artistic talents to spruce up their old classroom. Pastry Arts graduate Skyler Lyon (pictured) and Culinary Arts graduate Andreana Reed, both from the Baldwinsville Central School District, took time over

several weeks to paint a mural on the wall inside "The Electric Apple," the school's student-run restaurant. The girls wanted to leave a colorful legacy for new CTE students and thought an apple tree was an appropriate representation. Be sure to stop by during the school year, see the mural, and enjoy a great lunch!

EAP fall workshops continue through November



Your OCM BOCES Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is offering a variety of free workshops again this fall. For details about any of these workshops or to find out more about the OCM BOCES EAP, visit their website by <u>clicking here</u>. You will be able to see the full details of any of the workshops and download registration

forms. You can also simply go to the EAP website at www.eap.ocmboces.org and click on the Workshop Schedule Link on the home page.

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