

From the District Superintendent



It is difficult to believe that the final month of the 2014-15 school year is really here but the calendar is reading June and I'm hoping that these warm temperatures are here to stay.

For those of you who are off over the summer, I hope your time away is refreshing and relaxing. For those of us who will continue working over the summer, thank you for the work you do every day to grow our organization. I hope you will also find some time to relax this summer and that you have many enjoyable occasions with your family and friends.

I also want to take a moment to recognize this year's retirees, who are listed on line. Thank you for more than 700 combined years of service and for contributing to the success of BOCES in so many ways. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



More than 120 students inducted to National Technical Honor Society

On Thursday, April 30 and Thursday, May 7, 2015, more than 120 Career and Technical Education (CTE) students from the OCM BOCES Henry and McEvoy campuses were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during ceremonies at their respective schools. [\[Read More\]](#)



OCM BOCES breaks ground on new main campus

On Wednesday, May 7, OCM BOCES held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate their acquisition of the former Nationwide Insurance building at 110 Elwood Davis Road in Liverpool and to officially mark the building's renovation. [\[Read more\]](#)



New Vision Medical Careers students attend leadership conference

Many OCM BOCES New Vision Medical Careers students from Cortland's McEvoy Education Campus had the opportunity to attend the New York State Spring Leadership Conference for HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and Health Workforce of New York (formerly AHEC.) [\[Read more\]](#)



OCM BOCES Fashion Show is collaborative effort

OCM BOCES Cosmetology instructors and students held a very successful fashion show at the Lee G. Peters Career Training Center on Monday, April 20. The event included students and staff from OCM BOCES Career Academy, Innovation Tech, Special Education and Adult Education programs, along with administration, office personnel and advisory committee members, making it a true collaboration! [\[Read More\]](#)



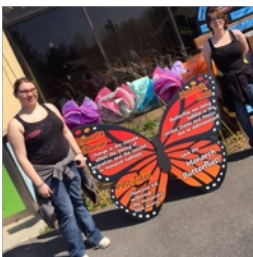
STAR students at Homer Elementary learn about making healthy choices

Students in Mrs. Currie's OCM BOCES STAR class at Homer Elementary School were recently posed with the question, "How do I make healthy food choices?" Together in class, they learned about the food pyramid and how to use it as a tool for selecting healthy foods. [\[Read more\]](#)



Cortland Alternative School students share stories to increase awareness about mental illness

Throughout the past year and a half, some OCM BOCES students at the Cortland Alternative School (CAS) have been participating in a unique and productive group at the direction of CAS Counselor, Sue Sperger. The group, called "SOS" (Sharing Our Stories,) was created with the goal of increasing awareness about mental illness and de-stigmatizing help-seeking behavior. [\[Read more\]](#)



OCM BOCES students celebrate Earth Day at Rosamond Gifford Zoo Party for the Planet

On Saturday, April 18, two OCM BOCES students from Innovation Tech (Diane Wayman) and the Career Academy (Samantha Lamica) helped celebrate and bring awareness to Earth Day by attending and presenting information at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo's Party for the Planet. [\[Read More\]](#)



BOCES Solvay Middle School TEAM class supports Helping Hounds Dog Rescue

Students and staff from the OCM BOCES TEAM class at Solvay Middle School recently planned a service-learning project to support the [Helping Hounds](#) Dog Rescue in Dewitt. After learning about and researching the needs and characteristics of both wild animals and pets, the students determined how they could help the dogs in need at Helping Hounds. The service project encompassed the concepts of volunteering and donations while working on science, literacy, and daily living skills. [\[Read More\]](#)



Congratulations to our retirees!

Each June, we take a moment to congratulate all of our OCM BOCES colleagues who are retiring or have retired in the past year and to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students, districts, clients and community. We wish them well in their retirement and any new adventures that may await them. For a list of these valued colleagues with their departments and years of service, [\[Read More\]](#)



Innovation Tech supports Vera House White Ribbon Campaign

Many thanks to students and staff at the OCM BOCES Innovation Tech High School for their fundraising efforts in support of Vera House's White Ribbon Campaign. Melody Lacayo, a Innovation Tech Student Ambassador, helped organize the fundraising efforts, which included selling wristbands and chocolate. The efforts resulted in a \$250 donation to Vera House for their annual campaign against domestic and sexual violence. Student Ambassador, Melody Lacayo, presented the donation to Vera House in April. Congratulations and great job on a successful fundraising campaign.



June is Lyme Disease Awareness month

For the month of June, your OCM BOCES Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has a variety of resources available on Lyme Disease. EAP is a free, voluntary and confidential assessment/referral service for employees and their family members who are experiencing personal or work-related problems, such as stress, emotional problems, grief, wellness and much more. Click the link below for additional information. [\[Read more\]](#)



Employees play vital role in energy conservation solution

In a recent issue of a trade journal, Larry Schoff, CEO of Energy Efficient Solutions, shared the following: "First and foremost, recognize that school facilities don't operate themselves. People determine when lights are on or off, when computers are powered up or turned off, whether windows and doors are open, and what the settings are for the HVAC systems. Consequently, it's people who leave lights on in unoccupied rooms and hallways; leave computers on over holiday breaks; and regulate room temperature by opening and closing windows." Please be a part of the OCM BOCES energy conservation solution. Make a personal commitment to reduce energy consumption and share that commitment with colleagues and students. You are making a difference...Let's take it to a whole new level! Your Energy Committee thanks you.

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