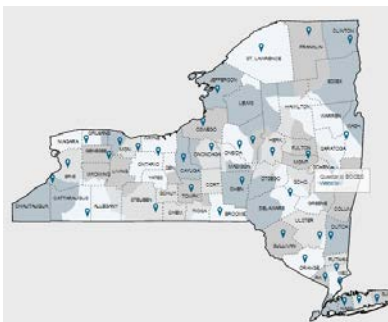


# Inside Story

## Common Grounds



### Did You Know?

By law, the [37 BOCES](#) in NYS must return money not spent during the year to their component school districts. Unlike businesses and school districts, BOCES begin each year with a \$0 balance. In layman's terms, BOCES are restricted in maintaining a savings account. This process is called "[BOCES Surplus.](#)"



### Fitness Reimbursement

Getting fit in 2016? Health Trust enrollees may be reimbursed for fitness activities and workout equipment through the Fitness Activity Reimbursement program. To learn more see the Trust's webpage: <http://www.ny44.e1b.org/domain/34>



### United Way Free Tax Preparation

The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County is offering free tax preparation. To see who qualifies, see [MyErie1](#).

## Changes to Note



### Happy Retirement

Rene Beaudry, microcomputer technical support specialist in Technology Services retired on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. Donald Moultrup, custodian in Management Services will retire on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016. Barbara Bockhahn, clerk typist in School Support Services is also slated to retire on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016. Congratulations to all, thank you for your service!

## News Zone – Education Campus



### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual E-Scrap 4 Camp

We are again collecting old electronics for recycling in March. The actual dates will be announced later this month. For every pound of electronics collected at the Education Campus, Sunnking Electronics Recycling will make a monetary donation to Camp Good Days to improve the quality of life for children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer. Donations will be accepted at the warehouse loading dock in the back of the Building A at the Education Campus.



### Parking Behind Building A

As previously e-mailed, please refrain from parking your car behind the campus in line with Multisorb's loading docks in building A. There are many 18-wheel tractor trailers being loaded and unloaded at this facility each day. The drivers of these tractor trailers are having a difficult time positioning their vehicles when the spaces across from their loading docks are occupied. Once the weather allows we will modify the current pavement marking and signs will also be posted to designate the parking spaces that are not to be used.



### Hospice Spring Bouquets

A sale for the 30th Anniversary Hospice Spring Bouquets has begun at the Education Campus. Gorgeous mixed bouquets for \$8 and special tribute bouquets for \$30 will be sold. For every tribute bouquet purchased an \$8 bouquet will be sent to brighten the day of a Hospice patient. If you would like to order flowers please register with Anne Schuh by Tuesday, Feb. 16. Bouquets will be delivered on March 1.



### Jeans Days 2/5 & 3/17

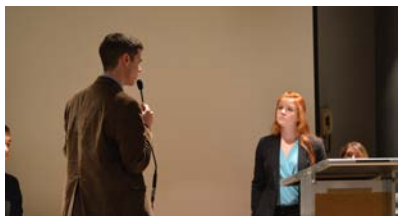
The Education Campus Employee Special Events Committee will hold a Superbowl Jeans & Jersey Day on Friday, Feb. 5. Then on Thursday, March 17 the committee will hold a Wear Green Jeans Day. Please see your regular ticket seller for your \$2 jeans day pass on those days.

## News Zone – Career & Technical Education



### Taste of Tech

In January, about 1,200 middle school students from across Western New York learned about 25 different career paths from high school students embarking on their own career journey at Erie 1 BOCES. The eighth grade students participated in the "Taste of Tech," an interactive tour that included hands-on activities at one of three Erie 1 BOCES' career centers. For example, students visiting the culinary program used a pasta press. Middle schoolers interested in electricity wired an electrical outlet, and criminal justice guests took fingerprints. Taste of Tech was planned in connection with the Western New York Middle School Counselor Association.



### Medical Debate at Buffalo General Hospital

Buffalo General Hospital was chock-full of debate as local high school students digested and demonstrated their knowledge about organ transplantation. Students enrolled in an academically competitive Connections program, which is offered by local schools in conjunction with Erie 1 BOCES, debated whether the US government should allow the sale of organs for transplantation. Fourteen seniors from Lancaster, Depew, Grand Island, Hamburg and Cardinal O'Hara high schools participated in the annual event. [Learn more...](#)



### NFADA Auto Tech Competition Results

If it were the Olympics, Erie 1 BOCES (E1B) would have won four out of the six medals awarded within the automotive category. At the Ron Smith Memorial Auto Tech Competition this January, high school juniors and seniors from E1B's three career centers

came in first, second and third place. Benjamin Serrano and Daniel Hudson, both from Kenmore West, secured first place in the Junior Tire Change Rodeo. The students attend E1B's Kenton Career & Technical Center under the instruction of Gary Willis and Gary Carlson, II. [Read more](#) about students who placed.



### **Criminal Trial Simulation**

The Francis Letro courtroom at UB Law School was the setting for the Erie 1 BOCES' Legal Academy mock trial on Jan. 20, 2016. Fourteen students from 10 school districts demonstrated their critical thinking skills while participating in a criminal trial simulation. Learn more at [this link](#).



### **Connecting with Automotive Businesses**

Seniors in the Automotive Technology program at Erie 1 BOCES Harkness Career & Technical Center spent a day visiting three large automotive businesses in WNY. General Motors (GM), Buffalo Harley Davidson and Cummins Northeast hosted the teens. Read more at [this link](#).



### **Kenton Automotive Job Fair**

Kenton held its first automotive job fair that was organized by teachers. Eight local dealers visited the center to interview students in the Automotive Technology program as well as Collision Repair program.



### **Free Playgroup**

Erie 1 BOCES Kenton Career & Technical Center, located in Tonawanda, has openings in a play group for children ages 2 to 4 years old. The Kenton playgroup is free and is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The program will begin on Tuesday, February 23 and go through Friday, April 8. Activities include art, music, games, play and a snack. With an excellent student to teacher ratio, the program doubles as a learning lab for high school juniors interested in early childhood development careers. For more information, please contact Ellen McKay at 716-961-4010. Enrollment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Kudos**



### **Kudos Mrs. Pat Perry's Class**

A thank you note was sent by a military officer who is deployed in the Middle East. "...my thanks to all the students in Mrs. Pat Perry's class. I really enjoyed the cards and the ornaments. We have a small Christmas tree that we put in our office and we put some of the ornaments on that tree. The others were taken by my fellow service members to decorate their rooms. I enjoyed the handmade cards and could tell a lot of hard work was put into them."

### **Kudos Denise Goñez-Santos**

From Laura Arpey, from NYSED, following Denise Goñez-Santos presentation to the Board of Regents regarding NYSESLAT. "You and Pietro did such a fantastic job of presenting at the Board of Regents meeting! You truly were awesome, and won over all the Regents! You should do all of our presenting!"

### **Kudos Jeff Blackman**

Lynn Fusco sent the following to Jeff Blackman in Technology Services following his help with

an evening event. "Your commitment to excellence has been evident in the board room and beyond...Your preparation and execution of the technical details were on point, and it was especially kind of you to go out of your way to help others prepare and close for the evening...You truly embody the cooperative spirit of Erie 1 BOCES."



### Kudos Steven Duckworth & Tech Support

Carol E. Barber, Deputy Superintendent/COO wrote the following:

"Kudos to Steven Duckworth and the members of E1 Technical Support who assisted with the Questar roll out of 3-8 online testing on Tuesday January 12th. Steven did extensive planning and testing with the 8 remote sites and it went off without a hitch. All remote sites were able to hear and see what they needed. Steven and the team followed through on all aspects and supported the presenters in a very professional manner. Thanks very much."

## Special Features



### Emotional Intelligence

Are you aware and in control of your emotional intelligence? What is it and how can it help you? Read [more here](#).



### Connecting with Co-Workers

Social gatherings are a great way for co-workers at Erie 1 BOCES to build better working relationships. In January, an after work mixer was held for all employees at The Cove. Nearly 100 people attended to feast on pizza and mingle. The photo to the left is from a division-specific outing where several people from Management Services took a painting class.



### Jokes of the Month

Q. What do you get when you cross fish and an elephant?

A. *Swimming Trunks*

Q. What did the pencil say to the other pencil?

A. *You're looking sharp!*

Q. What is the difference between a guitar and a fish?

A. *You can't tuna fish.*



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