

Inside Story

Common Grounds



Excel Honorees

At the March 14th Board of Education meeting, Erie 1 BOCES' administration recognized 11 outstanding students who exhibited great integrity and perseverance. Honorees included Hayleigh Benson, Amanda Buscaglia, Joei Colondres, Letia Commodore, Jerome Hearn II, Kyle Huttenmaier, Dylan Lis, Michael Marcil, Alex Prims, Sydney Towle and Kerri Wilson.

[Excel honoree details...](#)

Changes to Note



Retirements

The Board of Education recently approved the retirements of two long-standing employees Mark Butkowski and Kathleen Veguilla.

- Butkowski has worked for Erie 1 BOCES for the past 20 years as an offset machine operator in the print shop of Communication Services. He'll retire at the end of March. Please join us in celebrating his career, a card is available to sign at the front desk of building A or stop by for refreshments on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Room A-3.
- For nearly 19 years, Veguilla has been with Erie 1 BOCES as a programmer analyst in Technology Services. She will also retire at the end of March. Veguilla will be having a gathering on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in room A219. Please stop by to celebrate her career!



Welcome Bogner

David Bogner joined Erie 1 BOCES in January as the assistant principal for Northtowns Academy and the Twilight Program. Prior to taking his current job, David was a school counselor at McKinley High School in Buffalo for six years, where he also coached varsity football and baseball. Before working in education, David first worked in the sports industry, as an instructional coach with Cal Ripken Baseball, as the baseball and softball director with Camp Starlight and a sales associate for the Phoenix Coyotes.



Certification Achieved

Two students of Marc Hunt's video production and recording arts class are now certified as a Pro Tools for Game Audio User (version 12). Erik Kickhesen of Amherst and Ryan Lindahl from Sweet Home completed the 24-hour required training to qualify for the 50-question online exam, which they passed. There are only two schools in WNY, Harkness and NCCC, that can offer this training and opportunity for certification. In addition, Hunt is one of only two certified AVID instructors that can offer this Game Audio certification in New York State.



Cybersecurity Feature

RIC One, a cooperative of regional information centers across NY State, recently featured an Erie 1 BOCES' CTE program in their newsletter. See more details about E1B's Cybersecurity and Network program on page 3 of this [online flipbook](#).



Regional SkillsUSA Winners

Fifteen students from Erie 1 BOCES' three career and technical centers brought home trophies following the regional SkillsUSA competition at Alfred State College. Next, SkillsUSA students will travel to Syracuse to compete in the NY State Skills Leadership Conference April 25-27th, 2108. See the full list of the [SkillsUSA regional winners](#)...



Culinary Career Day

Nearly 100 high-school students hungry for knowledge in the culinary arts participated in a unique experience at Key Bank Center on Thursday, March 8. Professional chefs and culinarians from Delaware North provided an array of culinary demonstrations, a behind-the-scenes tour and judged a cook-off competition. [See Culinary Career Day winners and photos...](#)



Fashion Show

Students in the Fashion Design Technology program wowed the crowd when their handmade outfits hit the runway last week during the [2018 FUSION Fashion Show](#).



Backyard Bungalows

Thousands of visitors at the Buffalo Home Show toured student-built backyard bungalows. Next, the structures will be auctioned on April 14. The "Game Day Escape" and the "Relaxation Retreat" come with select furnishings. More on [www.cashauction.com](#)



Minecraft Madness

Team "Emerald Order" from Sweet Home Middle School won first place at the [Minecraft Middle School Team Competition](#) at Erie 1 BOCES' Potter Career & Technical Center. Eight teams of four students and one teacher competed from the Maryvale, Cleveland Hill, Amherst, Veronica E. Connor (Grand Island) and Sweet Home middle schools.



NTHS 2018

High school seniors from 27 area high schools were recognized for their technical aptitude on March 20. The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) inducted 174 students from Erie 1 BOCES' chapter during a ceremony at Maryvale High School. The ceremony consisted of a presentation of student certificates and the NTHS pledge of excellence. The keynote address was given by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.



A Changed Life

Adult Workforce Development graduate was honored by the county for turning his life around. [Watch Channel 4's report.](#)

News Zone – Education Campus



Denim & Tie Dye Day

April 20 will be a denim and wear tie-dye day hosted by the 12-month employee special events committee. Stickers to participate are \$2. See Dawn Schmidt, Valerie Winegarden, Dawn Novak or Sharon Hourihan. Proceeds will benefit E1B's employee events fund and SABAH.



Lock Your Computer

It is best practice to lock your computer when it is out of your eyesight. Please continue this practice. However, for an extra layer of protection, after 30 minutes of inactivity all computers will lock, requiring a password to log back in. E1B instructional centers already have a similar policy in place. However, the Education Campus will begin the 30-minute inactivity lock-out on March 26th. To lock your computer quickly, hold down the Windows icon and "L" key, then to unlock it simply hit the up arrow and enter your password.



HYLI Scholarships

2018 marked Erie 1 BOCES/RBE-RN's 26 year as a sponsor for WNY student delegates to attend the annual mock session of the NYS Assembly during the Annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute. Our delegation received four scholarships this year. See the full list of [HYLI honorees here...](#)



Program Featured in Magazine

WNY Family Magazine highlighted Project SEARCH on page 20 of their March edition. Erie 1 BOCES is one of a handful of partners that operate Project Search. See the [full magazine here...](#)



Dramatic Engagement

In the fall, middle school students in Dawn Bartlett's class at E1B Learning Center wrote and produced "Little House and the 3R's," a play that they presented to a neighboring classroom and staff. Their efforts included memorizing lines, advertising and invitations.

They featured several solo and group singing performances. Now the class is preparing for a spring musical with tentative date of May 11 for parents to attend.



Music To Our Ears

On the eve of St. Patrick's Day, students gathered in the halls of West Seneca West Elementary to hear live bagpipe music. John Pope, supervisor of Erie 1 BOCES Special Education, gave the lively performance. Employees of the West Seneca Central School District recorded and posted an excerpt on their social media. Listen to his [bagpipe performance here...](#)

COMING SEPTEMBER 2018!



EDGE Academy

Beginning in September 2018, Northtowns Academy will relocate its Alternative Education program from Tonawanda to the Pine Hill building in Cheektowaga. This change will allow Erie 1 BOCES to expand educational offerings to the youth enrolled in our programs. We want our students to have a competitive edge following graduation; the new Edge Academy will provide students personalized pathways to success. In addition to the curricular for a Regents diploma, students at the Edge Academy will explore, develop, grow and experience more by choosing from a series of five pathways designed to help them find their passion in

a supportive environment. All students will choose from one of five pathways: art, business, career and technical education, drama or music.

Kudos

Kudos Casey Miller

Following the release of a resource document from Finance and Legislative Services, a number of positive comments came in to Casey Miller. "Beautiful spreadsheet and graphics Casey," said Jamie Phillips from Lancaster CSD. And Cindy Tretter from Akron CSD wrote, "Kudos - this is extremely helpful!"

Kudos Melody Jason

On April 12, Melody Jason, executive director of Instructional Services, will be awarded with the ACTEA Sidney Platt Medallion of Honor Award. The award signifies the highest ideals of all members of ACTEA by furthering Career and Technical Education in the interest of quality programs for the youth and adults of New York State. In addition, this award recognizes a level of leadership that goes far beyond the "call of duty."

Kudos Jackie Albarella

Jackie Albarella, digital media instructor at Harkness Career & Technical Center, will be one of four women honored at Mayor Brown's Women's History Month event on March 26. The program will highlight her career in media and her current project, "Women in the City of Good Neighbors."

Kudos Communication Services

Following the annual fashion show, Darlene Borchert sent the following words of thanks to Communication Services for their help promoting the event and creating the program. "Thank you for the great marketing and media coverage for the fashion show! The tweets, posts, and web page look great! I appreciate all you do! Please share my appreciation with all who helped in your department."

Food Pantry Thanks

Julie Murray, registered nurse at Northtowns Academy, wrote:

On behalf of the Northtowns Food Pantry we would like to send out kudos to Lisa Putrelo and April Tucci from CPC who with their students donated over six large boxes of food. Students from CPC brought the donations over and helped stock the shelves. We thank them for their time, sense of community and generosity towards others.

We thank Pam Carland and the students at the Maryvale Work Readiness Program for the cereal drive they did for the Northtowns Food Pantry. Families were thrilled with the large selection they now have. Cereal is one item we always run out of and they filled a huge void for us.

A belated but sincere thank you to everyone at Education Campus (Service Center) for the donations of both food and hygiene products that came before and after the holidays. The generosity shown and variety of items donated filled many of the family's needs we could not have met otherwise. One of our mother's became teary-eyed when she was able to get dental floss stating, "We haven't had the extra money for it in months." Thank you for helping us meet the many needs both educational and every day, our students and their families have.

Special Features

I Have a Dream

Student Essay By Sean Nugent,
E1B Learning Center, Middle School Student in Dawn Bartlett's Class

I have a dream, where people should not be laughed at because of their knowledge, but by their jokes they tell. They will make enemies laugh and to discuss problems and solutions.

I have a dream, where every student respects and cares for peers. If a student drops even a pencil, a peer would always be willing to help.

I have a dream, where everyone can afford a home and college. That people don't need a lot of intellect, but to be capable to work.

That's My Dream.

Quote of the Month

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."
-Douglas Adams



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