

Inside Story

Common Grounds



One Day Left to Change Health Enrollment

Open enrollment for your 2019-20 employee benefits ends on May 24. This is your opportunity to enroll or make changes to benefits afforded to you as an eligible E1B employee including: health, dental, and flexible spending accounts. You only need to log in to the [BSwift](#) system if you are making changes to your Health or Dental Insurance. For all enrollment assistance, please contact Sharon Brzoskowski at sbrzoskowski@e1b.org or 821-7078.



Summer Golf Tournaments

Three favorite summer events are returning for another year. As a reminder: if any of these events occur on a day that you are normally scheduled to work, you must first process a personal or vacation day request to attend.

- The 46th Annual BOCES Open will take place on Thursday, July 11 at the Holland Hills Country Club. This year's raffle will benefit JDRF Improving Lives. Curing Type 1 Diabetes. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Their strength lies in their exclusive focus and singular influence on the worldwide effort to end T1D. Cost is \$85/per person, or \$340/foursome.

Register by June 21. BOCES Open registration [details here](#).

- The Tenth Annual Friends of the NY44 Golf Tournament will be in Memory of Dr. Darleen Michalak played at Chestnut Hill Country Club on Thursday, July 18. Proceeds to benefit Danceability. Registration is now open: \$400 per foursome. If you do not have a foursome, we can pair you with a team, \$100 per golfer. Golf package includes green fees with cart, lunch at the turn, happy hour and appetizers, steak dinner, prizes, raffles, longest drive, closest to the pin and other fun contests. [NY44 Golf Tournament registration](#).

- The 19th Annual WNYRIC Open is Thursday July 25 at Byrnclyff Resort. All proceeds to benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo. Cost is \$115/golfer; \$460/foursome. Includes golf and cart for 18 holes, lunch and beverage at the 9th hole, steak dinner, one-hour premium open bar before dinner. WNYRIC Open [details here](#) or for more information email aschuh@e1b.org, or dkajdasz@e1b.org.



Phishing Emails

Recently, we've been seeing an increase in the amount of phishing emails coming into the district. As a result, some accounts were compromised. To help users identify these emails, we will be adding a header to any email that was received from outside of the organization. If we detect a compromised account, we will automatically lock the account to prevent it from sending out more phishing emails. [How to address phishing emails...](#)

Changes to Note



Retirements

The following retirements were accepted at the May 8 Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education meeting. Congratulations!

- Ann Cipressi, Special Education, 25 years of service.
- Patricia Perry, Career and Technical Education 15 years of service.
- Barbara Martin, Special Education with 28 years of service.



Board Briefs

Following each Board of Education meeting, Communication Services posts a brief description of HR's personnel actions. While not the official minutes, which are approved at the following month's meeting, this brief provides employees advance notice of the approved changes. All [Board Briefs](#) are accessible on the home page of MyErie1. Read [May's Board Brief](#).



New Role for Przywara

Scott Przywara was named chief data protection, security and compliance officer for Erie 1 BOCES on May 13, 2019. In this new role, Przywara will be responsible for the organization's policies and procedures to manage the protection, security of and access to, information deemed confidential, sensitive or regulatory protected by federal and state laws. Most recently, Przywara served as chief microcomputer technical support specialist for Erie 1 BOCES. He has been an employee of Erie 1 BOCES Technology Services Division since 1995.

Office 365 News & Tips



Distribution List, Groups, Team: Now Upon Request Only

When it comes to a distribution list, an Office 365 Group or a Microsoft Team, the difference can be confusing. The only function of a distribution list is email to multiple recipients, whereas an O365 Group has the same email capability while adding the features of shared files, calendar, notebook, planner, site, and conversations. A Microsoft Team adds even more features than a Group including chat and an app to collaborate. To eliminate some of the confusion, the ability to create these will no longer be available. In order to create an email distribution list or O365 Group, please submit the [Email/O365 Group Request form](#). To create a Microsoft Team, submit the [Microsoft Teams Request form](#).



Outlook Tips and Tricks

Additional classes for Outlook are available for [registration in EMR](#). All sessions will be in room A212 at the Education Campus. Participants can bring their laptop, use a laptop in the room, or simply watch. Session dates are:

- 6/5 – 10 a.m. to noon
- 6/11 – 1 to 3 p.m.
- 6/18 – 1 to 3 p.m.
- 6/26 – 10 a.m. to noon

BLOOD DRIVE

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Thursday, June 6

Unyts Blood Drive

As summer approaches, it is a [critical time to collect blood](#) for our local hospitals. Unyts will be hosting a blood drive on *Thursday, June 6* at the Education Campus in room B2A from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. As a token of their thanks, Unyts will provide all donors with a pair of pre-season Bills tickets. Unyts is the primary supplier of blood products for ECMC, Kaleida Health, and all the hospitals in Niagara and Wyoming Counties. [Tips for first-time donors...](#)



Students Show Off Styles at FUSION Fashion Show

The 10th annual [FUSION Fashion Show](#) on May 15 brought hundreds of people to the Harkness Career & Technical Center to see the culminating work of students in the Fashion Design Technology program. Models hit the runway with their student-made outfits for the show. This year's theme was "Mosaic of Art," with seniors exhibiting their personally designed and sewn collections and juniors showing pieces that they sewed. A "hair show" element was added, with Cosmetology program students doing hair and makeup for their own models. Additional programs involved in the show included Culinary Arts, Animal Science, Barbering, Building Trades, Baking & Pastry Arts, Video

Production & Recording Arts, Criminal Justice and Digital Media.



Aviation Students Rank High in National Contest for 2nd Year

Students in the Aviation Technology program at the Harkness Career & Technical Center once again ranked high across the nation in a design challenge, held by the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA). The Harkness class placed second among 136 teams, earning a two-day visit from the Redbird Flight Simulations STEM Lab Camp. This ranking follows last year's first-place win, when four students from the team were sent on an all-expenses paid trip to help build a plane at Glasair Aviation in Arlington, Washington. To learn more about the competition, [read the press release](#).



2nd Place
in NYS

SkillsUSA

NYS Honorees

Seven career and technical students, from Harkness and Kenton, took home trophies from the NY State SkillsUSA competition this April. The competition consisted of a series of skills and procedures specific to each discipline. Students completed each criterion and were judged upon knowledge performance and skills performance. Nick Thompson, a senior in Mr. Merlino's electrical systems class, will be representing NYS at the national competition this June. [All honorees are listed on E1B.org](#).



Building Trades Seniors Build Shed at Frontier

Seniors in David Grieco's Building Trades program at the Potter Career & Technical Center have been working off-site at Frontier High School lately, building a shed for the school's sports booster team.



Class Project the Size of a House

Cash Realty & Auctions will auction a student built modular home on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9 a.m. The 1,248 square-foot ranch was built by the high school students enrolled in Erie 1 BOCES building trades program at the Harkness Career & Technical Center. The house features two bedrooms plus a den with a five-foot computer desk, Kraftmade Cabinets, Andersen windows and doors, 30-year architectural shingles and a full set of stamped architectural prints. For nearly 20 years, students have built similar homes as part of their hands-on training via public education. [House construction details...](#)

News Zone – Exceptional Education

“Spring Fling” Prom

On May 17, high school students across Special Education’s functional strand gathered in Maryvale’s school gym to participate in this year’s prom event. Many students dressed in 1950s attire to align with the dance’s theme. The students enjoyed dancing, a soda station and a pizza lunch. Table center pieces were created by students in Tom Rojek’s art class. The placemats were created between the art and Norma Mahoney’s workshop classes.



EDGE Showcase

Various grade levels and pathway classes participated in the Pathway Showcase at EDGE Academy on May 22. Open to the public, parents and community members enjoyed the student creations. Interactive experiences included musical performances and still artworks being created during the show. There were videos on display from the drama classes and the school store was open in support of the business pathway.



Kudos



Kudos Tour of Homes

Following her attendance at the events, Carol Hebden, principal clerk in Management Services, reflected on her experience. "A group of us took advantage of the Home Tour at Harkness Center this morning. It was amazing! David Bogner, the assistant principal, guided our tour showing us the many opportunities that BOCES has to offer. This was the third (tour) I attended and I found them all very informative and impressive to see what our BOCES really contributes to educating students. I have been at BOCES for 16 years, and really didn't know what the other centers were really like. I think the Tour of Homes was a wonderful idea. Thank you!"

Carol's photo of Laurie Kazimer, senior account clerk, Management Services and Bernard Scozzaro, culinary teacher.



Kudos Denise Gonez-Santos

Denise Gonez-Santos, a supervisor at RBE-RN West, has been honored by the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women, Inc. The annual WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP Recognition Dinner 2018-2019 honors inspiring women who have been an essential part to Western New York's growth as a community. She is one of 12 women to be honored on June 5. As part of this recognition, she will also be interviewed live on [WKBW's AM Buffalo](#) on May 28 at 10 a.m.

Special Features



Laughing Our Way into Spring

Q: Which crime fighter likes May the most?

A: Robin

Q: Who conducts the spring orchestra?

A: May-stro.

Q: What goes up when May rain comes down?

A: An umbrella.



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