

# Inside Story

## Common Grounds



### Live United

Thanks to your generous support, the United Way of Erie County has improved the lives of one out of every three people in Erie County. That means your neighbor, your friend and possibly a family member has been helped by your generosity. August marks the launch of Erie 1 BOCES' annual United Way campaign. There are three ways to help. See a video and [more details on MyErie1](#) to learn how you can contribute by Sept. 20.



### Annual Acknowledgements

Each year, employees are informed about the requirement to complete their acknowledgements for the Compliance Videos and Policies & Regulations. Knowledge of our procedures regarding certain rules and regulations affects us all as Erie 1 BOCES employees. Start your annual acknowledgements here:

<https://www2.e1b.org/HRandPayroll/AnnualAcknowledgements.aspx>



### Network Outages

In the unlikely event that the organization encounters another instance of a long-term network outage, the WNYRIC is putting new protocols in place. One of those items is an off-network notification website that will contain regular updates. Using your off-network device, such as a cell phone or home computer, simply type [status.wnyric.org](http://status.wnyric.org) into the URL field.



### Update Your Contact Info

All employees should review your contact information that is on file with the district. This includes reviewing your emergency contacts on file. You may see what is in Erie 1 BOCES' system by clicking through WinCap Web, which is the same site where employees access pay stubs. To modify or update your contact information, simply process an e-form titled "Name/Contact Change."



### WebEX Resource

A friendly reminder that all employees have access to use WebEx, an online meeting space that allows you to virtually meet with other people, without leaving your desk. This system is also used for phone-based conference calls. To learn how to use this system, visit [Tech Tips](#) within MyErie1 or speak with your supervisor about arranging a team training.



## Welcome New Employees

At the end of August, the Human Resources division hosted a cross-divisional orientation for new employees of Erie 1 BOCES. The new employees who were able to attend took a tour of various locations and were provided awareness training on a number of resources, operational practices, services and technologies. This was the first event of its kind in recent history and the division is hoping to offer future sessions.

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## News Zone – Education Campus



### Denim & Jersey Day

Friday, Sept. 8 will be a denim and jersey 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 St. Jude.



### Texas Denim Day

Friday, Sept. 15 will be a denim and jersey day hosted by the 12-month employee special events committee. Stickers to participate are \$5; to purchase, see Dawn Schmidt, Valerie Winegarden, Dawn Novak or Sharon Hourihan. In addition, a split raffle will be held outside of the café with a drawing at 1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Texas Hurricane Relief.



### Halloween Dress Up/Denim Day

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the 12-month employee special events committee will host a Halloween Dress Up or Denim fundraiser. Please be sure your costume or jeans are "business appropriate." Stickers to participate are \$2 each; to purchase, see Dawn Novak, Sharon Hourihan, Valerie Winegarden or Dawn Schmidt. Proceeds benefit E1B's employee events fund and Hunter's Hope.



### Food Truck Rodeo

Two bargaining units for non-instruction staff, AFSCME 12-Month and the Management Association, organized a lunchtime treat for their members. In early August, various food trucks parked at the Education Campus to feed their members a complementary lunch. Through Gary Hyla, AFSCME president, the two units also graciously extended an invitation to other E1B units and employees. Many culinary delights were enjoyed by all.



### Attitude Changes Everything

Sam Glenn, an author and artist, met with more than 450 instructional services staff members from Erie 1 BOCES to share his message about "attitude changes everything." In addition to many comical tales to demonstrate attitude awareness, he created a painting of an eagle during his presentation. To ensure the message lives on, the painting will be rotated through Erie 1 BOCES' various locations over the course of the year. [Read more...](#)



### STEM Camp

STEM Camp at Hamburg High School provided 29 incoming freshmen with a jump-start on the school year and an introduction to career and technical fields. This interactive 4-day experience in August included culinary, tech and fitness classes through a partnership between Hamburg Central and Erie 1 BOCES.

## Kudos



### Kudos Denise Góñez Santos

Denise Góñez Santos, executive director of the Regional Bilingual Education-Resource Network (RBE-RN) West, will be honored by Niagara University. On Thursday, Sept. 28, she will receive the St. Louise de Marillac Award for outstanding community service. Congratulations!



### Kudos Marc Hunt

Marc Hunt was recently awarded with a nearly \$2,000 grant from the NYS Associations for Computers and Technologies in Education. The grant money will be used to purchase virtual reality cameras to allow students to create their own Virtual Reality Digital Storytelling project. As seniors, students will build upon the skills they learned in the first year of the program and gain knowledge of cutting-edge technology while creating a video that is a visual expression of a favorite poem, lyric, quote or passage. Marc is a TV and Sound Production teacher at Harkness Career & Technical Center.



### Kudos Print Graphics

Sharon Catalano with Akron Central Schools sent the following words of thanks to Kim Borden and Kim Gretka in the Print Graphics area of Communication Services, "Just wanted to say thanks for the nice job on our calendar again! I appreciate all that you do each year to produce an attractive and useful publication for our school."

## Special Features



### Quote of the Month

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping it together is progress. Working together is success." -Henry Ford



### Better Breakfast Month

In honor of school being in session, it's Better Breakfast Month. Better Breakfast Month is an annual designation observed every September in an effort to eat a healthy breakfast. Statistics show that children learn better (and everyone performs their daily tasks better) if they've had a nutritious breakfast. Additionally, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) examined the diets of 4,218 adults, showing that breakfast eaters, particularly women, were more likely to have a BMI under 25. Here are some [breakfast tips from the Mayo Clinic](#). If you are excited about your healthy breakfast, the national campaign asks supporters to use #BetterBreakfastMonth in their posts on social media.



### Like Us, Share Us and Re-Tweet Us

One of the easiest ways you can help promote Erie 1 BOCES is by following us and interacting with us on social media. If you like, share or re-tweet E1B's postings you can quickly spread the word about the great work accomplished by E1B.

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