

## Alternative and Special Education

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by Dutchess County Youth Bureau for the 2009 Youth Excellence Awards:

- Aaron Croulet (AHS) – Success Despite Difficult Odds
- Te'Natra Settles (SPC) – Most Significant Improvement in Overall Performance
- Antonio Shanks (AHS) – Most Significant Improvement in Overall Performance

Five classes at the Alternative High School (AHS) participated in a live web cast sponsored by the Hudson River Estuary at Norrie Point. Students participated in this web cast and were able to send in questions and receive feedback. Also participating were students as far away as Florida.

The course completion rate at AHS has increased to a rate that now requires a monthly “congrats” posting board, replacing the yearly board. The board is located outside the AHS cafeteria and contains a picture of the student and the course title completed. The board now holds hundreds of completed courses over this past school year.

Alternative High School art teacher Jeanette Straebler and fifteen of her students had the opportunity to visit an art exhibit at the SUNY New Paltz campus.

In early May 2009, Dutchess BOCES received a letter from SED notifying the organization that the Special Education Space Requirements Plan has been approved and is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of Section 200.2(g) of the Regulations of the Commission of Education. SED recognized the time and effort of the many stakeholders who participated in the development of the plan. Congratulations to all those who participated in this project, and especially to Director of Alternative & Special Education Norah Merritt for her role in the development and submission of this plan.

During the first week of June, the Salt Point Center students' artwork, shopwork and writing was displayed in the hallway outside the gym. On June 3 the elementary students and staff presented “Oh the Places You'll Go!” – visions of places around the world. On June 4 the middle school students presented a Talent Show of song, dance and skits. Bravo to the staff and students for their great performances and many thanks to SPC's creative and talented Barb Mauer for once again organizing this wonderful event.

The Salt Point Center Moving Up Day is scheduled for June 16 at 10 a.m. SPC is thrilled to announce that forty-one 8th graders will be “moving up” and will either return to their home school district or attend our Alternative High School.

The 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby Contest took place at SPC on May 28. Ethan Curtis, a third grade student in the PEACCE program, was the top winner. Each year this event is coordinated by SPC Shop teacher Jodiah Jacobs. The derby is a school-wide event and both students and staff may participate. Each participant must design, build and race their wooden derby car.

With a \$500 grant received from the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, Red Oaks Mill Community-Based teacher Erin Scott and her students produced a yearbook of their photos and the many events that took place in their program during the past school year. Scott worked closely with her students to produce the contents of the book and used Snapfish to bring it to its final bound version.

The Salt Point Center Spelling Bee competition took place on May 29. Denise Traver and Norah Merritt were judges. Congratulations to Amparo Clemente for organizing this wonderful event! Students who participated in the Spelling Bees throughout the school year were recognized for their commitment and participation. First place winners were Jacob A. (Grades K-2), Shaquez N. (Grades 3-4), Jordan S. (Grades 5-6), and Bradley F. (Grades 7-8). Runner-ups were Robert B. (Grades K-2), Michael T. (Grades 3-4), Josh E. (Grades 5-6), and Darren M. (Grades 7-8). This year's judges were Linda Kilpatrick, Norah Merritt and Denise Traver. Congratulations to all those who participated and many thanks to the Spelling Bee committee members, Amparo Clemente and Quinn Jackson.

The Salt Point Center summer school programs are robust and offer a wide range of programs for students across the county. For more information, please contact Norah Merritt at 486-4840, extension 3034.

The County Planning Team for Response to Intervention (RTI) was held at the Salt Point Center Media Center on May 20. Hank Bohanon presented information on RTI and school-wide support. This workshop was well attended and the information was useful for positive behavior intervention systems (PBIS) at the secondary level.

Director of Alternative & Special Education Norah Merritt attended the annual meeting of the NYS Alternative Education Association (AEA) in Albany on May 22. Merritt is now acknowledged as a regional representative for alternative schools in New York.

On June 9, local businesses were recognized for supporting youth internships at Vassar College and at Poughkeepsie's Galleria Mall. The two events honored over 40 local businesses throughout Dutchess County that provided viable work experience sites for Dutchess BOCES students working toward

IEP diplomas. Work-Based Learning is a two-level program offering internships to both the Alternative High School population as well as Special Education students attending classes in our satellite program district classes and the Red Oaks Mill community-based classroom. The Work-Based program is offered to classified students as an introduction to the world of work following the School to Work (STW) model. Work experience in the community is an integral part of the program. Special thanks to the local businesses who so willingly support this wonderful program by giving our students a great work experience.

Thirty Alternative High School (AHS) students earned the opportunity to go to Six Flags Great Adventure on June 4. This trip was exclusive to students who reached Level III or higher in the AHS's point system. Only thirty slots were available and all thirty were filled.

The Autism Directory Services, Inc. awarded a grant to Lisa Slagle for her students to work this summer at Pizza Hut, Perkins Pancake House, Walgreens, Fishkill Senior Center, Astor Early Childhood center, and The Daily Planet. The students will be involved in food services, childcare, pricing and stocking, and clearing tables. Students participating in the summer work program are Stefan Chamberlin, Christopher Argiropoulos, Stephen Carcone, Victoria Bechtler, Domenico Rispo, and Joseph Cifone.

Congratulations to Ashley Bathrick, Stephen Bunk and Christopher Zimoulis for being recipients of the Arlington Rotary Student-of-the-Month awards for May 2009. These students were honored at a luncheon at CTI.

The BOCES Prom at Arlington High School took place on May 1 in the high school's café. A good compliment of students and staff attended. Many thanks to all the students, faculty and staff who helped put this great event together, with special thanks to Doug Gilmour, Lisa Slagle and Maureen Moloney.

During the months of April and May, Erin Scott's community-based classroom worked with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and assembled walkathon materials. In addition, Scott's class assisted the fire department with a 5,000-piece mail project.

The AHS Creative Arts Show took place on May 7. This year's show was extremely successful, receiving rave reviews from all students and staff. Congratulations to all students and staff members who organized and participated in this year's show!

The Alternative High School graduation took place on Friday, June 12 at 12 p.m. This year's class was the biggest one in AHS history, with over 60 seniors graduating. Three graduating seniors addressed the audience – Katie Alexander, James Cornett and Brianne McPherson. AHS art student Sean Cotten designed the graduation invitation.

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## Business Office

Staff Specialist for Business Services Kelly Seibert announced huge energy savings for Dutchess BOCES. We now participate in a program provided by the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA). MEGA's mission is to achieve the most competitive prices for electricity and natural gas for its members in order to minimize the cost of energy in the near term. MEGA also supports energy cost savings in the long-term through promotion of energy conservation and development of alternative energy resources. During the first quarter of 2009, MEGA projected that our electric accounts are saving at an annual rate of about \$88,741. This is a savings of approximately 16% on electricity, compared to the local utility's anticipated supply costs. Component school districts that participate will also realize huge savings.

Over the past several months, the Office of Communications and Grants Research gathered information on the specifications

of our current copy machines. The New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS) provides contracts for municipalities and school districts, affording excellent pricing on a variety of procurement contracts. After putting together the information gathered from the various divisions, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new copy machines was developed and five major vendors submitted responses. The proposals were specific to pricing and conditions under the NYS OGS contract for copy machines. Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Linda Poleski and Purchasing Agent Debbie McAllister carefully reviewed the vendor proposals and references. A determination was made that Xerox Corporation will provide our next round of copy machines under a 36-month contract. New machines will be in place on or about August 1, with training provided to end-users. Compared to the current contract, Dutchess BOCES will realize an annual savings of approximately \$25,000 on a three-year contract!

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## Career & Technical Education

CTI Principal Mitchell Shron is proud to announce that a bench in memory of Stefan Yablonsky was recently placed in front of CTI. This bench was made possible through the fund-raising efforts of CTI's staff members and SkillsUSA students.

### The Dutchess County Fair - August 25 - 30, 2009

For six days each August, the Dutchess Fairgrounds on Route 9 in Rhinebeck plays host to nearly half a million patrons for the Dutchess County Fair. The second largest county fair in New York State is filled with big name talents, one of the finest carnivals in the entire country, free shows and attractions. Dutchess BOCES will have a tent at the fair. Look for Dutchess BOCES on the infield. For more information, please feel free to contact Mitchell Shron at Mitchell.shron@dcboces.org. For more info about the fair, visit [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com).

What a car! On May 27 and 28, CTI students and staff had the opportunity to learn all about the General Motors hydrogen powered car. The car was on display at CTI through a program entitled "Project Driveway". These cars are not in production yet. Hydrogen power is a significant development in that its only emissions are given off in the form of pure water. CTI students were given a glimpse of the future of car maintenance. Thanks to CTI teacher Larry Sullivan for bringing the car to Dutchess BOCES.

A Student Recognition Ceremony was held on June 10 at 11:00 a.m. at MTI. This ceremony is an annual event that has been coordinated for twenty years and is a wonderful partnership between Abilities First (formerly Rehab Programs) and the Dutchess BOCES Adult Education Program. Year-

round, we provide three basic education classes to adults with developmental disabilities who work at the Abilities First workshop. Each year, our students are acknowledged at this ceremony for their achievement and progress in reading, math and communication skills. Parents, relatives, and friends of the students and staff were invited to this special ceremony.

The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) inducted several CTI students on May 28. Inductees were:

- Rachel Colombo, Cosmetology
- Pamela Compton, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management
- Lauren DelBiondo, Early Childhood Education
- Che-la Devonshire, Pre-Nursing
- Jenna Finger, Cosmetology
- Gregory Johnson, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management
- Elizabeth Laffin, Security & Public Safety
- Ronald Limoges, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management
- Michael Lynch, Communication Technology Academy
- Jonathan Oltz, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management
- Brittany Palmatier, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management
- Alysa Robinson, Early Childhood Education
- Jessica Scofield, Communication Technology Academy
- Cassidy Sedore, Early Childhood Education
- Michael Seils, Communication Technology Academy
- Janice Smith, Fashion & Retail Marketing
- Nina Tyler, Introduction to Health Occupations

Dutchess BOCES is a partner in the Perkins II Grant Program. CTI will be using this grant money for alternative energy programs. CTI trade electric teacher Al Berti received training in photo voltaic energy. CTI will be using the grant to purchase solar panels for training our students in alternative energy solutions.

The annual CTI Field Day was held on June 5. Skills USA students ran the event as a fund-raiser, offering car washes, food and a chance to smash a car (safely) using a sledgehammer! Over \$460 was raised! Thanks to all for their hard work and efforts!

Cosmetology and Early Childhood Education students went to see the Broadway show, Mamma Mia. In addition, the Cosmetology students attended a master artist class for stage makeup, which was funded through the Community Foundation of Dutchess County's Field Trip Grant Program.

CTI's Melissa Greig and her junior class car pooled to Mt. Saint Mary's College to attend the "Teaching It's a Class Act" conference on April 29. Each student attended two break-out sessions from the following topics - Why Teach Math?, Why Teach Science?, and Why Teach Special Education? Everyone came away very inspired!

A former student of Melissa Greig's spoke to the senior class about her experiences with autism and her work at the Anderson School. Anna Laferriere, an FDR student, studied early education in her junior and senior year at CTI with Greig. Following her high school graduation, Anna was hired by the Anderson School and has been there for the past six years. She also shared with the class her experience working in the field of special education.

The Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents (school superintendents in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties) held its 44th Annual Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner to honor high school seniors for their outstanding academic achievement. Each high school was invited to send a team consisting of two top student scholars, Board President, Superintendent, and high school Principal. CTI's valedictorian James Findley and salutatorian Megan Kantner were honored at this very prestigious event that took place on Wednesday, May 27 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown. Under a separate program from Dutchess Community College (DCC), our two top students, Findley and Kantner, were offered full-tuition scholarships to the college.

A 5-part series on Home Energy Audits and the pilot adult education class at Dutchess BOCES is being aired on Time Warner Cable. The first of a 5-part series aired on June 5 on Channel 6 at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. For more information about energy audit services and principles of saving energy (i.e. Energy 101) visit [www.homeenergyconsultantsllc.com](http://www.homeenergyconsultantsllc.com).

The Dutchess BOCES Career & Technical Institute (CTI) presented PROJECT TWELVE: Film Festival and Graphic Art Show on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. Graduating students from the Communications Technology Academy showcased their best work on this special night. Original films and fantastic graphic artwork were presented. Congrats to all the students for their participation and to CTI teachers Jim Robishaw, Steve Lawson and Michael White for their guidance and support!

A group of MTI staff members participated in the American Cancer's Society "Relay for Life" to raise money in memory of Tammy Hasbrouck, who was a part-time instructor at MTI. The event took place on May 30 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

The Victory Lake Nursing Center hosted a breakfast on May 12 and 13 to honor the Dutchess BOCES pre-nursing students who completed their clinicals at the facility. The clinicals were coordinated by Jerry Wood, owner of Victory Lake and Campbell Hall Rehabilitation Center, and the Career and Technical Institute (CTI) pre-nursing program. Two groups of high school seniors from schools throughout Dutchess County participated weekly for the past three months learning mandatory clinical skills in basic nursing to help them prepare for the New York State Certified Nursing Assistant exam. The breakfast included speakers in the nursing profession from both the Victory Lake and the rehabilitation centers. Administrator, Helen Byron spoke to students and said, "The program is a win-win for everyone involved. The students bring a lot of life to the residents of the nursing home with their joyful and helpful attitudes." Delphine Bruce, Director of Nursing agreed, "The residents love them. The students' energy and smiles are very catching." Students were complimented on their good observations and interest in nursing by asking important questions. In addition to continuing the partnership with CTI's pre-nursing clinical program at Victory Lake, Wood announced that he would be offering tuition assistance and reimbursement to those students who are interested in pursuing their LPN after graduation! Wood also offered immediate employment to any of these students!

We love the positive kudos . . . and here's one from Donna Peterson, a former part-time employee who recently moved to Iowa. Peterson concluded the Dutchess BOCES online ed2go course entitled "A-Z Grant Writing" and stated, "I just wanted to let you know that I was TOTALLY IMPRESSED with

this class! Everything from the quality of the materials and resources, expertise and helpfulness of the instructor, format of class (including being able to “attend class” at 2 a.m., if needed) was awesome! I would recommend it to anyone.” Thanks, Donna, for sharing!

On the cover of our Spring 2009 issue of *The BOCES Communicator*, we featured an article about our Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, a 12-week program offered several times a year through the Adult Education Program, and the students’ experience at the Elant Nursing Home in Wappingers Falls. We are proud to say that featured on page 12 of the May 2009 edition of *LifeWorks*, a newsletter published by Elant, appeared an article entitled “Dutchess County BOCES Students Lend a Hand.” What a wonderful way for the partnership between Dutchess BOCES and Elant to spread the great news about each organization’s programs and services!

Staff members from our Adult Education Division and personnel from the Continuing Education Department at Dutchess Community College (DCC) recently took part in a panel discussion with representatives from IBM to discuss potential courses that may fit into IBM’s Personal Learning Accounts Program. Within this program, IBM will match 50% of the cost up to \$1,000 for its employees to use for our adult education classes and/or classes offered by DCC.

Car Give Away! Dutchess County Executive William Steinhaus, Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Social Services Robert Allers, and Dutchess BOCES District Superintendent John C. Pennoyer are pleased to announce that twenty-two pre-determined families will receive donated vehicles from the Community Solutions for Transportation (CST) and Wheels for Work (WFW) programs at a community

presentation on June 24 at the Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, from 10:00 am. to 12:00 p.m. The twenty-two families selected to receive donated vehicles were chosen based on specific program guidelines, including their work-related need for transportation. In addition, they have all displayed the perseverance and the commitment necessary to continually take steps towards financial independence. These families will finally experience “What a Difference a Car Makes.” Having their own vehicle will help them to obtain and retain employment or gain access to higher education to increase their wage potential.

Congratulations to CTI’s Madeleine Myers-Stearns, RN, MS, NP and a Nurse Educator for Dutchess BOCES for being one of three winners of the 24th Annual 2009 Nursing Excellence Award. Myers-Stearns practices innovative, student-centered teaching and learning strategies, and uses educational tools in new and creative ways to capture and keep the students attention. Her evaluations are based on both formative and summative assessments, which truly reflect her students’ abilities. She instructs in anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, nutrition, mental health, maternal health, and health occupations. Also, she has been a clinical instructor at Saint Francis Hospital, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, and at numerous nursing homes in the Hudson Valley. In addition, Myers-Stearns is a family nurse practitioner at Horizon Medical in Monroe. Besides being a published author in the *NYS Licensed Practical Nurse Journal* and *Advance for LPNs*, she also maintains a *Nursing and Health Occupation* web site and has been a featured speaker at the Marlboro Mid-Hudson Library System. She is truly a dedicated educator and a credit to the nursing profession. Congratulations, Madeleine!

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## Central Office

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As the Internet expands, so do the resources for teachers, students and lifelong learners. A recent letter received from United States Senator Charles E. Schumer details online information sources through the Library of Congress. The teacher’s page of the Library of Congress web site, accessible via the Internet at [www.loc.gov/teachers/](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/), is the ideal starting point for any educator who wants to put the power of primary sources to work in the classroom. On this page you can access tutorials, interactive student activities, web casts, and lesson plans, all of which are teacher-tested and standards-based. Other online sources include a self-serve program that should be launched in the summer of 2009, <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/index.html>. In addition, an area that enables young students and lifelong learners alike to learn more about our nation’s history and cultural heritage in a fun and engaging way may be found at [www.americaslibrary.gov](http://www.americaslibrary.gov).

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Linda Heitmann would like to thank all those who assisted in gathering the information for the 2007-2008 Dutchess BOCES Report Card. Special thanks to Pat Horgan for her assistance in putting this document together and to and Jeff Rouse for posting it to the SED and Dutchess BOCES web site.

The Dutchess BOCES Summer Studies Grant Committee reviewed several grant proposals and has made a recommendation to the Dutchess BOCES Board of Trustees for several of the proposed projects. More information will be available in the near future.

At the May meeting of the Enterprise Group, one of our newest partners, St. Francis Hospital, discussed with the group a collaboration of training needs within the medical industry. Adult Education Administrator Sherre Wesley and Nicole Peluse of St. Francis met to map out a great training program to be delivered through Dutchess BOCES. This program will be geared to assist with staffing needs of St. Francis. Thanks to the Enterprise Group members and Wesley for utilizing the input that will help to serve our community.

On Wednesday, May 27 the Community Foundation of Dutchess County celebrated its 40th anniversary of dedicated service and charitable giving in the Hudson Valley by holding its 24th Annual Partnership in Education awards program. More than 270 guests including teachers, students, fund holders, community leaders, representatives from businesses and nonprofit organizations as well as current and former Foundation Trustees and volunteers gathered to share in the success of the Foundation. Congratulations to Dutchess BOCES staff members Lisa Slagle and Erin Scott for receiving grants!

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## Communications & Grants Research

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Web Services Staff Specialist Jeff Rouse met with Broome-Tioga BOCES to begin the planning of the creation of an online job database modeled after the one he developed for Roberto Bonafont's Work-Based Learning program at CTI. To view this program visit <http://www.dcboces.org/CTI/workbasedlearning>. Once completed, students in Broome-Tioga's Career & Technical Education program will be able to look for jobs posted by local businesses, just like CTI's students can today.

Spackenkill Schools has a new web site designed by Jeff Rouse that was launched in April - <http://www.spackenkillschools.org>. During this same time period, the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center launched their new web site - <http://www.mhtc.dcboces.org>. Both web sites take advantage of a type of web-based application known as a content management system. The program they're using, Drupal, makes it very easy for the "owners" of the content on the web site to directly edit and update their own portion of the web site through a very user-friendly web interface. This alleviates the need to wait for the designated webmaster to do it for them or the need to know how to edit HTML code. Dutchess BOCES and Millbrook Central Schools will also be migrating to Drupal over this coming summer.

Under the direction of Anna Marie Martino, Director of CGR, a marketing video for Dutchess BOCES was produced. Jester Pictures, a local video production company, shot all the video footage and recorded sound files needed to produce the 28-minute DVD. The video is posted on the home page of the Dutchess BOCES web site. Chapter versions will be placed on each Division's web site in the near future.

Our Shared Printing Service welcomes a new customer – Poughkeepsie City Schools. For many years, Poughkeepsie ran its own printing service. With the addition of Poughkeepsie, the Print Shop now provides service to all the component school districts in Dutchess County.

The school district budget season is indeed a very busy time for everyone! The Public Information Service provides an integral part of this process for several districts in that it assists in the preparation of content and design of their budget newsletters. This year, the CGR staff completed nine school district budget newsletters, which contained pertinent information for the taxpayers to make an informative decision for the May 19 budget votes. Congrats to the CGR staff for an excellent job!

The Public Information Service welcomes a new district for the 2009-2010 school year – Red Hook Central School District. We look forward to working together to enhance their communication efforts.

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## Facilities and Operations

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Matt Colavito, Working Supervisor for Facilities & Operations, announced that Dutchess BOCES is moving ahead with the first phase of our roof repair projects. Colavito met with KG&D architects for the June 12 project bid opening. Work will begin at SPC after summer school ends. A memo containing information about the project was sent to all staff via inter-office mail and mailed home to our parents/guardians.

With his upcoming retirement, Director of Facilities & Operations Walter Niemiec would like to sincerely thank everyone for all the support he received over his tenure at Dutchess BOCES.

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## Educational Resources

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Linda Heitmann and Norah Merritt are pleased to announce that two of our classroom teachers will work to create a 3-hour course on autism that will benefit those individuals who are new to the special education field. This new online course will be available through Dutchess BOCES.

The Summer Scholars selection committee chose approximately ninety students to attend the 2009 Summer Scholars program at Vassar, Bard and Marist Colleges. A note of thanks was sent to Senator Stephen M. Saland for his unwavering support of this great program.

According to Assistant Superintendent Linda Heitmann, Dutchess BOCES has been awarded a 5-year contract to support the Mid-Hudson Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center (RSE-TASC). Congratulations to ER's Cecilia Dansereau-Rumley for her extraordinary work in putting together this contract. A new director and five staff specialists will be added to support our Joint Management Team region of Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Rockland counties. Dutchess BOCES and our community will benefit greatly from this new program.

The World Affairs Council will sponsor one Summer Scholars student from Poughkeepsie, plus they will pay the \$35 participation fee for two additional Poughkeepsie students. Many thanks for this sponsorship!

Dutchess BOCES has been asked to cross contract with Mt. Vernon City School District to be in charge of the facilitation of their APPR document. Mt. Vernon reviewed the Dutchess BOCES APPR document and was impressed by its quality. There will also be an opportunity for our Print Shop to assist in the printing of their final document.

The Arlington Central School District will be joining our centralized backup service, which should further reduce costs and management of their server's daily backup needs. This service falls under our 519 COSER entitled Learning Technology.

Through a cross contract, Walkill Central School District will be joining the Compass Service for 2009-2010. Compass is software-based curriculum that assesses each student's understanding of key objectives.

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## Human Resources

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Human Resources Administrator Matt Carr participated in a conference at Pace University on April 30th. The purpose was to discuss with college personnel and students how to best prepare for a career in education.

Please welcome new hire Antonella Lazar, who is a Teaching Assistant at St. Francis.

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## Dates to Remember

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- June 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Salt Point Center (SPC) Moving Up Ceremony  
SPC Multi-purpose Room, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie
- June 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Career & Technical Institute (CTI) Recognition & Pinning Ceremony  
CTI Lawn, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie
- June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Graduation/Recognition Night  
Beacon High School, 101 Mattewan Road, Beacon
- June 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Adult Education GED Graduation  
Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie
- June 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Community Solutions for Transportation and Wheels-for-Work Car Give Away  
Family Partnership Center, 29 N. Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie
- June 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. End-of-Year Employee Recognition Event  
SPC Multi-purpose Room, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie
- June 25, 2009 School Closes/Regents Rating Day
- July 3, 2009 Independence Day Recognized - BOCES Offices Closed
- July 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Summer Scholars Recognition Night  
Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie

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## End-of-Year Employee Recognition Event - Thursday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m.

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It was decided to bring our End-of-Year Employee Recognition Event back "home" this year. On Thursday, June 25, all Dutchess BOCES employees will report to work at their regularly scheduled time and work location. For the Employee Recognition Award Ceremony, all Dutchess BOCES employees will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Salt Point Center in the Multi-purpose Room. Mini-muffins and a cold beverage will be provided. We will honor individuals in several different areas including Retirement Recognition, Years of Service, Tenure, Grant Procurement, and Employee Recognition Awards.

At the conclusion of the award ceremony, paychecks will be distributed to 10-month staff only and all employees will be dismissed for the day. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Facilities & Operations custodial and maintenance staff, please consult with Walter Niemiec.

Hourly or part-time staff, please consult with your supervisor.

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