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Employee Recognition Award nominations are due **Tuesday, May 1st**. Please take a few minutes to nominate a Dutchess BOCES employee who you feel is deserving of this award. Guidelines and nomination forms can be found on our Web site in PDF or Word document format under [The Publications Tab](#).

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Best wishes,

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Director - Communications and Grants Research

BOCES and Interact Club "Make A Wish" Campaign



The BOCES class Interact Club at Pawling High School collected money for the *Make a Wish Dollar Days Campaign* to benefit children with life-threatening medical conditions. Their goal was to raise \$200 and they exceeded that goal by raising \$250! "Everyone at the school has been very giving," said club president *Steven Occhino*. "We're happy that we can help make a kid's dream come true," added vice-president *Brandon Reed*.

The BOCES students volunteered during their lunch to sell \$1 Make a Wish Stars. The Pawling students, staff and even the school's mascot, The Pawling Tiger, generously supported the campaign. The *Make A Wish Campaign* ended on Friday, March 16. On that day, students who contributed \$1 were allowed to wear a hat.

ALI Student Receives NYACCE Award

Congratulations to Adult Education student *Tichina Parchment* who was selected as NYACCE "Outstanding Adult Student Award Recipient for 2012." Parchment was honored on March 13th at the awards gala at the Clarion House Hotel in Latham. On March 14th, Parchment traveled to downtown Albany to the Capitol Building Senate Chamber, where she met with Senator *Steve Saland*.



CTI WBL Google Site

<https://sites.google.com/site/21stwbl/>

The CTI Work-Based Learning Programs now has a new Google Site. Students will be able to use this site as a resource for all topics related to work-based learning. You can do anything from viewing videos on interviewing skills to writing 21st century résumés. You must be Google member to gain access to this Web site. Once you "request access", your account will be reviewed for approval. If you have any questions on how to gain access, please e-mail [Roberto Bonefont](mailto:Roberto.Bonefont). Remember . . . "work-based learning pays"!



PBIS Posters Contest at AHS

In preparation for the upcoming launch of our Alternative High School's new school image through the Positive Intervention Behavior and Support (PBIS) project, students were invited to create a logo or poster that would represent the school in a positive and creative way. Logo and poster design requirements entailed creating a symbol, logo or mascot, as well as incorporating the four chosen PBIS expectations: **Responsibility, Respect, Preparedness and Safety.**

The following students were involved in the poster contest: *Stevon Boyd Baum, Jessica Slater, Kris Stickle, Shawnee Riley, Mike Thorbjornson, Allie Weeda, Serena Starzyk, Dylan Humbert, Larrissa Andersen, Geena Magliaro, Tiarra Betancourt, and Donny Beader.* When the poster contest was completed, a school-wide student and staff vote determined the winner -- "The BETA Fish" to represent BOCES BETA. *Geena Magliaro, Tiara Betancourt, Larrissa Anderson, and Skye Brennan* designed the winning poster.

Astor funded a pizza party to acknowledge all the students who participated. All of the posters have been displayed at AHS to promote school wide spirit. In addition, the posters have been added to the AHS 2012 yearbook. Thank you to all staff and students who gave their time to work on this project!

Strengthening BOCES by Digitizing

Here are just a few examples of how Dutchess BOCES continues to work in a digital world and how information is readily available in digital formats . . .



- **Wincap Web** - Our component school districts now have the opportunity to submit their service requests through an online system entitled Wincap Web. This will not only save paper but will also decrease mailing costs and increase submission/delivery time.
- Registering for a professional development course or workshop is so easy -- log in at <http://www.dcboces.org/professionaldevelopment>. Using the online registration eliminates paper and submits your registration as soon as you hit the "click to enroll" button.
- **Online Recruitment Program** - The Mid-Hudson Cooperative Recruitment Online Application program will soon be upgraded with new enhancements - users will be able to search candidates by number of years teaching, multiple certifications held and positions desired.
- **Business Office Forms** - In the coming months, BOCES staff will have Business Office and other related forms online in Word template format. Users will be able to complete forms on their computer and submit electronically.
- **Wincap HR Module** - Our Human Resources Division will use the Wincap HR module for quick online retrieval of reports regarding teaching certifications, seniority lists, probationary staff updates, as well as other pertinent HR information.
- **Novel eGuide** - Trying to locate the work location, phone, and email address for a BOCES employee? The Dutchess BOCES Web site contains a personnel directory entitled Novell eGuide. The guide is located under the [Staff tab](#) on our home page.
- **Print Shop Enhancements** - In the months to come, the Dutchess BOCES Print Shop will offer a digital online ordering system. In addition, offset press jobs that are considered a short run have been moved to the high-speed color production machine.
- **[The Notable News and Events Form](#)** - This form is now available online in Word document template format. Those who would like to submit news may now do so by completing the form on your computer and submitting it via email attachment.
- **Dutchess BOCES Publications** - We share news and pertinent information about us in BOCES publications such as Services Guide, Estimated Budget Book, Highlights, the Grants Update Newsletter, Style Guide, and our newest publication entitled The BOCES Spotlight. All these and more are available on our Web site under the [Publications tab](#).
- **Dutchess BOCES Web site** - Our Web site is loaded with a great amount of important information. Aside from posting current updates and news on our homepage, it has a wealth of information about our programs and services, job opportunities, professional development courses, adult education courses, schools, publications, links, essentials, directions, calendars and upcoming events, and much more!

SPC's Anti-Bullying Video is a Huge Hit!

Bullying is a widespread and serious problem that can happen anywhere. It is not a phase children have to go through, it is not "just messing around", and it is not a stage in life "to grow out of". Bullying can cause serious and lasting harm. And that's exactly why the staff and students at the Dutchess BOCES Salt Point Center (SPC) have taken on this very important topic as one of their educational priorities. Watch this incredible video entitled *Salt Point Center Takes a Stand* that was produced by students and staff at our Salt Point Educational Center on the topic of bullying! Congratulations to all those who helped put this amazing video together! The video has received over 2,300 hits! To view the video, [click here](#).



Dutchess BOCES Literacy Project

Under the guidance of Director of Alternative and Special Education *Norah Merritt*, Unionvale Middle School/Dutchess BOCES Special Education teachers *Maureen Moloney*, *Lindsay Paolercio* and *Christine Fitzgerald* submitted a grant application to Curriculum Associates to procure specific testing instruments and literacy programs targeting our older, more compromised students. SPC Special Education Teacher and Learning Disabilities Specialist *Melinda Reichlin* assisted with scripting the narrative for the grant application. The narrative details the need to have assessment instruments that can highlight discrete measures of improvement, as well as provide some standard scores, as desired by our component districts' special education committees. With the new state performance plan and teacher evaluation methods changing, it is more important than ever to use assessment instruments that allow us to show discretionary progress. Additionally, once skills are assessed, the computer-based reading programs allow the teachers to follow a prescription for improving those skills, while keeping the students engaged. Improvement in reading skills, language fluency, and vocabulary acquisition impacts all areas of learning and self-esteem. These programs, with the added support of the information derived from the assessment instruments, will allow the teachers to continually reassess, diagnose, and monitor the progress of our students, as well as inform instruction going forward.



Dutchess BOCES Facebook Fan Page Grows!

[Dutchess BOCES Facebook Fan Page](#) went "live" on February 22 - and we now have 84 fans who like us! Our fan page will highlight all sorts of student and staff activities that take place in and around our schools. In

addition, you will find information about professional development opportunities, recognitions, cancellations and closings, important dates, photos . . . and more! If you are a Facebook user, you can login to Facebook from your personal devices or computers, search for "Dutchess BOCES" (look for the official page logo as shown above). Please "LIKE" our Fan Page ... and invite your friends to LIKE us as well! Facebook is another way for Dutchess BOCES to stay connected with people. This allows us to create social experiences and build lasting relationships. Connecting with people is just the beginning. Check us out from your homecomputer or mobile phone . . . and don't forget to LIKE us!

Congratulations Veteran Graduates!

Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment was proud to present the Veteran's Guided Learning Empowerment and Socialization Recovery Project (VGLE&SR) graduation ceremony on March 13th at CTI. This was a program for Independent Living Services to increase mental acuity and computer skills.

Addressing the graduates with opening remarks was *Elaine Cottle* (VA Hudson Valley Health Care System Recovery Center). Guest speakers included *Wilto Brusseau* (VA NY Regional Office), as well as *Mary Fayne Simpson* and *Robert Butler* (Dutchess BOCES Adult Learning Institute). Program graduates were *Raymond A. Cirillo*, *Frank L. Fisher*, *Ronald A. Jeter*, *Douglas R. Sands*, *Robert Paul Schoonmaker, Jr.*, and *Arnold A. Shavuo, Jr.*



The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System Senior Leadership supports this program in collaboration with VA Regional Office and Dutchess BOCES. For more information about the program contact [Robert Butler](#) or call the Adult Learning Institute at 845.483.3640.

Spring 2012 Dutchess BOCES PD Catalog!

<http://www.dcboces.org/sites/default/files/dcboces/professionaldevelopment.pdf>

Significant changes are occurring in education and they are occurring at a rapid pace. The Dutchess BOCES Educational Resources (ER) Division provides a broad array of professional support to school districts, schools, their staff and students. The ER Division offers advisory councils, network teams, consultant activities, workshops, online trainings, and business and university partnerships to help meet and address these changes. In an environment of fiscal pressures, changing regulations, and higher expectations, BOCES provides shared services and collaboration. This helps districts save money while supporting cost effective services. Collaboratively we promote student learning, improve pedagogy, and utilize new technologies to better meet the needs of our students.

Dutchess AHA Walk and GO RED FOR WOMEN

Dutchess BOCES staff and students participated in two very worthy fund-raising events. On Friday, February 3rd, students and staff donated \$5 for the GO RED FOR WOMEN campaign, for a total of \$665! Out of that total, SPC students and staff collected \$125 and also made hearts and displayed them in the hallways. These hearts were in honor of their female family and friends who have been afflicted with heart problems. On Saturday, March 10th, several BOCES students and staff found their way to the Vassar College campus for the AHA Walk. Between the GO RED drive and the AHA Walk, Dutchess BOCES raised a total of \$1,850! The AHA Walk team included Kathleen Gibson Ferris, Lynette Gildersleeve, Robert Patterson, and Anna Marie Paolercio. Congratulations and thanks to all those who participated and donated to this great cause!

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New Bus for BOCES

Thanks to the efforts of *Norah Merritt*, *Roger Risko* and *Cole Bender*, a new school bus will be available in the near future to assist with transportation for students in the work-based learning program and various other student trips for the Alternative and Special Education Division. This 22-passenger bus also has the capability of seating five wheelchair students.

CTI Teacher Promotes Reading

CTI English Teacher *Michael White* has completed a series of videos on reading for [About.com](http://www.About.com). To see more, click on the following links:

<http://video.about.com/childrensbooks/Classic-Summer-Reading-Books-for-High-School-Students.htm>

<http://video.about.com/childrensbooks/How-to-Raise-a-Child-That-Likes-to-Read.htm>

<http://video.about.com/childrensbooks/How-to-Make-Non-Fiction-Books-Interactive.htm>

Work-Based Learning Program News

The Dutchess BOCES Work-based Learning Program Welcomes New Work Sites!

The Work-Based Learning Program is pleased to welcome the following businesses as job sites for the students:

- Adams Fairacre Farms (Wappingers)
- Elf Shoppe (Poughkeepsie)
- Jewish Community Center Pre-School/Building & Grounds Department (Poughkeepsie)
- Let's Jam Music Shop (Poughkeepsie)
- State Farm Insurance Agency (Poughkeepsie)

Work-Based Learning Job Placements

It is very exciting when students who participate in the work-based learning program are offered paid employment at their work place. As a result of developing the necessary skills required for the job, the following students were hired: Stephen Carcone (Perkins Pancake House); Mark Gomez (McDonalds); Stephan Chamberlin (Pizza Hut); James Cornett (Houlihan & Lawrence); Joseph Yamouh (Hannaford's); Victoria Bechtler (Elant Nursing Home); Jonathan Degatano (Hannaford's); Jaydon Pegram (Ruby Tuesday's); and Josh Roth (Dutchess Automotive). The job internship program currently has over 50 worksites, 60 student interns and employs several youth aides who help the students achieve appropriate job-related skills. These students represent Arlington, Beacon, Pawling, and Wappingers school districts. Together with Dutchess BOCES, they make a real impact on life experiences and job opportunities.

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ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

Home Health Aide Class

The Adult Education Division will begin a Home Health Aide course on March 26. This course is offered to the community and entails 65 hours of classroom theory and 30 hours of supervised clinical. For more information, call the Adult Learning Institute at 845.483.3640.

Students Succeed in GED* Program

Our Adult Education GED* program continues to reach many students with a high success rate of students passing the GED* exam. From July through December 2011, 52 students took the test, with 42 passing at an 80% pass rate, scoring above state and national levels. Of the 42 who passed, 12 were students in the Dutchess County Jail incarcerated program, giving us 100% pass rate for that program.

*GED is a Registered Trademark®

ALI Phone Greeting en Español

The Adult Learning Institute (ALI) now offers its general phone greeting in Spanish. This option (number 3) will break down the barrier for Spanish-speaking individuals, allowing them to listen to information about ALI's ESL programs in their native language.

[Check out the Adult Learning Institute Winter/Spring 2012 Catalog!](#)



Chamber Student Scholarships

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce scholarship application deadline is April 1, 2012. Last year, The Chamber Foundation, Inc. awarded \$38,000 in scholarship funds to deserving students in Dutchess County. APPLY TODAY at [The Chamber Foundation of DCRCCOC.](#)

Spelling Bee for Literacy Connections

Students from our *Alternative High School Interact Club* attended the Spelling Bee for Literacy at Marist College on March 13th. Our students participate annually in this event. Work-Based Learning Teacher *Roger Risko* is honored to act as the event's emcee for the fifth year.

Educators Attend Local NYSCATE Conference



The Hudson Valley New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education ([NYSCATE](#)) Conference, held at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers on Saturday, March 3rd, had over 280 participants--the largest turnout in recent years! The feedback on the quality of the presentations and the organization of the event was fantastic! Dutchess BOCES sponsored registration for approximately seventy participants from twelve of our school districts plus the BOCES itself. Our "vendor" table proved to be valuable as we were able to interact with teachers, administrators and other vendors.



Daffodil Days for Raises Funds for Cancer

The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days contributions help people face cancer every day in every community. The program allows the Society to save lives from cancer and create more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back. A total of \$420 was raised through the efforts of *Karen*

Runza, Linda Hamill, Marge Kelly, Connie Mahoney, Jean Eyring, Mellissa Schaeffler, and Misty Velie.

Bridgeway Federal Credit Union Impacts Students



[Bridgeway Federal Credit](#) CEO/CFO *Michelle McCourt* is an active member of the Dutchess BOCES Enterprise Group. At a recent Enterprise Group meeting, McCourt offered to provide a financial training session to BOCES students, which would focus on budgeting and family planning. In addition, the Bridgeway Federal Credit Union donated \$1,200 to sponsor the Poughkeepsie-Arlington Rotary's "Student of the Month" awards program. Sincere thanks to Bridgeway for your most generous support to local students!

Foreign Language Exams

Foreign Language Educators from around the county worked collaboratively to develop final examinations in Spanish and French. This collaboration was extremely successful and provided networking opportunities that will continue throughout the next school year.

OSHA Construction Site Safety Class



Job site safety is one of the most important aspects of the construction trades. The Adult Education Division has been working hard to expand training courses to meet the needs of local business and trades persons. The latest class is a 10-hour OSHA Construction Site Safety class. This is a two-day class for construction and trades people who are required to carry the 10-hour card while working on a construction job site. The non-expiring card is issued when the course is completed. The class will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 3 and 4 at the Dutchess BOCES Salt Point Campus located at 5 BOCES Road in Poughkeepsie. Registration fee for the two-day course is \$398, which includes the 10-hour wallet card. Seats are limited so please register early by calling 845.483.3640 ext. 6101 or ext. 6108. For more information, contact Program Developer [Robert Butler](mailto:RobertButler@dcbooces.org) at 845.242.5492 or visit our Web site at www.dcbooces.org/adults.

COLLEGE FAIR College Fair at CTI



In mid-January, high school and adult CTI students participated in the annual CTI College Fair. In addition, the CTI culinary arts classes prepared lunch for the recruiters. Attendees at the fair included US Army Recruiters, SUNY Delhi, Lim College, The Art Institutes, Lincoln Colleges (3 different schools), The College of Westchester, Wyotech, SUNY Cobleskill, New

York State Police, Johnson and Wales University, Ohio Technical College, Culinary Institute of America, Universal Technical Institute, Dutchess Community College, Air Force Recruiter, US Marines Recruiters, University of Northwestern Ohio, and SUNY Ulster. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this event possible.

Kudos to Facilities and Operations!

Our Facilities and Operations staff continue to save Dutchess BOCES and our component school districts money. An example of the cost savings - Webutuck recently experienced a break in a pipe, causing some damage due to flooding. Instead of hiring an outside contractor to fix the problem, Webutuck used the services of our Shared Maintenance staff to handle the repair. In house, recent renovations took place at our BETA site - improving the condition of the kitchen, as well as the music and quiet rooms.

EPA Certification Courses

- The Adult Education Division has been working hard to expand the training to meet the needs of local business and trades persons. The EPA Lead Awareness Remodeling, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program, which began in October, has trained fifty men and women from all business trade areas. In late January, a class was delivered in Spanish and sixteen community members completed the training successfully. Upcoming class dates are April 17, May 22 and June 19. This program is in cooperation with the Dutchess County Health Department and a reduced tuition is currently available for those who qualify.



Glogster creates a digital learning environment that enables students to creatively express their knowledge and skills through a Glog, an interactive, online, multimedia poster. Students can embed animated graphics, text, photos, videos, sound clips, attachments, and links to external Web sites. Creating these online posters really sparks students' creativity while turning potentially boring assignments into visually and stimulating ones. Come learn more about this great Web 2.0 tool and how you can use it to collaborate with teachers on any subject across the entire curriculum.

Participants will:

- * Understand the potential for classroom collaboration using Glogster
- * Create a FREE account in Glogster
- * Become comfortable navigating the Glogster interface
- * Learn how to incorporate a variety of multimedia resources into a Glog
- * Create your own demo Glog
- * Come away with a project you can take back to your school and implement immediately

Instructor: Matthew LaBrake

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012

Time: 4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Location: Dutchess BOCES CTI, Room 313

Registration: Register online at www.dcboces.org/professionaldevelopment

For registration assistance, please contact *Frances Hutman* at 845.486.4840, ext. 3031



2012-2013 CTI Opportunities for High School Students

High School students - filling out your Fall 2012 schedule? Speak with your guidance counselors about Dutchess BOCES Career and Technical Education opportunities at CTI. Get college and career ready at CTI and go places! Please check out our offerings at www.dcboces.org/CTI

Educational Resources Training Updates

- In early February, the RTTT Network Team attended principal evaluation training. The first day allowed participants to develop a shared understanding of the keys to organizational effectiveness, different leadership styles, the principal's key leadership role, how highly-effective leaders make a difference, and the importance of creating a positive culture and developing trust. By the end of the second day, participants had gained an understanding of the NYS Principal Evaluation System, the parameters for implementation and critical decisions and actions districts need to take in order to ensure implementation of an effective evaluation system

for school leaders. The final day focused on instructional leaders supporting the work of Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and Data Driven Instruction. All materials from these sessions are available at www.engageny.org.



- A workshop for high school mathematics teachers was facilitated in order to allow principals to gain an understanding of the instructional and curricular changes demanded with the implementation of the CCLS. Continued opportunities for high school mathematics educators to collaborate will be created.
- The Dutchess BOCES CCLS ELA 3-8 workshop series centered around using protocols for analyzing student work, analyzing the narrative writing standards, and understanding the implications for teaching academic vocabulary. All three topics can be supported in district.

Dates to Remember



- April 2 - 9: Spring Recess (schools closed); April 6 - 9 (offices closed)
- April 11: Dutchess BOCES Annual Meeting
- April 17: Component School Districts Vote on BOCES Budget and Board Members
- April 25: Administrative Professionals Day
- May 21: Superintendent's Conference Day

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