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August/September 2022

Summer at the Center a Success in its Second Year

by Ed Buttaccio

BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center hosted 125 campers entering grades 7-9 for three weeks of hands-on learning at the Second Annual Summer at the Center.

"Summer at the Center provides campers an opportunity to "try-out" CTE and explore careers before making decisions in high school," said Shawna Gareau-Kurtz, Director of the Center for Workforce Development. "We have received such positive feedback from the staff, parents and students on their experiences with this summer program. The growth in the program from last year to this summer also validates that this is an experience that our students and families are craving."

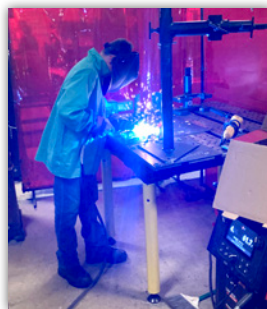
The second year of the program filled up quickly with participants enrolled in week-long camps. Demand for Spark Camp (welding) was so high, organizers offered three separate sessions for campers, one during each week of the program.

Other courses offered in addition to Spark Camp included: Camp Hammer-head (Carpentry), Camp International Flavor (Culinary), Junior Police Academy (Criminal Justice), Runway Styles (Hair Design), Baking Bootcamp and Camp Motorhead (Automotive). Each camp was held from 9 a.m.-noon daily from July 11-29. Participants paid \$199 as the early reservation rate for each camp and \$225 after June 1 until classes were filled.

Sparks flew as Spark Camp participants learned gas metal arc welding (GMAW). They ground metal, made a T-joint and added beads to a metal plate. Students practiced their skills welding logos and their parents' names for projects during the week. Safety was a priority, with campers required to wear long-sleeved work jackets, jeans and closed-toe shoes to camp daily. Instructor Scott Prince described his Spark Camp participants this way: "... energetic comes to mind, proud senses of accomplishment. The looks on their faces when they finished their projects made it all worthwhile. What they took from it is self-respect and teamwork. That's what made it worthwhile for me to work with these students."

Future carpenters had a hands-on week of skill-building at Camp Hammer-head. They built an old-school carpenter's toolbox and then framed a scale house. Within the toolbox project, they measured and cut lumber, drilled holes, and assembled the toolbox with screws. In the house project, they created blueprints of a wall with a window and door. Then they built the wall with scaled-down lumber. They did the same for roof joists. By Friday, they assembled a full house! Instructor Jerome Ebbs said, "What a great experience! The campers were eager to learn about the construction trade, and they turned out to be great builders."

Budding chefs experienced a fun and tasty hands-on experience with Camp International Flavor. Led by instructor Carol Lupisella, campers prepared a variety of menu items in a professional kitchen. Each day featured the cuisine of a different country. Campers were encouraged to share recipes from home that fit the theme of the day. Participants were introduced to cooking techniques, proper handling of kitchen tools, industry-standard food safety and sanitation, and safe operation of kitchen equipment. On the final day of camp, families were invited to share a meal prepared by the campers. *(continued on p. 6)*



Flu Vaccine Clinics

- Tuesday, October 11
- Thursday, October 27
- Wednesday, November 2
- Thursday, December 1

Flu vaccine clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. on the dates listed above at the Career and Technical Education Center in Room A116 off the main lobby. These clinics are open to the public, for adults age 18 and older. No appointment is needed. Bring your insurance card. If you have no insurance or a non-participating insurance, the fee is \$45, payable by cash or check.

For clinical questions, contact Flu Prevention Partners of Workplace Vitality at 585-568-8340. For information on insurance matters, visit [Flu Immunizations — WPV Inc.](#)

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BOCES 2 Welcomes a New Board Member This School Year

by Beth Nash

Trina Lorentz represents the Holley school district. Here is some information on her as she assumes her role as a BOCES 2 Board Member.

Trina Lorentz

Employment: I have worked in various aspects of mortgage servicing for 30 years, including data analytics and asset management.

Education: BS in Business, with a concentration in finance, from SUNY Brockport

Family: Married, with a blended family of eight children, and two grandchildren

School/Community Activities: I have served on several school committees at Holley, including the search for a superintendent and a capital improvement project. I volunteer for Sports Boosters and other school activities. I recently ended my term as the Committee Chairperson and Treasurer for our local Scouts BSA troop.

Former Holley and BOCES 2 Board Member John Heise was a friend, and he had served on both boards for many years. We always talked about school issues and challenges our community faced. When this position became available, I felt the need to serve, as John was such an example in our community, both as an educator at Holley and as a volunteer for many different organizations.

The top issues facing schools are: returning to a more normal school year after the events of the last few years of living in a pandemic; the challenges of imposed mandates on schools without adequate funding by the state; safety of students and staff; and prioritizing mental health of students.



Retirees Recognized and Wished Well at 2022 Reception

by Nicole Mauro



On June 23, former BOCES 2 employees reunited in the Professional Development Center for the 2022 Retiree Reception to honor this year's class of 36 retirees, 10 of which were in attendance. District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci commended the

group for their years of service and presented a video featuring students from BOCES 2 programs extending their gratitude and showcasing the impact BOCES 2 staff truly has. To show appreciation for the now former staff members, each new retiree was presented with a red rose by the head of their department. After guests took time to reconnect with former coworkers, they were each given an assortment of pastries to bring home that were prepared by students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) culinary program. Prior to the reception, retirees had the opportunity to learn more about Medicare benefits from an Excellus advisor. Best wishes to this year's retirees.



Pictured, front row, from left, Gretchen Schober, Pamela Morton and Sandra Schoeder; back row, from left, Mary Zanni, Linda K. Chatfield, Mary W. Thomas, Cindy Chilson and Timothy G. Dobbartin.

Summer Fun Around Our Classrooms

by Chris Klem

Students in our Extended School Year Program (ESYP) had a blast this summer with special activities, fun learning experiences and new friends.

- PUSH Physical Theatre's Heather Stevenson visited many BOCES 2 classrooms and worked with students across the age and ability spectrum, inspiring them to explore creative movement and express themselves.
- In teacher Chris Kneller's classes, students researched dream vacations, planning practical budgets and scheduling favorite places to visit. Destinations ranged from the exotic – St. Lucia – and exciting – Las Vegas – to faraway capitals of culture, like Tokyo and South Korea. Travel dreams were enthusiastically shared in a friendly, public speaking exercise.

- Spirit Week was in full swing at the Exceptional Children Learning Center, with activities like Tie-Dye Day and Sports Day. Our ESYP team even made it possible for students to visit a virtual tropical island on Hawaiian Day, complete with volcanoes (made with lemons, baking soda and vinegar) and the Limbo Dance!
- Other activities around the ESYP world included art projects, water slides, learning about maple syrup and celebrating Watermelon Day! We couldn't have done it all for kids without our amazing and dedicated teachers, aides and professional staff – thank you for making 2022's ESYP a success!



SAME Gives Students Insight into Advanced Manufacturing Careers

by Nicole Mauro

The Summer Advanced Manufacturing Experience (SAME) provides high school students from Monroe County with an extensive introduction to advanced manufacturing. Students who attend the program earn three Monroe Community College (MCC) course credits at no cost to them.

The three-week, hands-on program is held in BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms where students have access to state-of-the-art equipment. More specifically, students learn about and operate Advanced Smart Manufacturing, CNC Machining, mills and lathes, CAD/CAM and blueprints.

For CTE Machining teacher Adam Staskiewicz, this was his first time teaching the SAME course. Seeing students so eager to learn was a highlight of his summer. "I can't emphasize enough what a great opportunity the SAME program is for students that might be interested in the manufacturing profession," said Staskiewicz. "They receive a

lot of information and knowledge in a short amount of time, and they make some fun projects."

Once a week, students had the opportunity to tour local machine shops, giving them insight into what they can expect from a career in the field. "It gives them a real world look at what it takes to be successful in this field and what great things are made right here in Rochester," said Staskiewicz.

A graduation ceremony was held on July 29 where graduates, their families and everyone involved in the program gathered to have lunch, distribute certificates and hear remarks from students, instructors and community partner representatives. Twelve BOCES 2 students participated in the program this summer.

The community partners that make this experience possible include Monroe One Educational Services, MCC, Monroe County,

the Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association (RTMA), the Finger Lakes Advanced Manufacturers' Enterprise (FAME) and many other local businesses.

In early 2023, information will be posted for next summer's program at <http://Monroe2BOCES.org/SAME>.



BOCES 2 graduates joined by SAME Instructor Adam Staskiewicz (on left) and Teaching Assistant Jonathan Stanley (at right).

A Great Beginning – Congrats, Grads!

Our newest students have begun their educational journey! Congratulations to all of our preschoolers who delighted their families at their graduation ceremonies.



Center Based/Complex Needs Commencement

Congratulations to the Class of 2022: Dillon, Ricky, Trinity, Calvin, Ryan, RJ, Jonathan, Richie, Qi'Shon, Brianna, Alexia, Stone and Memphis!



Westside Academy Celebrates!

Westside Academy recognized their Class of 2022 with a joyful celebration on June 13. Proud families and friends gathered at the school to watch their seniors receive well-deserved certificates. Laughter, tears and memories, large and small, were shared by teachers, staff, students and family members.

Congratulations to, from left, Olivia Wood (Gates Chili), Carolyn Western (LeRoy), Alycia McCreary (Gates Chili), Jack Olander (Penfield), Eithen Pardi (Hilton), Chase-Azaan Parson (Brockport) and Anthony Crisafulli (East Rochester).



Our Class of 2022 Moves On

The BOCES 2 Moving On Ceremony was held on June 13. Attended by program graduates and their family and friends, the event recognized these students' many accomplishments during their time in school. Join us in wishing them much success and happiness in the future!



Project SEARCH Graduates Celebrated

Members of Project SEARCH Class of 2022 were recognized for their hard work and achievements at a graduation ceremony on June 22. Graduates celebrated with family and friends in the BOCES Professional Development Center. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Project SEARCH is a one-year high school transition program for youth aged 18-21 with developmental disabilities. These students are working toward a CDOS Credential or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential, along with competitive employment.

The program is a collaborative effort between students, the University of Rochester Institute for Innovative Transition, ACCES-VR, ARC of Monroe, The Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong and BOCES 2.



Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation awarded 17 Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards to students in BOCES 2 programs this year. The Foundation held a reception for the 2022 scholarship recipients and their families on June 2 in the Professional Development Center. Scholarship sponsors and representatives from students' home school districts also attended the event. The reception was an opportunity for supporters of the Foundation to make in-person connections with students and celebrate their accomplishments. Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci and Foundation Board President Joe Kelly spoke at the event, saluting each student individually during the formal program.

Congratulations to the following recipients: Justin Stiles (Brockport); Gregory Caldwell, Aiden Flynn, Cora Gaffney and Ashleigh Naugle (Churchville-Chili); Joshua Cassevoy, Ayden Grinion and Molly Hong (Gates Chili); Isabella Civiletti, Julia Courtwright, Amanda DiMora and Lennon Hare (Hilton); Kirsstin Althoff (Holley); Ava Franklin (Kendall); Carolyn Western (LeRoy); Caridad Cassady (Spencerport); and Angelina Burry (Wheatland-Chili).



Hilton Recipients



Wheatland Recipient



Churchville Recipients



Gates Chili Recipient

CWD Graduation

by Ed Buttaccio



The BOCES 2 Center for Workforce Development (CWD) recognized the accomplishments of 56 high school equivalency graduates, and career and technical program participants on the evening of Aug. 2.

Twenty-two students wearing caps and gowns participated in the ceremony, where they received a certificate of achievement. More than 150 family members and friends were on-hand to show support.

Assistant Director of CWD Rebecca Horowitz served as emcee for the ceremony. She addressed the students with opening remarks: “We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of these fine graduates, who have worked hard – both in and out of the classroom – to get here today. I hope each of you are deeply proud of your own achievement. I also hope you know that those around you – your

family, your children, your friends – they are watching you, and they are inspired by you. We are inspired by you. Thank you for making us part of your journey and showing us what courage looks like.”

BOCES 2 Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Programs Tom Schulte addressed the graduates on behalf of the BOCES 2 Board, BOCES 2 Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci and CWD Director Shawna Gareau-Kurtz. Schulte was the former CWD Director before he assumed his new role on Jan. 31. In congratulating the graduates on achieving this milestone in their lives, he

challenged them by asking “What’s next?,” encouraging them to continue their commitment to growth and learning in the next chapters of their lives.

The evening concluded with a reception hosted by CWD faculty and staff for students, their families and friends. Many students posed for photos to mark this special occasion.

CWD graduates go on to enroll in post-secondary college, learn valuable workplace skills in certificate programs, or seek higher-paying employment opportunities. To see the wide variety of CWD’s career and technical training programs for jobs in high demand in the area, visit <https://www.monroe2boces.org/CWD.aspx>.



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Throughout their week at Junior Police Academy, campers gained an understanding of what being a first responder entails. Instructor Tim Steves said, “The overall engagement by the campers by day five was awesome. What started out as tidbits of information on days one-four culminated on the final day with a “Mass Incident” exercise. The campers understood how quickly situations can happen. Overall, each camper showed growth in their confidence and decision-making.”



A roomful of campers spent a week learning intricate and glamorous Runway (hair) Styles. Each camper was assigned their own mannequin and tools. They learned braid styling, including three-strand, fishtail, visible, invisible, waterfall and five-strand. Many took their mannequins home each night to practice, sending their instructor, Brandi Gage-Steves, photos of their work. Gage-Steves remarked, “Campers learned so much in a short timeframe. They were so proud of their accomplishments.” Students also learned tried-and-true curling techniques, such as Marcel spirals, Marcel barrels, rollers, pin curls and beach waves. They approached all those styles after gaining professional instruction and practice in brushing, teasing, backcombing and pinning. Campers left with more confidence and several new skills in the world of hair design.



Baking Bootcamp students made baked goods during their week, as well as culinary items, like steak sandwiches and pizza. Instructor Tom Noto tried to pack as much lab work as possible in to give campers a look at what is done in a retail bakery. All of them were busy

from the time they arrived until the end of class. Whatever they did not eat, they took home to enjoy with their families. Noto said his bakery campers wanted to be there, were respectful and listened well to instructions for making the baked goods and culinary items. He added, “By the end of the week, I was able to get to know them well enough to hand out individual awards like ‘most likely to be a future baker,’ ‘cleanest workstation,’ ‘best mise en place,’ ‘the one that had a change of heart towards baking,’ ‘able to work well with others,’ and ‘best critical thinker and problem-solver.’ It was a wonderful week! I can’t wait until next year.”



For campers anxious to drive and maintain their own vehicles, Camp Motorhead gave them a head start. Led by instructor Dave Shalke, campers learned basic car maintenance requirements, including: checking and adding fluids, safety inspections, tire inflation and rotation, and how to read dashboard alerts. They also learned the correct ways to wash and detail cars. Campers used professional tools in a fully equipped automotive garage. Campers also visited an auto dealership and learned about careers in the industry. On the last day of camp, they worked on and serviced their families’ vehicles.

Discussions are already underway for the 2023 Summer at the Center. Keep an eye out for another series of camps next year! In looking ahead, Gareau-Kurtz stated, “We are looking forward to continuing to grow this program and diversify our offerings to give more students opportunities to explore.” The list of 2023 camps will be released in the first quarter of 2023. Visit <https://www.monroe2boces.org/Summer-At-The-Center.aspx>.

CTE Teacher Honored with Award and Proclamation

by Steve Dave

The Monroe County Legislature honored Career and Technical Education teacher Jim Payne with a formal proclamation at its September meeting. The proclamation was in recognition of his recent award from the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). Payne received the Voices Under 40 Award from ASCLS, which is the top medical laboratory professional organization in the country. The award saluted him for his work in supporting the medical laboratory field through the Medical Laboratory Assisting and Phlebotomy program at the BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education Center. Payne’s program has been the focus of national attention as a possible model to be used by other school districts across the United States. He was one of eight people in the country selected for the award. Congratulations, Jim!



Strategic Plan Update BOCES 4 Science

Strategic Goal

Community Collaboration

Key Strategy

BOCES 4 Science is a science program service developed collaboratively with the Joint Management Team (JMT) including Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, Monroe One Educational Services, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, and Genesee Valley BOCES. The overarching goal of BOCES 4 Science is to modernize science curriculum to prepare students for Next Generation career fields.

BOCES 4 Science curriculum is fully aligned to the New York State Science Learning Standards (NYSSLS). Curriculum development for this program has been ongoing since summer 2016 and includes teachers from 66 school districts and professionals from each district in the JMT. BOCES 4 Science currently serves over 115 school districts across NYS.

The final units of study were made available to districts in 2021. Currently, BOCES 4 Science has a comprehensive curriculum of 21 units of study for use with students in K-5 classrooms, along with a unit designed for middle school.

BOCES 4 Science provides professional development to participating districts and schools. Professional development includes unit resource training, sessions on NYSSLS, in-district training and distance learning opportunities. BOCES 4 Science educators routinely present at local, state and national conferences.

We continue to expand our reach across NYS, having developed partnerships with districts in Orleans/Niagara BOCES, Erie 1 BOCES, Nassau BOCES, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Western Suffolk BOCES, Delaware Chenango Madison Otsego BOCES, Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES, Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES, Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, and Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES. Because of these partnerships, and those from our JMT, BOCES 4 Science kit usage has increased 40% since the 2020-21 school year.



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Opening Day Ceremony Features NYS Regent

by Steve Dawe

New York State Regent Wade Norwood joined BOCES 2 staff to celebrate the beginning of the new school year at the Opening Day ceremony on Sept. 6. This year's event in the Professional Development Center was the first in-person Opening Day since 2019 due to the pandemic. BOCES 2 Board President Dennis Laba (Gates Chili) gave the official welcome to staff, and thanked them for their perseverance and dedication after a difficult couple of years. District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci kicked off the formal program discussing this year's focus on how "Everyone Has a Story." She emphasized that by sharing stories, this will continue to foster a welcoming and affirming environment at BOCES 2. Regent Norwood spoke about experiences in his professional and personal life as examples of how people can develop different outlooks. This focus on how "Everyone Has a Story" will continue throughout the year via the work of the newly formed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and ongoing professional development for all staff.

