

# Together

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## WEMOCO alum wins \$50K on Food Network show

By Iva Petrosino

When a young Steven Klatt was busy watching The Food Network instead of cartoons, he never imagined he'd grow up to appear on that very network. Those days of watching cooking shows as a child would come full circle for him as he and his buddies took home the top prize on a Food Network cooking competition.

The Clarendon native, a 2005 Holley graduate and former BOCES 2 student, has lived in Charleston, S.C. for the last decade, working his way up through the ranks of the food and beverage industry. Klatt was up for a middle-of-the-night feeding with his infant daughter when he had the idea to apply for "The Great Food Truck Race" on The Food Network. He pitched the idea to two friends, Nick Hunter and Brandon Lapp, and together they came up with the idea for a food truck named Braised in the South, sometimes referred to as BITS.

A few months later the team was invited to join the cast of the "The Great Food Truck Race." After weeks of tough cooking challenges in various cities across the southeast, Klatt and his BITS partners beat out seven other food truck teams to win the top prize of \$50,000.



Steven Klatt with his wife, Rachel, and two children, Gavin and Hannah



Steven Klatt (center) with his Braised in the South teammates, Brandon Lapp (left) and Nick Hunter (right)

"Being on the show was incredible," Klatt said. "The fact that we were able to take this idea for a food truck and run with it to win this show is just unbelievable. It's exceeded any career expectations I ever had for myself."

Retired Culinary Arts Teacher Kevin Bedard remembers Klatt as a standout student during his years in the Culinary Arts program at WEMOCO Career and Technical Education Center. He said he was not surprised to see Klatt do so well on the show each week.

"Steve was a CTE teacher's dream: he thrived in both application and theory," said Bedard. "The enthusiasm for competition he had on 'The Great Food Truck Race' reminded me of the same competitive streak he had as a student competing in the New York State Restaurant Association's ProStart Invitational culinary competition."

Klatt said the time he spent in Chef Bedard's class and in those high school competitions was key to his future in the food industry.

"I loved my time at BOCES," Klatt said. "Being there gave me an opportunity to learn about what I loved doing—being creative with cooking and entertaining. I met a lot of great people while I was there. Chef Bedard was a huge influence in my life and he was actually part of the reason I went to St. Paul's College for culinary school."

Klatt said the basics he learned from Chef Bedard and others were crucial to the success he had on the show and in his career so far.

"Nick, Brandon and I are all classically-trained, technique-driven chefs," he said. "If you really know the basics of cooking, you can do so much with food and a little bit of creativity."

The Braised in the South food truck is now open for business in the Charleston area. Although he mostly cooks with a southern flair now, Klatt said he keeps trying to incorporate a bit of traditional Rochester cuisine.

"I make a garbage plate at work probably about once a month," he said. "I make everyone eat it!"



Klatt and his Braised in the South teammates competing on The Food Network's "The Great Food Truck Race"



## Opening Day highlights new professional development center

By Heather Campo



“To build a better you and a better me is a personal and individualized decision.”

For the first time, the Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES Opening Day celebration was able to be held indoors on campus. Capital project work on the Professional Development Center was completed over the summer, allowing the nearly 700 employees in attendance to gather in the newly renovated space.

“Our building partners, LaBella Associates and Campus Construction Management Group, did a wonderful job making sure the facility was ready,” said District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci. “In addition, our Operations & Maintenance, Communications and Technology Services and Safety and Security staff put in countless hours to ensure the day would go smoothly, and it did.”

The space was opened to its full capacity, allowing for tables and seating for 720 people. The ten screens positioned throughout the room allowed everyone to easily see what was happening on the stage, showcasing the space’s capability to handle large-scale events. The room has twelve monitors and screens for use in the space.

For smaller events, the room can be divided using movable walls to create the right size space for a variety of conference, meeting and special event needs.

In her address, Antonacci acknowledged the work that has been happening around

the campus all summer not just at the ESC building, but also throughout WEMOCO. While there is still work to be done, the progress to date has been significant.

Antonacci also focused on the idea of “Building a Better You,” a concept that was introduced at a leadership institute she attended over the summer. While the idea of building fits in nicely with the theme of BOCES 2 Builds that we have been highlighting all year, it was the thought of personal growth through introspection that really struck a chord.

“To build a better you and a better me is a personal and individualized decision,” Antonacci explained. “The keynote presenter suggested that to build yourself, you need to analyze your own lot in life and be intentional about becoming a better person. She asked the audience to answer three questions: What will you stop doing? What will you keep doing? And what will you start doing? Those three questions can help guide each of us on our own journey.”

The start of a new school year gives everyone the opportunity to reconnect and reflect as they prepare for the year ahead. Being able to hold this year’s Opening Day event in the newly renovated space added an additional element of connection as we began the year in what is sure to be the home of many events to come.





# BOCES 2 BUILDS Insight

By Iva Petrosino

The opening of the new Professional Development Center at ESC has afforded BOCES 2 the opportunity to give hundreds of local teachers and administrators access to national speakers. The first week of October brought two such speakers.

Rick Wormeli, one of the first Nationally Board Certified teachers in America, spoke to a group of teachers and administrators on Oct. 3 about assessments and grading. The day-long session focused on helping teachers and school administrators dive deeper into ideas they can use to increase and decrease complexity in assignments and assessments, all while meeting state standards. Wormeli stressed the importance of student self-assessment, breaking down scores into different aggregates and the idea of public versus hidden curriculum.

“Mr. Wormeli shared with us some important learnings on how to ensure that the grades communicated to students and their parents are an accurate reflection of what students have learned in the classroom,” said Curriculum Coordinator Stephanie Smyka.

Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, a pediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, spoke to a group of about 500 people from local



*Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg speaking to hundreds of local teachers and administrators*

districts on Oct. 5 and 6. Dr. Ginsburg’s sessions were about resiliency and what schools can do to build resiliency in their students. Among the items discussed in his sessions, Dr. Ginsburg gave these attendees the tools to be able to develop and maintain trust with students and support caregivers in developing healthy parenting strategies.

“Dr. Ken Ginsburg provided an overview of three foundational models that support children and adolescents who need to develop resilience,” said Smyka. “As a result of the interest and success of this day, we are planning a follow-up session with Dr. Ginsburg on Dec. 4.”

“We are extremely excited about the benefits that a PD center of this size affords to us and our component districts,” said Dr. Marijo Pearson, assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and professional

development. “In the past, the size of our venue was a limitation to our ability to attract national presenters, who typically draw audiences of more than 100 participants. Now that we are able to accommodate larger numbers of attendees, this provides opportunities for far greater numbers of our constituents to receive direct access to national speakers and their important messages.”

The Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES Office of CIPD works directly with component school districts to develop offerings that align district initiatives. In partnership with our districts, it supports state and district reforms by contracting with nationally-recognized authors and presenters to provide workshops. Follow-up sessions and coaching to assist with implementation are also available.



*Rick Wormeli addressing the crowd of teachers and school administrators*

## Exploring careers through Career Ventures

Career Ventures is a youth employment program that is funded through a grant from Rochester Works for low income Monroe County youth ages 14 and 15.

This past summer, 36 youth employees rotated every two weeks through three career areas: construction trades, retail and customer service and health careers.

Housed at Westside Academy at Gates Chili High School, the program ran daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Fridays, workshops were held to educate students on topics such as financial literacy, college admission process and making proud choices.

BOCES 2 is extremely grateful to Gates Central School District and Martha Willis for their hospitality and support of this annual program.



# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE



By Steve Dawe

Students and staff returning to the Big Ridge Road Campus saw some major changes from when they left for summer break. Recent work on the BOCES 2 Capital Project brought extensive upgrades to many classrooms.

Automotive technology, auto body and collision repair technology, culinary arts, baking, food services, health and exercise science, certified nurse assisting, personal services, computer technology, advertising design/multimedia, child and family development, outdoor powersports technology, heavy equipment operation and maintenance and various Center for Workforce Development (CWD) programs moved into new spaces, and, in many cases, received new equipment.

Demolition has begun for the fall work phase in the WEMOCO North building. This includes new spaces for cosmetology and Engineering Metal Fabrication Academy's (EMFA) welding classroom, along with an additional lab for EMFA precision machining.

The Department for Exceptional Children Special Education Programs moved into the expansion of the Educational Services Center (ESC). Programs using that new space include preschool, Work Activity Center (WAC) and Career Planning Services. The new Professional Development Center at ESC is also now fully operational, having already hosted several large groups and national speakers.

School bus drivers are raving about the new bus loop at ESC. The loop and new traffic flow on campus have improved safety and security. Work will continue in buildings and outdoor locations on the campus through the school year.



WEMOCO corridors with new flooring and paint



New equipment in Culinary Arts kitchen



Food Services theory classroom



Demolition work in a room that will be used for welding





# BOCES 2 reveals updated Strategic Plan

The Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES Cabinet has been working for several months on reviewing and revising the BOCES 2 Strategic Plan and Mission and Vision Statements. The goal was to more clearly state what we stand for – accentuating Customer Satisfaction, Continuous Improvement, Community Collaboration and Resource Management. The revised Strategic Plan was revealed at the Opening Day event. You can review the Strategic Goals and Core Values below, and the Mission and Vision Statements on the back cover of Together.

## Strategic Goals

### Customer Satisfaction

Provide excellent service while demonstrating care and respect for all

### Community Collaboration

Partner with school districts and community organizations to provide creative educational solutions and foster growth

### Continuous Improvement

Seek innovative practices to promote organizational excellence by improving efficiency and effectiveness of services

### Resource Management

Demonstrate integrity, accountability and effectiveness in all personnel and financial decisions with an emphasis on enhancing teaching and learning



## BOCES 4 Science kits coming soon

The first six elementary science kits from BOCES 4 Science are slated to be ready for classroom use starting this January. BOCES 4 Science is a collaboration between the Elementary Science Program (BOCES 2), Monroe #1 BOCES, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. The resource units have been developed to align with the NYS Science Learning Standards, and were piloted in classrooms last school year. Feedback from the pilot program was incorporated, and the new kits will be available for regular use starting in January. A showcase of the units was held at ESP to provide an overview for teachers, who had the opportunity to examine the kits and ask questions. The first six resource units include one for each grade level, K-5. The next group of kits are in the pilot phase now.

- Kindergarten – Weather for Kindergarten
- Grade 1 – Waves – Light and Sound
- Grade 2 – Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Grade 3 – Weather and Climate
- Grade 4 – Waves and Information
- Grade 5 – Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems



BOCES **4**  
Science

# Communication Services wins **15 NYSPRA awards**

Members of BOCES 2 Communication Services were recently selected as winners in the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual New York School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communication Awards. The group won a total of 15 awards, the most our group has won in recent years.

“To be among the best of the best recognized by NYSPRA is always a thrill, and 15 awards is an astounding total for a small group like ours,” said BOCES 2 Communication Manager Steve Dawe. “We are proud to showcase the work we do for BOCES 2 and our districts, and we’re honored by the confidence they show in us.”

Award winners include Communication Manager Steve Dawe, Digital Media Technician Tony Puleo, Communication Specialists Heather Campo, Grace Griffie, Chris Klem, Jennifer Merkel, Beth Nash, Iva Petrosino and Kerry Sharp as well as Graphic Designers Lisa Constantine and Karen Slayton. In addition, many of the publications that were honored in other school districts across the state were produced with the help of BOCES 2 Printing and Graphics Services.

NYSPRA accepts submissions in 14 different categories and the entries are judged by communication professionals across the country. In 2017, 439 entries were received with approximately one-third of those receiving awards. There are three levels of distinction; Excellence is the highest, followed by Honor and Merit, respectively.

## The winning submissions and the BOCES 2 staff involved are:

### Annual Report:

#### Merit

- Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES Annual Report (BOCES 2), *Steve Dawe, Karen Slayton, SIS Contributors*

### Community Newsletter:

#### Honor

- Holley Community Newsletter (Holley), *Beth Nash, Lisa Constantine*

### Excellence in Writing:

#### Excellence

- Constructing a New Appreciation for Math (BOCES 2), *Iva Petrosino*

#### Honor

- Linda Burlingame Retirement (BOCES 2), *Heather Campo*

#### Honor

- BOCES 2 Builds Futures (BOCES 2), *Chris Klem*

#### Honor

- Thriving at Alternative High School (BOCES 2), *Chris Klem*

#### Honor

- BOCES 2 Builds Pride (BOCES 2), *Jennifer Merkel*

#### Honor

- BOCES 2 Builds Innovation (BOCES 2), *Iva Petrosino*

### Photograph:

#### Honor

- Science Fun Day (Hilton), *Grace Griffie*

#### Honor

- Sparking Success (BOCES 2), *Jennifer Merkel*

#### Merit

- Cello Solo (Churchville-Chili), *Chris Klem*

#### Merit

- Measuring Skills (BOCES 2), *Jennifer Merkel*

### Strategic Campaign:

#### Honor

- Faces of Today and Tomorrow (Brockport), *Kerry Sharp, Tony Puleo*

### Video:

#### Honor

- Welcome to Kindergarten (Gates Chili), *Tony Puleo, Erin Ugine, Coordinator of Early Childhood / P-2 Learning at Gates Chili*

#### Merit

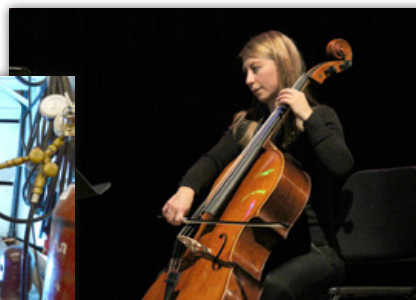
Opening Day Video: Do What Matters (Brockport), *Kerry Sharp, Tony Puleo*



Science Fun Day



Sparking Success



Cello Solo



Measuring Skills



# SAVE *the* DATE

Eleventh Annual Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation

*Celebration*

## 11.04.17

*Ridgemont Country Club • 6–11 pm*

*Featuring a silent auction and a night of music, dining, dancing and fun  
Invitations and registration information to follow in September*

## *In Memoriam*

**B**OCES 2 retiree Peter Madsen passed away on Aug. 15, 2017. A lifelong educator, Madsen joined BOCES 2 in 1973 and was instrumental in growing the educational communications services group. He was well known and respected throughout the state for his work in library and media services, and was a pioneer in helping to bring new technology to component school districts. Madsen retired in 1990 as the director of the Educational Communications Center.

Upon his retirement, Madsen moved to Vass, NC with his wife, Marilyn. While living there, the couple were highly involved in establishing the Vass Area Library and worked tirelessly to ensure it could remain a resource for all to enjoy.

## CELEBRATING YOU

You are invited to attend the Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES

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Join us as we celebrate all staff  
and recognize employee service milestones  
and our Crystal Apple Award winner

## AHERA

### *Notification*

**T**he Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) is a federal law enacted in 1987 requiring all school districts to re-inspect their facilities for asbestos-containing building materials.

The Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES asbestos inspection plan is available for review through the operations and maintenance department. The plan outlines the current and planned inspections and appropriate response actions to ensure a continuously safe environment.

## *Condolences to:*

**Sue Forquell** on the passing of her mother-in-law, **Carrie McKain** on the passing of her brother-in-law, **Mary Mort** on the passing of her mother, **Angela Nesci** on the passing of her mother, and **Taylor Piccone** on the passing of her uncle.



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## Mission

We provide quality, cost-effective educational services in partnership with school districts and the community in a manner that supports excellence and equity for all learners. We are committed to customer satisfaction, continuous improvement, and personal and professional growth.

## Vision

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES is the educational partner of choice. We strive for continuous improvement in serving the diverse needs of our community, helping all students achieve their full potential.

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## CTE Measures Up

*Career and Technical Education laboratory technology students kicked off the school year in a new space but in the same fashion as years past – with a celery race! Students were challenged to measure water and then work as a team to transport it from one beaker to another. This team building activity focuses on communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills.*

