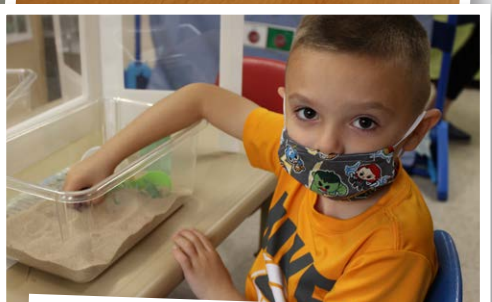
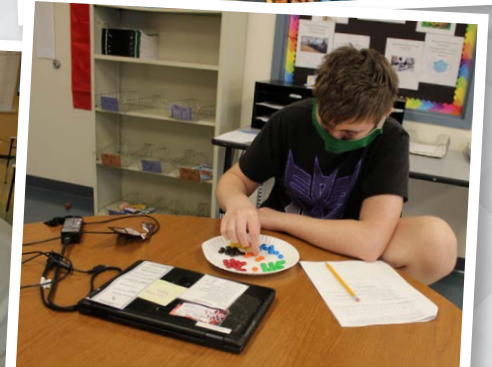
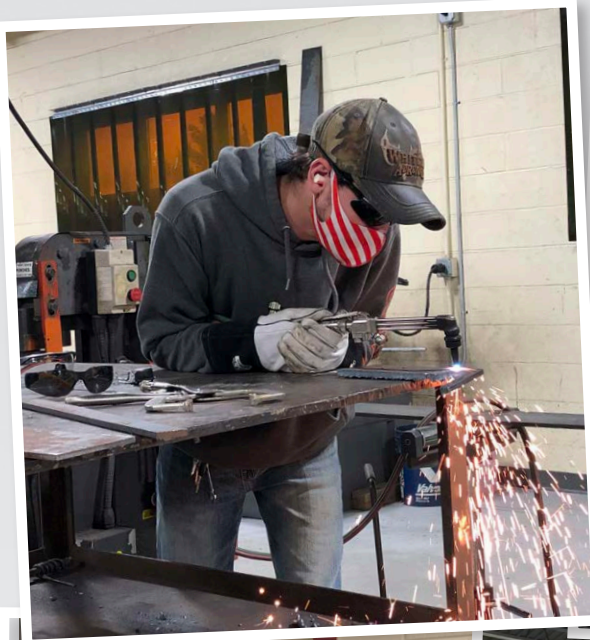


TOGETHER

October/November 2020

Back to School

The 2020-21 school year will be a school year like no other. Students returned to BOCES 2 programs wearing masks and working in socially distanced learning spaces. With constant reminders posted about washing hands, using sanitizer stations, and standing six feet apart, students filled the hallways, eager to return to school.



Editor's Note: Photos of students in this issue were taken following appropriate social distancing measures and/or with masks in place.

School Board Recognition Week

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaimed School Board Recognition Week as Oct. 19-23, 2020. To quote Governor Cuomo's proclamation, "members of local school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education"; this is an accurate description of the BOCES 2 Board. Thank you to the members of the board for all you do to support students.



Imaginations Run Wild for Halloween

by Chris Klem

Students and teachers at Westside Junior/Senior High Academy got into the Halloween spirit this year by painting and decorating pumpkins. Classrooms up and down the school's hallways were filled with laughter and seasonal, not-too-scary music. Each artist concentrated on their own vision, ranging from carefully painted flowers to ghostly white pumpkins with bright faces, strings of spiders or sparkly stick-ons. Students learned they're never too old for Halloween!



Welcome to BOCES 2!

Kelly Mutschler has taken over as Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Board Clerk and Assistant to the District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci. Mutschler comes to BOCES 2 from the Rochester City School District where she worked most recently as an executive assistant in the finance department.



New BOCES 2 Board Clerk Kelly Mutschler

Mutschler replaces Ginger Critchley, who retired at the end of September after more than a decade of working for BOCES 2.



CWD Moves to New Location

by Jackie Finn

The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) Main Office has moved to 3555 Buffalo Road, in the Westview Commons Business Park, in Gates. “I want to thank the BOCES 2 Operation and Maintenance staff, Tech Support at CaTS, and all the CWD staff members who tirelessly worked to make a move of this scale a success,” said CWD Director Thomas Schulte. “We love our new location, and more importantly, our adult education students are benefitting from all this new location has to offer.”



CTE Dental Assisting Program Receives NYS Office of Professions Accreditation

by Mary Prusak

BOCES 2 has received exciting news recently. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dental Assisting Program is now a New York State Office of Professions Registered Dental Assisting program.

While the Dental Assisting program has been a New York State Education Department (NYSED) Approved CTE Program for a number of years, CTE and teacher Jennifer Probst pursued the additional accreditation by the NYSED Office of Professions during the 2019-20 school year. The new accreditation resulted in the program being listed on the Inventory of Registered Programs. This is the equivalent of an approved one-year course of college study.



As a state registered program, the Dental Assisting program will better serve students and the dental community. Students can increase their knowledge and provide dental supportive services by performing expanded functions such as taking dental x-rays, removing sutures, and selecting and

pre-fitting provisional crowns and orthodontic bands. Upon completion of the two-year program, students who earn their 200 work-based learning hours through internships are now eligible to sit for the New York State Professional Dental Assisting examination. Once they pass the exam, they may use the title of Certified/Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) after their names to identify that they are licensed and registered to practice as dental assistants in New York State. Previously, students completing the Dental Assisting program needed to gain two years of experience as a practicing dental assistant to be eligible to sit for the state licensing exam.

“Our students can be hired right out of the program,” said Probst. “Many of them even secure jobs prior to ending their internships in their senior year. This program prepares students to be more employable in the dental field, and the program also serves the dental community by providing highly qualified dental assistants that doctors can delegate to and depend on.”



With a shortage of healthcare personnel, including dental assistants, local industry partners appreciate the Dental Assisting program at BOCES 2's CTE Center. “A licensed dental assistant is in high demand, not only because they are trained in dentistry, but because they are able to perform many other duties, helping the doctor become more productive and making the office run more efficiently,” said Dr. Oliver Cabrera of Greece Family Dentistry and Implantology. “Jennifer Probst and the CTE program have been wonderful partners in the dental community, producing skilled dental assistants to help offices throughout Monroe County and New York State.”

Robert A. Lang Jr., DDS, whose practice has been partnering with the CTE Dental Assisting program for over 35 years, said, “I have had many students shadow and intern at our office over the years, and it is an outstanding program. I am incredibly happy and excited that they now will have a certified licensing program! It is great for the dental community to have more qualified dental assistants available. Congratulations to CTE for working hard to organize and get this program implemented!”

CTE Teacher Named Finalist for National Award

by Mary Prusak

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced that Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dental Assisting Teacher Jennifer Probst is a finalist for the 2021 ACTE New Teacher of the Year award. Probst won the 2021 ACTE New Teacher of the Year at the state level, and her win as the Region 1 2021 ACTE New Teacher of the Year qualifies her for the national competition. This esteemed honor recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions to innovative and unique CTE programs, and who have shown a professional commitment early in their careers.

Probst is one of five finalists for the national title. As a finalist, she is preparing for the interview portion of the competition.

Probst has more than 20 years of experience working in dental practices, and she has been an office manager, dental assistant and hygienist. She achieved Fellowship with the Academy of Laser Dentistry in 2016 and sits on the Academy of Laser Dentistry's Laser Safety Committee.

Probst has a strong passion for educating her students in oral health, health science and employability skills. Since September 2016 when she started teaching at the CTE Center, Probst evolved the Dental Assisting program from a one-year program to a two-year program. She re-designed the course to be aligned with the New York State Dental Licensing Requirements and to meet the requirements for the NYS CTE Program Approval process, allowing students to receive NYS Technical Endorsement at the completion of the program. Probst worked diligently with industry partners in the community to increase work-based learning opportunities, resulting in better prepared students that are college and career ready. Students receive more than 200 hours of work-based learning opportunities in the community. Probst added over 30 dental industry partners to the program, including dental labs and dental offices.

Probst has been the chair for the SkillsUSA state dental assisting competition for two years. Every year, her students compete in knowledge and performance skills. She has sent six students to state competition, and three moved on to Nationals, placing in the top 10 for Dental Assisting.

ACTE's national finalists and winners will be honored in December during ACTE's Virtual CareerTech VISION 2020.



CWD Continuing Education Offers Culinary Classes This Fall

by Jackie Finn

The BOCES 2 Center for Workforce Development (CWD) is offering five new culinary classes this fall: Preserving WNY's Bounty through canning, dehydration, and fermentation; Soups On; Freezer Meals; Cooking Basics; and Kids in the Kitchen. The kids cooking class is offered on Saturday mornings to kids ages 8-15.

All classes are taught at the BOCES 2 WEMOCO Career and Technical Education Center, 3589 Big Ridge Road, Spencerport. Class sizes are limited. CWD is fully committed to maintaining the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. Guidelines on individual health assessments, physical distancing, regular disinfecting and wearing masks have been established. To view the catalog, visit: <http://www.monroe2cwd.edu/course-catalog/>. Register for a continuing education class today. CWD offers 32 different classes including Auto Body, Culinary, Electrical, Home Remodeling, HVAC, Machining, Small Engine Repair, Welding and Woodworking.

Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation 2020 Celebration

This year, we're going virtual! We're adjusting our event due to limitations from the pandemic, and moving our auction online!

Beginning Monday, November 2 at midnight through Saturday, November 14 at 8 p.m., visit www.biddingforgood.com/monroe2 to register and make your \$25 online donation to support the Foundation. Your donation entitles you to an entry in a 50/50 raffle and full bidding rights to the online auction.

Contact Lucy Fagan at (585) 349-9009 with questions.

Please help us to support Make All the Difference Student Scholarships.

Student testimonials can be found at www.makealldifference.org.

Gage-Steves Achieves Career Essentials Certified Teacher Status

by Mary Prusak

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Work-Based Learning Coordinator Brandilyn Gage-Steves has achieved SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher status. She is now part of a national network of educators committed to preparing learners for success in the workplace.

As a SkillsUSA Career Essentials Certified Teacher, Gage-Steves plans to use the Career Essentials curriculum as a turnkey tool with teachers to equip learners to define, implement and measure their career-readiness skills. The Career Essentials curriculum immerses students in the SkillsUSA Framework, a set of skills which empower students to achieve career success.

To complete this program, Gage-Steves engaged in a four-hour virtual class last spring, then completed four certification assignments. These assignments included creating PowerPoint presentations, mapping out how she would build the culture for learning career essentials in her school, developing a management and reporting plan, detailing how she would differentiate learning to students' needs, and devising a curriculum map for implementing the program.



Gage-Steves has been invested in the SkillsUSA program her entire teaching career. She has been co-manager of the NYS Officer Team for the past 10 years, and school advisor and professional member for the past 17 years. She was a student member in high school and chapter officer in 1995 under the former club name of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). Gage-Steves was named the NYS Area 1 Advisor of the Year in 2014 and the National Alumni of the Year in 2017.

“Our industry partners continuously request students who already have those career readiness skills,” said Gage-Steves. “It is easy for employers to continue teaching their craft once a student is in their shop, but they don’t have time to teach how to be a well-rounded employee. Our students will greatly benefit from the skills that come from the Career Essentials coursework no matter which career area they go in to. It is imperative that all students learn these skills prior to entering the workforce.”



An Apple a Day Keeps Students Creating Delicious Dishes

Chef Scott Barnard and his Food Services students used locally-sourced apples to make applesauce, pies, crisps, muffins and cookies.



Communication Services Wins 15 NYSPRA Awards

Members of the BOCES 2 Communication Services were recently selected as winners in the 41st Annual New York School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communication Awards. The group won a total of 15 awards this year.

“Not even a global pandemic can stop my team from producing amazing work worthy of recognition, as judged by our colleagues from around the country,” said BOCES 2 Communication Manager Steve Dawe. “To be recognized as the best of the best is always a thrill. We are proud to showcase the work we do for BOCES 2 and our districts, and we’re honored by the confidence they have in us.”

Award winners include Dawe; Communication Specialists Ashley Decker, Jackie Finn, Chris Klem, Beth Nash, Iva Petrosino, Mary Prusak, Stephanie Robusto, Jade Rood and Gretchen Spittler; Graphic Designers Karen Alsup, Lisa Constantine and Shannon Sweeney; Communication Support Specialist Amanda Dedie; and Digital Media Technician Tony Puleo. 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 2020, 340 entries were received, with approximately 30% 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

- Excellence, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Annual Report (BOCES 2), Stephen Dawe, Amanda Dedie, Chris Klem, Ashley Decker and Karen Alsup

Budget/Bond Newsletter

- Excellence, Kendall Budget Issue 2020 edition (Kendall), Beth Nash and Shannon Sweeney
- Honor, Gates Chili CSD District Newsletter – Budget Issue (Gates Chili), Stephanie Robusto and Lisa Constantine, Iva Petrosino, Director of Public Relations

Community Newsletter

- Excellence, The Link (Churchville-Chili), Chris Klem and Karen Alsup, Amanda Puleo, CCCSD Communications Coordinator
- Merit, East Rochester Union Free School District Newsletter (East Rochester), Mary Prusak, Iva Petrosino and Karen Alsup

Excellence in Writing

- Excellence, Economics meets home economics (Byron-Bergen), Gretchen Spittler
- Merit, Comfortable bodies, focused minds (Byron-Bergen), Gretchen Spittler

Photograph

- Excellence, Byron-Bergen Winter Choral Concert (Byron-Bergen), Gretchen Spittler
- Honor, “Dead” Girl at Mock Accident (Holley), Beth Nash
- Honor, Out of their seats and moving to the beat: introducing students to other cultures through music (Monroe One BOCES), Stephanie Robusto

Social Media

- Honor, Project Search Changes Lives Social Media Campaign (BOCES 2), Chris Klem and Karen Alsup
- Merit, Virtual Community Events Social Media Campaign (Pittsford), Jade Rood, Nancy Wayman, APR, Director of Communication, Laurie Everhart, Communication Specialist

Special Purpose Publication

- Honor, Moving towards your child’s future (Gates Chili), Stephanie Robusto, Iva Petrosino, Director of Public Relations
- Merit, Wheatland-Chili STEM Airplane Brochure (Wheatland-Chili), Jackie Finn and Karen Alsup

Video

- Honor, Kindergarten at Gates Chili CSD (Gates Chili), Stephanie Robusto and Tony Puleo, Iva Petrosino, Director of Public Relations



Winning photo by Beth Nash, Honor



Winning photo by Gretchen Spittler, Excellence

Capital Project Continued

This fall, the capital project on the BOCES 2 main campus continued.

Completed projects include:

- Exterior insulation applied to the WEMOCO North building.
- Eight new overhead doors installed.
- Gaskets replaced on exterior windows.
- Pavement replaced between the North and South buildings, and drainage improvements made.
- Drainage improvements also made along Big Ridge Road.
- Concrete pad installed where the student-built house will be constructed.

Projects being worked on include:

- Exterior insulation applied to the WEMOCO South building.
- Replacement of pavement in the East student parking lot and behind the security booth.
- Additional drainage improvements made along Big Ridge Road.
- Applying color sealer and repointing brick on WEMOCO North building.



Flu Clinics

2020 Dates for Flu Clinics at BOCES 2:

- Oct. 28
- Nov. 3
- Dec. 8

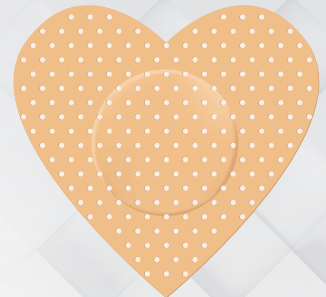
All clinics will be open from 3-6 p.m. and held in the large Conference Room (A-116) at the WEMOCO building. The room is located just inside the main entrance, off to the left of the lobby.

No appointment is needed. The clinic is open to the public for adults age 18 and older. Bring your medical insurance card.

If you are covered by a BOCES 2 health plan, the vaccination is free. If you are without insurance or are covered by an alternative health plan, there is a \$35 fee, payable by cash or check.

Masks are required. All COVID safety measures will be followed.

For clinical questions, contact Flu Prevention Partners of Workplace Vitality at 585-568-8340. The BOCES 2 contact is Barb Swanson; she may be contacted at 585-352-2749.



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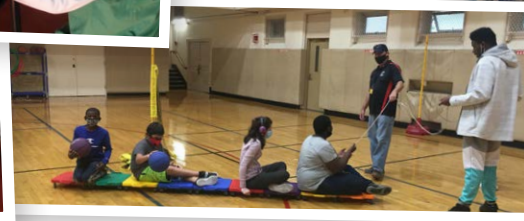
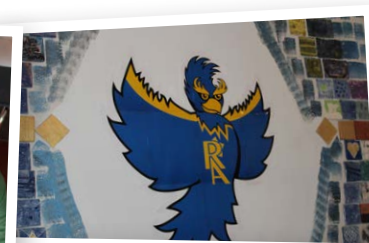
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/addresses.html> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481. Please note that those wishing to file a complaint may also do so through the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintprocess.html>. See also New York State Executive Law 296.

Ridgecrest Academy Has Moved

Ridgecrest Academy began the 2020-21 school year in a new location. They are housed in School 43 on Lyell Avenue in Rochester. Students who attend Ridgecrest Academy are in grades 7-12 and are supported by school-based mental health staff, psychiatric and nursing services to address the psychiatric, social and emotional challenges that impact learning.



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