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Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
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Students at RJEC Prepare a Feast for Thanksgiving



Mrs. Muller's students created Thanksgiving costumes to wear to the annual feast.



Students learned how to make and mold butter.

The staff and students at Red Jacket Education Center (RJEC) held their 9th annual Thanksgiving Feast in November and fed around 100 people more than 80 pounds of turkey! Gathered together at the table were RJEC staff, students and special adult guests invited to the feast by the students. The feast included turkey, dressing, corn, rolls, cider, milk and holiday cookies decorated by the students.

In addition to making the dessert, students created all of the decorations for the meal adding their special touches to the placemats, centerpieces, vests, necklaces and headdresses. Students also learned how to make butter and each prepared a container for the Thanksgiving table.



Students created handmade vests and headdresses to wear to the annual Thanksgiving Feast.



Mark Your Calendar

District Superintendent Visit
to Palmyra-Macedon BOE
January 9th * 7 p.m.

High School Large Instruction Room
phone: 315-597-3417

District Superintendent Visit
to Naples Board of Education
January 10th * 7 p.m.

Naples High School Library
phone: 585-374-7900

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed. Meeting
January 16th * 6:30 p.m.

W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284

*This Meeting Will Take Place on
Tuesday.

Library Leadership Academy
January 25th * 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Geneva High School
Register by January 12, 2006
phone: 315-332-7231

W-FL BOCES Board of Ed. Meeting
February 12th * 6:30 p.m.

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Happy New Year!!



FLTCC Culinary Arts Students Host State B&B Conference



FLTCC Senior Culinary Arts Students *Tori Castro* from Red Jacket; *Jason Twist* from Waterloo and *Michael Feathers* from Victor, assist Chef *Cori Bergstrom*, from the Rose Corner Bakery, with preparation for a cooking demonstration to B&B owners from across New York State.

The Empire State Bed and Breakfast Association (ESBBA) held a statewide Culinary Tourism Conference in Canandaigua from November 5th to the 7th. A portion of the conference was hosted by the W-FL BOCES Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) Culinary Arts staff and students on November 7th in the Culinary Arts kitchen on the Flint Campus.

High school Culinary Arts students from school districts throughout the region assisted with hands-on cooking presentations for bed and breakfast owners by local chefs from Rose Corner Cafe' and Rose Corner Bakery both located in Canandaigua.

According to the ESBBA, and the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, culinary tourism is one of the hottest

marketing trends in the travel industry today. During this conference, bed & breakfast innkeepers learned how to work with local agricultural groups and food producers to capitalize on this movement. Students benefited by participating in the cooking demonstrations by professional chefs and listening to guest speakers including Pat Hilimire and Sue Schmidt from the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection and Barbara Lang from Cornell University.

For more information about the FLTCC Culinary Arts Program, contact Gerry Lesniak, Culinary Arts instructor at 585-526-6471/glesniak@wflboces.org or visit the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org.

Staff Spotlight

W-FL BOCES Associate Superintendent for Curriculum & Technology, **Jack McCabe**, received the prestigious "Making it Happen" Award from the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for contributions made to the field of Educational Technology at the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE) Conference held in Rochester in November.

Amy Perry-DelCorvo, W-FL



BOCES Strategic Initiatives Director, received the Rochester Business Journal's annual "Forty Under 40" Award and was

honored at a luncheon at the Convention Center in Rochester on November 9th.

Bill Campo, W-FL BOCES Coordinator of Multimedia Development, was honored at the October Board of Education



Meeting for implementing a *Digital Storytelling* program for students at The Center for Experiential Learning in Flint. By creating Digital Storytelling projects, students actively participate in the learning process by utilizing hands-on learning and creativity to meet New York State Standards, learn about history and gain state-of-the-art technical skills.



Almost 400 Attend Regional Educator's Technology Conference at Midlakes



Regional Literacy Coordinator, Betsy Serapilio-Frank shows Veronica Bary, a 4th through 6th Computer Lab Instructor from Victor nuances of the Kid Pix software during her workshop.



Katie Fairchild, Trainer for Technology for the W-FL BOCES School Library System gives workshop participants an overview of Teachingbooks.net, an online collection of author programs and K-12 book-related materials.

The W-FL BOCES Staff Development Team facilitated their second annual Regional Teachers' Conference Day on November 9th at Midlakes High School. More than 380 educators from 13 School Districts, including W-FL BOCES, participated in the day-long conference focused on integrating educational technology into the classroom. Nationally renowned speaker, Alan November, was the endnote speaker for the conference and a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) discussed and reviewed online safety habits for students during the morning keynote address.

The conference was divided into two tracks. The first, entitled *Educating the Millennial* focused on integrating technology into the classroom; while the second track, entitled *Educating the Whole Child* focused on the needs of Special Education Students.

More than 40 educational opportunities were provided for the participants and many of the workshop instructors were W-FL BOCES staff as well as school district staff with expertise in many fields from the region. For more information about W-FL BOCES Staff Development or Instructional Technology Services call 585-394-9239/ miverson@wflboces.org.



Jeff Linn, Director of Staff Development for the Canandaigua City School District highlights ways to successfully co-teach using adaptations.

District Superintendent Salutes Entire BOCES Staff at All Staff Day Meeting

Each year, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli hosts *All Staff Day* for the entire W-FL BOCES staff of almost 1,000 employees! *All Staff Day* was held on



The Project Accelerate Team coordinated the collection of more than 26 cases of canned and dry food donated by BOCES staff for five Seneca County Food Cupboards. From left: **Amy Perry DelCorvo**, **Jenine Wech**, **Mary Jane Schenk** and **Jeremiah Frink**.

November 22, 2006 at the Canandaigua Academy Auditorium and included retiree honors, staff recognition awards, years of service awards, a slideshow presentation by the district superintendent, a welcome address by W-FL BOCES Board President, Nancy Scher, a video presentation starring the BOCES administrative team and more.

During his opening remarks, Dr. Marinelli said, "Each year, we hold *All Staff Day* so everyone who works for W-FL BOCES can come together in one place, at one time to celebrate our accomplishments and achievements. I think coming together for one day each year as an entire organization is an important way for me to meet face-to-face with all of you. This day also provides me with an opportunity to let you know where we are headed as an organization, how we plan to get there, and what you can do to help."

Highlights of the day included Dr.

Marinelli's red Teddy Bear sweater, collecting canned and dry food for Seneca County Food Pantries and honoring EduTech Senior Programmer, Bob Bennett for his 30 years of dedicated service to W-FL BOCES.



Camille Sorenson (left), Director of EduTech and **Joe Marinelli** (right), W-FL BOCES District Superintendent congratulate **Bob Bennett** (center), EduTech Senior Programmer for 30 years of employment at W-FL BOCES.

Register Online for Library Leadership Academy

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES School Library System will Sponsor the 2007

Library Leadership Academy

Thursday, January 25, 2007 * Geneva High School

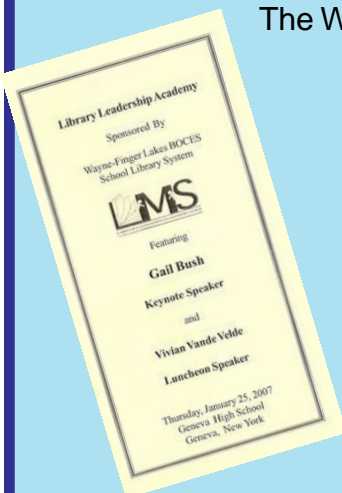
Keynote Speaker: Gail Bush

Luncheon Speaker: Vivian Vande Velde

**Go Online to www.wflboces.org - Quick Links - Conferences
For Detailed Information on the Topics Below**

- Conference Schedule
- Workshop Descriptions
- Keynote Speakers
- Presenter Biographies
- Programs
- Registration (*Online and Download Form*)

You Must Register by January 12, 2007!



Engineering Students Visit FLCC to Experience College Level Curriculum



Pictured (left to right) Dr. Sam Samanta, Chairman of the Science and Technology Department at FLCC; Marsha Walton PE-Professor of Mechanical Technology at FLCC; FLTCC students Corbin Irwin, Geneva; Eric Miller, Romulus; Jason Cady, Dundee; Tad Petro, Dundee and Bill Christensen, Honeoye; and Dr. Selim Araci, Associate Professor of Engineering Science at FLCC.

So This is College? During the last week of September, staff from Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) partnered with the Science & Technology Department at Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) to provide New Vision Engineering students a glimpse of what awaits them after graduation when they take the next step in their careers by attending a college-level engineering program.

The W-FL BOCES New Vision Engineering Program is a one-year academically rigorous senior offering for college bound students planning on majoring in an engineering discipline. Through a series of three, eight-week rotations at a variety of local business partners, (*Mercury Aircraft, Thomas Associates, RATEC, ABTEX, Guardian Glass, IEC Electronics, Goulds Pumps, Finger Lakes Conveyor, Crosman, PerkinElmer, Ontario County DPW, and G.W. Lisk Co.*) New Vision Engineering students have the opportunity to observe and work along side various engineering professionals in the Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Chemical, Aerospace and Architectural engineering fields.

The staff at FLTCC including Ross Baglio, Instructor; Kim Bianchi, English Instructor; Jennifer Smyth, Math Instructor and Bob Mattick, Business Community Liaison felt that although the business partners were doing an excellent job of showing students what a career in the various engineering disciplines entailed, the students needed more information about the college experience in-between high school and an engineering career.

At the end of the 2006 school year, FLCC's Associate Professor of Mechanical Technology, Marsha Walton PE, and

Associate Professor of Engineering Science, Dr. Selim Araci, met with Finger Lakes Tech staff and shared ideas the best ways to expose New Vision Engineering students to the demands of college level curriculum.

What emerged from this collaboration is an exciting new opportunity allowing the New Vision Engineering students to experience firsthand the challenges of a typical college freshman. Over the course of three days, Professors Araci and Walton coordinated the students' participation in attending classes in Engineering Science, Math, Science and English college course giving them a better idea of the level of work associated with a demanding engineering program.

The chairman of the FLCC Science and Technology Department, Dr. Sam Samanta, met with the students telling them that the need for engineers is great and increasing. Dr. Samanta hopes that the addition of this partnership between FLTCC and FLCC's Science and Technology Departments can be replicated to include other career fields. She said that the partnership can enhance the college's efforts to help local students understand the quality of post secondary education available to them locally.

The partnership team also hopes this collaboration will help encourage students with college-level engineering skills to remain or come back to the Finger Lakes Region to live and work. All agree this collaboration further advances the principals of the New Vision Engineering model, which is to make sure our students have the tools needed to make intelligent choices about their career paths and achieve their definition of success.

For more information about the New Visions Engineering Program offered at both FLTCC and at Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) in Williamson go to the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org or call Bob Mattick at FLTCC at 585-526-6471/ rmattick@wflboces.org or Peter Boldt at WTCC at 315-589-2600/ pboldt@wflboces.org.

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