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News From the
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eLearning Symposium

Incorporating the Latest Technology to the Classroom



Joe Bowman, Regent to the University of the State of New York, (right) met with Amy Perry-DelCorvo, W-FL BOCES Strategic Initiatives Coordinator and Joe Marinelli, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent at the eLearning Symposium.

More than 200 school administrators, teachers and school computer technicians from across New York State attended the areas first eLearning Symposium at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester on October 13 and 14, 2005. Fifty of those in attendance were from the W-FL BOCES region.

Spearheaded by the W-FL BOCES EduTech Team, the seminar featured three internationally known keynote speakers Will Richardson, Gary Stager and Alan November.

Richardson's revolutionary thinking has inspired educators, worldwide to reexamine how on-line technologies can change the way we teach and learn.

Stager is an internationally recognized educator, speaker and consultant. He has helped learners of all ages on six

continents embrace the power of computers as intellectual laboratories and vehicles of self-expression.

November is recognized internationally as a leader in education technology. As practitioner, designer and author, he has guided schools, government organizations and industry leaders as they plan to improve quality with technology.

Many attendees wrote about their positive experiences at the two-day conference on the eLearning Symposium website blog page. One entry reads, "The amazing energy around the eLearning Symposium was wonderful. It was great to sit with others around the state who felt the same as I did in regards to the power of eLearning in education."

For more information about eLearning, go to www.eLearningSymposium.org. ■



Michael Ford, Superintendent from Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District attending a breakout session on *Digital Learning Spaces*.



Mark Your Calendar

NYSSBA Annual Convention
October 27 - 30, 2005
The Rochester Riverside
Convention Center
23 East Main Street, Rochester
phone 585-232-7200

NYSSBA Best of BOCES
*October 28, 2005 * 2:30 p.m.*
The Rochester Convention Center
123 East Main Street, Rochester

Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center Open House
*November 3, 2005 * 6 - 8 p.m.*
3501 County Road 20, Stanley
Phone: 585-526-6471

W-FL BOCES Board - Fall Retreat
*November 1, 2005 * 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.*
Geneva Country Club
Route 14, Geneva
phone: 315-332-7284

Wayne Technical and Career Center Open House
*November 2, 2005 * 6 - 8 p.m.*
4440 Ridge Road, Bldg. B, Williamson
Phone: 315-589-7900

W-FL BOCES Board of Education Meeting
*November 21, 2005 * 6:30 p.m.*
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court, Newark
phone: 315-332-7284



Metal Trades Motorsport Program

Local NASCAR-Circuit Race Car Driver Returns to WTCC



Race car driver **Eddie Hawkins** from Marion visits the students at Wayne Technical and Career Center in Williamson in the Metal Trades/Motorsport Program. Students learned firsthand the skills necessary to build and maintain a race car.

On October 5th, NASCAR race car driver, Eddie Hawkins from Marion met with students from the Metal Trades/Motorsports Fabrication program at the Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) in Williamson.

The Metal Trades/Motorsports Fabrication Program, instructed by Leonard Hall and James Claypool, teaches students the machining and welding skills necessary to create a motorsports car. "By inspecting the car

and asking questions, students were able to gain a better understanding of racing car dynamics including the setup, welding, and cage design," Hall said.

Hawkins is a 2002 graduate of the Machining Program at WTCC and has earned a degree in Precision Machining from Monroe Community College. This year, he finished 10th in the NASCAR Modified Division at Spencer Speedway. Eddie's brother, Colton Hawkins, a Marion junior in the Motorsports Fabrication Program, finished 21st in the Grand American Modified Division at Spencer Speedway.

Eddie Hawkins plans on providing work experience opportunities for students in the Motorsports program. Hawkins said that students will reinforce their classroom knowledge of the fabrication of the race car, chassis and setup, and will be able to work as part of the pit crew.

For more information on the Metal Trades/Motorsports Fabrication Program visit wflbores.org/wtccmetaltrades or call 315-589-2631/2632. ■

Career and Technical Education Live Webcast

Dr. Joseph Marinelli, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent will be one of four guest speakers presenting "Building Rigorous Academic and Technical Programs for All Students," at the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education in Columbus Ohio - www.nccte.org.

Live Educational
Webcast at
www.nccte.org

*"Building Rigorous Academic
and Technical Programs
for All Students."*

Wednesday
October 26, 2005
3 - 4:30 p.m. EDT



More than 360 Students Earn Diplomas

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Career Resource Center hosted a Graduate Recognition Ceremony for more than 360 students at the Canandaigua Academy Auditorium on October 5, 2005.

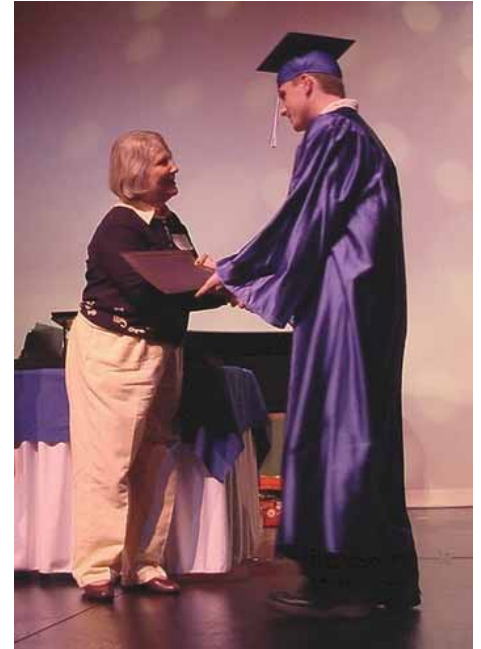
Fred Sarkis, author, motivational speaker and Canandaigua resident was the guest speaker. Sarkis is the author of *Yes Pa: Lessons in Character* which is an abridgement and textbook edition of his autobiography *Prisoner of the Truck*.

More than 360 students who successfully completed the General Education Development Program (GED) received recognition for achieving a high school equivalency diploma. Seventeen students were recognized for graduating from the External Diploma Program (EDP), and 57 received recognition for graduating from the Alternative Comprehensive Education Program (ACE). The ceremony also included 12 graduates of the Bloomfield Central School District's GRASP Program (Giving Rural Adults A Study Program).

For more information about the W-FL BOCES Career Resource Center Graduate Recognition Ceremony or to find out more about Adult Continuing Education programs at the W-FL BOCES Career Resource Centers, contact Joan Beecher at 1-800-527-1765 or go to the BOCES website at www.wflboces.org. More Pictures of the Graduation Ceremony are also available on the W-FL BOCES website www.wflboces.org. ■



Graduates **Angela Moulton** of Macedon and **Julia Hale** of Canandaigua both celebrated with fellow graduates and family members after the ceremony.



W-FL BOCES Board President, **Nancy Scher** hands diplomas to graduates as they cross the stage.



Fred Sarkis of Canandaigua was the guest speaker for the ceremony.



Literacy Program Instructor, **Sue Stobie** (center) congratulates her students on their accomplishment after the ceremony.



Board Fall Retreat

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education will hold their **Annual Fall Retreat** from **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005** at the **Geneva Country Club** on Route 14 in Geneva, New York.





Component School Highlight

Naples Elementary Named National Blue Ribbon School



Naples Elementary School students celebrate their accomplishment around 5th Grade Teacher **Sharon Fredericks** at the Blue Ribbon Ceremony in the Naples Elementary gymnasium.

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES is proud to announce that Naples Elementary School has been named a *No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School* for 2005. On behalf of U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, the U.S. Department of Education's Orysia Dmytrenko presented an award certificate to Naples school officials on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 in the Naples Elementary School Gymnasium.

Students, staff and members of the community gathered together around noon to watch the presentation and applaud the school's accomplishment.

The Naples Elementary Band led the program by playing the Star-Spangled Banner" and the entire student body sang "The Naples Song" during the ceremony.

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli was



(Left) **Orysia Dmytrenko**, regional representative of the U.S. Education Department meets with Naples Superintendent, **Brenda Keith** and W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, **Joe Marinelli** before the Blue Ribbon Ceremony.

one of the many guest speakers for the ceremony. He said, "Today we join together to celebrate your grand achievement - Naples is one of only nine schools in the state of New York to receive this national honor."

"The achievement gap is closing and that is great news for every student," Spellings said. "In the three plus years since *No Child Left Behind* was signed into law, we've learned a new equation: 'Accountability plus high expectations plus resources equals results.'"

The *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels. More information about the Blue Ribbon Schools Program is available at www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/index.html. ■

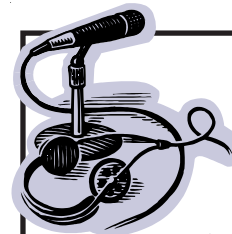


Wayne Education Center Construction Update

Construction is well underway at the W-FL BOCES Wayne Education Center in Williamson. In early October, workers placed the final precast panels on the exterior of the front of the building.

Upon completion, this 60,000 square foot facility will house 20 state-of-the-art classrooms and will be the new home school for approximately 120 middle and high school students in Wayne County with special education needs

Go to "Sites & Locations" on the W-FL BOCES website to view more construction images. ■



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