

Oswego County BOCES

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Team Places in Entergy Science Fair

The Oswego County BOCES (OCB) Team “Watt’s Up?” built an electrically powered vehicle for the 2007 Entergy Science Projects Competition held on Saturday, Jan. 19. The third annual competition, sponsored by Entergy and hosted by OCB featured 15 teams from eight districts as well as the team from OCB, all competing for \$12,000 in prizes. Representatives from Entergy worked as mentors to the individual school teams offering advice and expertise, but students decided on their projects and completed the work themselves.

The BOCES team built an electric powered three wheeled vehicle, similar to a tricycle, which could reach speeds of nearly 35 mph, and was a crowd favorite. The students’ presentation focused on emissions and how nuclear energy and electric vehicles produce fewer emissions, lesson our dependency on fossil fuels, are more cost efficient and are environmentally friendly. The team finished second overall.

Finishing in first place at the competition was the team from Hannibal which built a water intake system much like the one utilized by Entergy at the FitzPatrick plant. They received the first place Sam Walker Memorial Scholarship which awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to each team member

from the school. The award was named in honor of Sam Walker a student from APW High School who competed on the OCB team in the first Entergy Science Fair in 2005. Sam was tragically killed in an accident the following year. Members of his family were on hand to help present the award in his honor.

Dr. Joseph Camerino, District Superintendent at Oswego County BOCES, praised the competition saying, “This science fair represents a true partnership across the county, bringing together education, business and industry, the legislature, and local celebrities.” OCB has hosted the competition all three years and has worked closely with Entergy to coordinate the event.



The team celebrated after the 2007 Entergy Science Projects Competition with representatives from Oswego County BOCES and their Entergy mentors following their award for second place in the competition. Each team member received a \$750 scholarship from Entergy. The OCB team included: Marten Kent, Mark Pellow, Nick Bashford, Nick Kalynycz, and Jeff Hotaling (missing from photo).

Work Continues on Trades Fair Car

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) students at Oswego County BOCES (OCB) continue to work on the 1998 Oldsmobile Cutlass that was donated this fall by Fred’s Auto Parts to the Weston T. Hyde Foundation. Rich Rainville’s Auto Body Repair students primed, applied a fresh coat of paint, and buffed the car last week in preparation for the spring raffle.

A drawing will be held for the Cutlass at the annual Trades Fair held on April 24th at the OCB campus in Mexico. Tickets for the drawing are \$2, and are now available through most CTE students or by calling 963-4233. All proceeds will benefit the SkillsUSA Student Club Account.



Auto Body Repair students Nate Perry (left) and Marc Greene (right) apply a new coat of paint to the 1998 Oldsmobile Cutlass donated by Fred’s Auto Parts. A drawing will be held for the car at the annual Oswego County BOCES Trades Fair on April 24th.

Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The Adult Education Practical Nursing Program at Oswego County BOCES (OCB) recently gathered with friends, family, and OCB representatives on a snowy night to receive their pins and certificates for completing the second phase of the program. The students have now completed two of the three levels included in the program, and qualified for the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exam.

Julie Rice, Lead Instructor, welcomed the students and audience members. "I'd like to give you a big round of applause. You're half-way done", she stated. The wintry conditions prevented many students from being present at the ceremony, but those who made it to the campus enjoyed a congratulatory pot-luck dinner after receiving their certificates and pins. The third and final phase of the program began the following day.



Pictured: (front row) Emilie Losurdo, Amanda Nickerson, Penny Firenze, Jean Scott, Cathleen Fredette, Rebecca Engleman; (back row) Baubak (Brandon) Gholipour-Abbasi, Charles Berardi, Emily Miner, Samantha Prichard, Tamy Clary, JoMarie Henderson, Bianca Hendrick, Lara Hurlbut, Jennifer Obey, and MindiJo Baker. Not pictured: Dani Ackerman, Jamie Bertges, Michelle Dempsey, Lisa Divergillo, Bethany Donnie, Angella Garrow, Kelly Green, Jacquelynn Moody, Arlyn Pelton, Stacey Restuccio, Amanda Russell, Amy Steele, Rebekah Sterner, Kayla Watson, and Christina Wells.

Students Compete in SkillsUSA Regionals



Last week, Oswego County BOCES (OCB) sent Career and Technical Education (CTE) students to SUNY Delhi to participate in the annual Regional Level SkillsUSA competition. The students brought home 5 first place, 4 second place, and 3 third place finishes, including a team win in the Quiz Bowl.

For only the second time a team from OCB participated in Quiz Bowl, which tests the knowledge of team members on various aspects of general academic knowledge, professional development and current events. The team took first place and its members included: Jacob Johnson (Phoenix), Nicholas White (Phoenix), Sean Wood (Mexico), Bobby Dotter (Mexico), and Richard Burghardt (Fulton). All of the team members are enrolled in the Public Safety and Justice Program.

First place winners were: Auto Body- Marc Greene (Mexico), Job Skills Demonstration- Abby Howard (Oswego), Collision Repair Technology- Vincent Morgan (Mexico), and Plumbing- Mark Neivel (Mexico).

Second place winners included: Job Skills Demonstration- Ashley Barnes (Central Square), Collision Repair Technology- Jeffery Warner (Mexico), Criminal Justice- Tara Stelter (Fulton), and Residential Wiring- Joshua Avery (Oswego).

Third place was awarded to: Related Technical Math- Cristie Handschuh (APW), Criminal Justice- Amber Liberty (Oswego), and Precision Heavy Equipment- Steve Gass (Central Square).

The top competitors will now advance to the State Level competition held in April.



The 2007 SkillsUSA team from Oswego County BOCES pictured at the State Level Competition held in Syracuse.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 18

President's Day
BOCES Closed

February 18-22

February Break
No Classes

February 25

Practical Nursing Graduation
BOCES
6:00pm

March 19

BOCES BOE Meeting
CRC
6:00pm

March 20

Annual RAP Program
BOCES
8:00pm

March 25

NTHS Induction Ceremony
BOCES
7:00pm