

## Common Grounds

### Service Milestones Achieved

Congratulations to the employees that achieved service milestones. Below is the list of employees who will be recognized at Opening Day.

- Please be sure to make it known to your supervisor if you will be attending a session not normally designated for your division - they'll need to notify Paul Hochstadt.
- If you believe there may an error in this list, please notify HR at least five business days before your Opening Day session.

Anna Kozlowski	Special Education	35
Holly Horvath	Technology Services	35
Patricia Vogel	Career and Technical Education	35
Katherine Kogen	Special Education	35
Lynn Carter	Special Education	35
Sharon Hooper	Special Education	35
Cynthia Kapturwski	Special Education	35
Jodi Koppinger	Special Education	35
Kelly Tabou	Special Education	35
Elaine Tavelgar	Special Education	35
Kathy Rabby	Technology Services	35
Sherry Winkler-Bauer	Technology Services	35
Denise Giese-Santos	School Support Services	25

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Congratulations to the employees that achieved service milestones. MyErie1 has a list of employees who will be recognized at Opening Day. Please be sure to make it known to your supervisor if you will be attending a session not normally designated for your division so that your award can be brought to the correct ceremony. If you believe there may an error in this list, please notify HR at least five business days before your Opening Day session. [See the MyErie1 list here...](#)

### E-Pledge Password

Erie 1 BOCES annual United Way campaign begins in August. There will be two options for employees to contribute this year: one paper or electronically. The paper forms were recently delivered and should be provided to you soon. If you would like to contribute using the electronic form, here are the directions:

1. Visit: <https://uwbec.unitedwayepledge.org>
2. Click the [Forgot User ID or Password] button
3. Enter your workplace email address
4. Type in the verification code in the verification code box at the bottom of the page
5. Click the [Email My Information] button
6. Close out of the webpage and open your email
7. Check your workplace email for the email from [donotreply@uwbec.org](mailto:donotreply@uwbec.org) containing your personal reset password e-Pledge link
8. Click on the reset password e-Pledge link (this will expire within 24 hours)
9. Create a new password and click the [Save] button
10. Click the [Continue] button, make a pledge



### 403(b) Annual Notice

Employees of Erie 1 BOCES have the opportunity to save for retirement via a 403(b). To learn more, view the annual notice and listing of providers – please see this link to MyErie1.

<https://www2.e1b.org/HRandPayroll/TSA403b.aspx>



## Changes to Note



### Organizational Changes to Take Place

Dr. Lynn Fusco, District Superintendent of Erie 1 BOCES, announced that she recommended structural changes within the organization following the retirement of the deputy superintendent. The role of deputy superintendent will not be filled, thus causing several positions to change and take on new responsibilities.

#### Central Office

- Colleen Sloan, formerly Director of Labor Relations, to General Counsel
- James Fregelette, to Executive Director, Administrative Services and Operations
- Barbara MocarSKI, to Executive Director, Educational Supports and WNYRIC Services
- Nancy Bojanowski, Executive Director of Human Resources Services and Professional Development, will retire effective January 2017.
- Kelly Eisenried will become the Director of Human Resources

#### Technology Services

- Rosanne Huffcut, to Director, K-12 Educational Support Services
- Jan Mathis, to Director, Technology Operations and Infrastructure
- Michelle Okal-Frink, to Director, Instructional Technology, Research and Innovation
- Elizabeth Freas, to Director, Instructional Technology, Resources and Professional Development

#### Instructional Services

- Christa McHale, to Director, Educational Partnerships & Workforce Development
- Justin DeMartin, to Director, Exceptional Education

#### Labor Relations and Policy Service

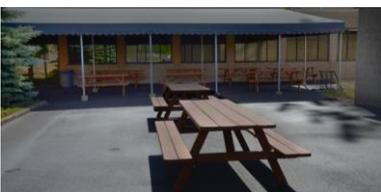
- Daniel D'Amico, to Director, Labor Relations and Policy Service



### Congratulations Diane Orser

Diane Orser, with Technology Services, is retiring after 37 years with Erie 1 BOCES. Her retirement party will be on August 26. If you would like to attend, please register by Friday, Aug 19. More details are on the electronic employee bulletin board. Congratulations!

## News Zone – Education Campus



### Enjoy the Fresh Air

Staff are reminded that the tables under the awning between building A and building C are available for use! Stretch your legs or enjoy a bite to eat during breaks in the shade.

## Custodial Work Orders

Please note, custodial work orders that require immediate attention (ie: no lights, gas leaks, water leaks, etc...) should always be followed up with a phone call. The phone call can be made to Ann Schuh at 821-7399. While the work orders are normally reviewed on an hourly basis, there are occasions when custodial staff may be wrapped up in another project for a substantial duration of time.

## News Zone – Instruction



### Students of Excellence Recognized

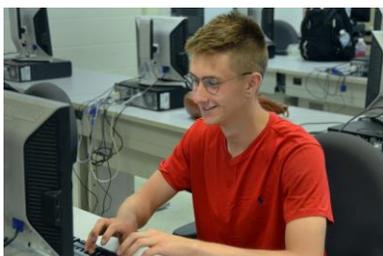
The Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education recognized four students who demonstrated excellence this school year: Haley Freiheit, Kenton Career and Technical Center; Monica Fish, Harkness Career and Technical Center; Michael Bruno, Maryvale Work Readiness Program; Allison Imiola, Potter Career and Technical Center.



### Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education recognized three program graduates for their success.

- Frank Todaro, Career & Technical Education, [read his bio here.](#)
- Shawn Fenger, Workforce Development, [read his bio here.](#)
- Ashley Billings, Exceptional Educations, [read her bio here.](#)



### Twilight Expands

In September, the Twilight program will expand to Potter, thanks to growing enrollment at Kenton and interest from districts in the Southtowns. The Twilight program offers full and half-day sessions for students intending to graduate with a Regents diploma. The flexible program helps students who may be undercredited or for those who need an alternative placement. [Read more about the expansion here...](#)

## Kudos



### Kudos Technology Team

From Kristen Marchiole, Special Education Senior Coordinator:

“I just wanted to say how smooth this transition to the new phones has been. Everything was detailed and well thought out.”



## Kudos School Wires and Model Schools

Candace Reimer, director of Communication Services, sent the following note to the leadership in Technology Services following additional support that was provided during a hiring process:

"I am very appreciative and proud of the added support from the various departments that broke down their silos in an effort to serve the districts first...Kudos to Rebecca Zdon, Melinda Gigantelli and Tracy Bramwell for ensuring our organization's overall service to districts, like Lew-Port, remain a priority. Thank you and your teams - we've got you covered the next time!"

## Kudos Liz Fisher

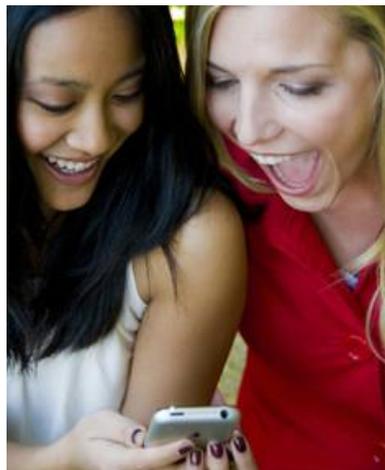
Dr. William E. Collins, Coordinator of Leadership Programs, St. Lawrence University said: "Liz Fisher did such an outstanding job presenting on literacy this morning at the Principals' Academy that I asked her for the emails of her bosses. I wanted you to know how engaging and relevant a presentation Liz put on for the aspiring and sitting leaders. I could not have asked for more. It was a home run! Thank you for allowing Liz to be part of our professional development program."

## Special Features



### Celebration of America's Diversity

Beyond the hot dogs and fireworks, John Cena took the time on July 4 to celebrate America's diversity. Cena, a WWE and "Trainwreck" star, shares details about the makeup of the American population. [Watch the video here...](#)



### Jokes of the Month

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

A: In case he got a hole in one.

Q: Why is a baseball game a good place to go on a hot day?

A: Because there are lots of fans.

Q: Which sport is always in trouble?

A: BADminton.



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