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Cooperative Education & Other Forms of Experiential Learning



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Upcoming Event

2024 OCEA Spring Conference

Cooperative Education: It's Working

Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale

6750 Mississauga Road

Mississauga, ON L5N 2L3

April 14, 15, 16, 2024



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

2024 OCEA Spring Conference

Cooperative Education: It's Working!

Deadline: January 26, 2024

OCEA Chair's Message 2024

I am honoured to serve as the Chair of the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Currently, I invite you to renew your OCEA membership and to invite each member of your Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning departments to do so as well. Membership in this subject-based association is important for your professional development. Membership allows you to register for the fall symposium and spring conference at a reduced rate, to use our website's Members Resources Only section which grants access to collaborative sharing curriculum documents, past symposium and conference presentations and voting privileges at our Annual Business Meeting.



OCEA, an organization which strives to provide leadership and vision for the optimal professional development of its members, has been at the forefront of Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning since 1976. Our voices have become stronger and clearer when united and represented by this provincial association.

OCEA continues to be committed to professional development. We have two events planned for the 2023-2024 school year. The first being the 2023 Virtual OCEA Fall Symposium, with a theme of "Mentoring | Refreshing | Learning", that was held virtually via ZOOM on October 5th, 2023. The workshop recordings are currently posted on our website in the OCEA Members Resources Only section.

The 2024 OCEA Spring Conference will take place on April 14 to 16, 2024 at the Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale in Mississauga, Ontario. The planning team is already hard at work to provide members and colleagues with an event that will engage everyone. OCEA provides these learning opportunities to its members and colleagues as we unite to provide a variety of Cooperative Education experiences for all students.

We invite you to stay informed with OCEA via our social media accounts. In addition to our on-going social media, we just recently added a new LinkedIn account to our list!

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the OCEA Board of Directors or Provincial Representatives. Go here to connect with us — oceacon.ca/contact-us/. Your comments and input are appreciated.

Have a great 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely yours in Cooperative Education,

Pasquale (Pat) Piro
OCEA Chair 2023-2024

Happy Holidays!

As the Holiday Season approaches, OCEA Directors and Provincial Representatives would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Holiday Season and may the New Year be filled with much joy, happiness, and success.

Capturing the Student Voice

Capturing the Student Voice© is an electronic journal that includes success stories written by students from across Ontario who participated in the Cooperative Education program and other forms of Experiential Learning (OYAP, SHSM, etc.) in their high school. These stories describe their placement experience, the tasks they had to complete, challenges overcome and the benefits they derived. Thank you for taking the time to read these inspiring stories and maybe even share yours!

Do you have a student who would like to share their success at a placement? We are always looking for stories in the following areas:

- ∂ *Dual-Credit and Co-op*
- ∂ *Successful OYAP / Co-op*
- ∂ *Successful SHSM / Co-op*
- ∂ *Successful Special Ed. Co-op (non-earning credits)*
- ∂ *Successful Co-op*

New Resource for OCEA Members 2023!

This new resource was created to replace the old curriculum resource document “Pre-placement and Integration Curriculum (PIC) Resource for Cooperative Education, OYAP and School-Work Programs, 2004©”.

This new resource is for current OCEA members only and is titled “Pre-placement Lesson Plans for Cooperative Education 2023©”.

We hope this new resource will support your own Co-op Classroom Component as your students prepare for their experience at a work placement in the community.

(Strand A: Health, Safety, Well Being and Initial Requirements).

New Curriculum & Resource Site

Introducing the new Curriculum and Resources site. The curriculum and resources content applies to English language education in Ontario.

www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/

Ministry of Education Site

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**HAVE A QUESTION?
WANT TO SHARE A COMMENT?**

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2024 OCEA Professional Awards

The growth and development of the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) is the result of individuals who have worked diligently and enthusiastically to promote Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning. Many Cooperative Education educators (and community partners) have contributed their talents and energies to promote Experiential Learning. In order that exceptional contributions by teachers may be recognized, OCEA has made it an annual tradition to present these two awards.

There are two (2) awards that may be presented annually, and they are presented at the annual OCEA Spring Conference. They are :

The George King Award of Excellence

This award is presented to a teacher

S.J. (Jack) Ulan Professional Contribution Award

This award is presented to a teacher

Nominate someone by Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Prime Minister Award

Cory McAiney of the Windsor-Essex County Catholic District School Board has been recognized by the Prime Minister for the work he has done with the Construction Academy. Grade 10-12 students working towards their apprenticeships in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and welding. Click here for the [full article in the Windsor Star](#)

[OCEA Student Certificate of Achievement for Cooperative Education and or Experiential Learning](#)

These Student Certificates of Achievement are available on-line ONLY in the Members' Only Resource section. The certificates are provided in an interactive PDF format. OCEA members can download the PDF file from the Members' Only Resource section, insert the student's name, add the date, and print to present to their student. OCEA members are instructed to print (2) two copies per school year (i.e., Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2023).

Note : *These are certificates and not awards. The Student Certificate of Achievement is a way to acknowledge a student.*

Looking for the Experience of Writing an Article and Adding it to Your Resume

Look no further! The [OCEA e-NEWS](#) is the electronic newsletter for the Ontario Cooperative Education Association. Write a short article of about 350 words. It can be about a process or innovation that is working for you. It can be about participant successes in your program, including teacher, learner, and business partner. Add images if you wish. Have you read something interesting or valuable from an article, a book, or maybe in a video? Write an observation or summary, and share. We will help you craft your writing if you wish, or be your muse to bounce it off us. [Reach out to us here for assistance.](#)

OCEA Mission Statement

The Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) is a not-for-profit professional organization of Ontario Cooperative Education and Experiential Learning Professionals. It strives to provide the leadership and vision needed for optimal professional development of its members. The Association also develops and facilitates access to information, resources, and other supports relevant to OCEA members and other Experiential Learning Professionals in the province of Ontario, while supporting excellence in the education of all students in Ontario.

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