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Pathways to Success

2025 OCEA SPRING CONFERENCE

“Where tomorrow begins: Empowering future ready students”



CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Deadline: February 21, 2025

Sheraton and Best Western Parkway Toronto North Hotel
600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2
April 27th, 28th and 29th, 2025

[WORKSHOP PROPOSAL SUBMISSION](#) - **Deadline: February 21, 2025**

[OCEA Conference Fee Structure / Rates](#)

[CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM FUNDING \(How do I get funding?\)](#)

Hotel Reservations – book by April 9, 2025

(The rooms were made available for 3 days before and after the main conference dates for any attendees that may wish to come earlier or stay later.)

Two options:

[Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites](#) - \$175 CAD per night

[Best Western Parkway Hotel Toronto North](#) - \$149 CAD per night

[Call for Exhibitors - due date: April 15, 2025](#)

[Call for Sponsors - due date: April 15, 2025](#)

Keep checking our website for further details! <https://oceacon.ca/events/spring-conference/>



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2025 OCEA PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Nominations will be accepted until March 27, 2025
"OPEN TO MEMBERS OF OCEA ONLY"
(Revised November 30, 2024)

There are two awards that may be presented annually, and they are presented in the context of the annual OCEA Spring Conference.

Those two awards are:

1. The George King Award of Excellence (teacher award)

THE GEORGE KING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IS THE HIGHEST, MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD THAT OCEA CAN BESTOW TO ITS MEMBERS.

This award may be presented annually to a teacher and board level educator who has distinguished themselves by making an ongoing and outstanding LOCAL, REGIONAL, and PROVINCIAL contribution to Cooperative Education and / or other forms of Experiential Learning for a minimum of five years in the Province of Ontario.

The growth and development of the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) is the result of teachers and board level educators who have worked diligently and have contributed their talents and energies to promote Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning in the Province of Ontario.

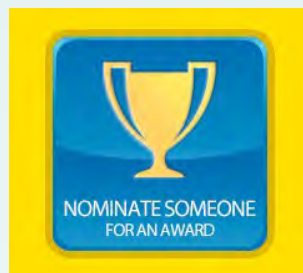
To recognize and acknowledge these teachers and board level educators' exceptional contributions, OCEA has made it an annual tradition to present The George King Award of Excellence to one deserving teacher and / or board level educator during the annual OCEA Spring Conference.

2. The S.J. (Jack) Ulan Professional Contribution Award (teacher award)

The "S. J. "Jack" Ulan Professional Contribution Award" may be presented annually to a teacher or board level educator who has distinguished themselves by making an ongoing and outstanding LOCAL, REGIONAL, and PROVINCIAL contribution to Cooperative Education and / or other forms of Experiential Learning for a minimum of three years in the Province of Ontario.

The growth and development of the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) is the result of teachers and board level educators who have contributed their talents and energies to promote Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning in the Province of Ontario.

To recognize and acknowledge these teachers and / or board level educators' exceptional contributions, OCEA has made it an annual tradition to present The "S. J. "Jack" Ulan Professional Contribution Award" to deserving teachers and / or board level educators during the annual OCEA Spring Conference.





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2025 OCEA ELECTIONS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The final date to submit nominations for the 2025 OCEA Elections is April 20, 2025.

CALLING ALL STATUTORY OCEA MEMBERS!



Do you have a passion for Cooperative Education? Do you like to stay connected with the latest news in Cooperative Education? Are you a team player? Would you like to expand your leadership, professional development, and networking opportunities? If you answered yes to those questions, then we are looking for you to join our team!

OCEA is currently seeking nominations for the Board of Directors and Provincial Representatives. The positions listed on the nomination form are to be filled by Election at OCEA's 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) being held on April 27, 2025, during the 2025 OCEA Spring Conference in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Bylaws:

4.1 Only STATUTORY MEMBERS in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers holding a minimum of AQ Part I in Cooperative Education shall have the right to run for and hold office as a member of the OCEA Leadership Team.

5.4.3 Elected positions that do not receive any on-time nominations shall be re-posted in writing to the membership, and nominations shall remain open for the seven (7) calendar days leading up to the ABM.

5.4.3.1 The Elections Committee Chairperson shall declare nominations for re-posted positions closed at the opening of the morning of the ABM.

5.4.3.1.1 In the event that only one (1) nomination is received for a re-posted position at the close of nominations in accordance with Bylaw 5.4.3.1, the Elections Committee shall declare the sole nominee acclaimed to the position.

5.4.3.1.2 Nominations from the floor of the ABM shall only be accepted for positions where still no nominations have been received after the close of nominations for re-posted positions in accordance with Bylaw 5.4.3.1.

5.4.3.1.3 The Elections Committee Chairperson shall cause the names of all the nominees, including on-time, re-posted, and from-the-floor nominees, to be published electronically, by the end of the day that the ABM is held.

5.5 The chairperson of the Elections Committee shall cause the list of on-time nominees to be published electronically three (3) days prior to the ABM.





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CAPTURING THE STUDENT VOICE©

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 Credits and Co-op
- ◆ Successful OYAP / Co-op
- ◆ Successful SHSM / Co-op
- ◆ Successful Special Ed. Co-op (non-earning credits)
- ◆ Successful Co-op

The [OCEA STUDENT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT](#) for COOPERATIVE EDUCATION and / or EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING are available on-line ONLY in the **RESOURCES+ Members' Only** 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.

Please note, however, that THESE STUDENT CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT ARE NOT AWARDS and should not be represented as such to post-secondary school officials, students, parents and/or placement supervisors. Rather, the Student Certificates allow you, the educator, to acknowledge exemplary student success in their secondary school Cooperative Education and/or Experiential Learning program in a formal manner.

OCEA e-NEWS© CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Association invites innovative ideas, original stories and relevant publications on a variety of topics related to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning from teachers in Ontario and the rest of Canada, in English and French. Let's inspire our colleagues by sharing our successes and innovative work!

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFRESHED WEB PAGES

[Cooperative education \(co-op\) courses](#)

[Skilled trades in Ontario schools](#) (OYAP-FAST)

ADVERTISING ON OCEA'S WEBSITE

We are thrilled to present advertising possibilities on OCEA's website. Our website offers a way to connect with educators from across Ontario who are engaged in Cooperative Education and Experience Learning, including programs such as SHSM, OYAP, and Dual-Credit. At OCEA, we deeply appreciate the synergy between the business and education sectors. You can explore three distinct participation levels on the OCEA website: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

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.