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2021 OCEA PROFESSIONAL AWARD WINNER

**CONGRATULATIONS to
Donna Flasz,
Lakehead District
School Board as the
winner of “The George
King Award of
Excellence 2021” —
well deserved Donna!**





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OCEA POSTER CONTEST 2021

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jaiden Armstrong, Renfrew Catholic DSB**, the **WINNER** of last year's **2021 OCEA Poster Contest**. Students were challenged to design a poster demonstrating the theme of resilience in Cooperative Education. The theme, *Pathways Through Challenge and Change*, brought many excellent entries, and the decision was a difficult one.

Many thanks to all the students who took the initiative to participate, as well as to our **OCEA Provincial Representative: South Region, Claire McCusker**, who used the poster contest as a learning opportunity and created an effective lesson assignment for our experiential learning educators.

The winning poster is available to download and print from the Resources+ section of our website to promote Cooperative Education in your schools.





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NEW SUPPORTING RESOURCES

Designing for Success 2020

An updated resource for Effective Planning and Implementation of the Cooperative Education Program and Other Forms of Experiential Learning. This document replaces “Designing for Success 2009”, in order to incorporate the new policy and curriculum expectations presented in “The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12: Cooperative Education, 2018”.



Virtual and Blended Cooperative Education

In collaboration with GTACEA, this resource was developed to assist Learners, Educators and Employers gain a better understanding of what Virtual and Blended Cooperative Education can look like.

The Final 30% Project: COVID-19 and Beyond

This resource was created by GTACEA in collaboration with OCEA to assist Cooperative Education teachers in their course planning.



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THE INAUGURAL OCEA PROVINCIAL CO-OP BOARD LEADS MEETING was held virtually on March 19th, 2021. We had 59 participants and almost one hundred points submitted for discussion. We wanted to make it a priority to keep Co-op Board Leads up to date and create a resource network to collaboratively explore answers to these common questions, seek best practices, and to feel part of a community during the very isolating times of the past year. This meeting was driven by our members' questions and included topics such as health and safety, summer Co-op, virtual placements, the new curriculum, the DCO course, and overall pandemic management. It is our intent to hold similar meetings in the future.



STAY SAFE! STAY WELL!