



# OCEA E-NEWS

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KARTER GAGAIN OF O' GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL IN TIMMINS WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE OPP FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENT IN THE FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION UNIT. HIS DREAM? TO BE A HELICOPTER PILOT FOR THE OPP!

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## KEEPING YOU CONNECTED ACROSS THE PROVINCE!

### OCEA's Annual Conference

April 23-25, 2017

Westin Prince Hotel, Toronto

Register now! Updates will be provided by the MOE & MOL, attend the awards dinner to celebrate outstanding educators and plan to attend the ABM (Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30-1:15).

**Keynote Speaker Paul Lafrance, HGTV's "Deck Guy"**



One of the departments she worked with was with the D.A.R.E program where she had the chance to work closely with the officer delivering the program to the francophone elementary schools in our city. The officer in question was so impressed with her dedication and interest that he submitted her name as a candidate to represent Canada at a conference that will seek to gather the views of several teenagers on improving the D.A.R.E. program. Alexya was chosen represent Canada March 13-19 in **Hawaii** and then she will go to **Texas** in July.

### From the Ministry of Education

The ministry recently held 13 regional sessions referred to as, "A Deeper Conversation on Education and Career/Life Planning ". This was the first of a number of sessions that will occur over the next 4 and a half years. These deeper conversations will provide opportunities for participants to explore various aspects of Ontario's education and career/life planning program and how they relate to other government policies and initiatives that promote good outcomes for students. The conversations will provide a forum for district and school teams to address challenges and share solutions and effective practices.

The following is a link to the professional learning session folder in Google drive <http://tinyurl.com/HSWConversations> . This folder includes resources and support materials from the session. Additional materials will continue to be uploaded to the folder as they become available to support boards and schools with implementation of education and career/life planning programs and other resources relevant to the deeper conversation.

MAESD is currently conducting a needs assessment to assist in creating better career resources to support secondary school students and teachers. They are undertaking user research to better understand the tools and resources that are currently being used. Educators are invited to complete a [Labour Market Information Survey \(MAESD\)](#). For more information contact Chris Perrin ([Chris.perrin@ontario.ca](mailto:Chris.perrin@ontario.ca)).

### OCEA Website



At the end of the month we will be launching our new look at the same address, <http://www.ocea.on.ca/>

We hope you visit the site as we lead up to our spring Conference and if you have any suggestions that might help OCEA, feel free to contact a board member with your thoughts.

### School Showcase

Alexya Racicot is a Grade 11 student at École Secondaire Catholique Thériault. During her first semester she was at a co-op placement with the Timmins Police Service.

At first, Alexya was not sure if she was going to like it or even if it was a career for her. As the weeks passed, she developed a real interest in this profession.

### Calling All Members.....

#### Positions Up For Election!

Board Positions:

- Vice Chair,
- Director-at-Large, English



Provincial Rep positions:

- English language school board positions: South, Central, North regions
- French language school board positions: North, Central-East-South

**Nomination forms are available at** [ocea@rogers.com](mailto:ocea@rogers.com)

