



NEW YORK STATE WORK EXPERIENCE COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION (WECA) JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

4th STATE WIDE WECA CONFERENCE "PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTUIRY" MARCH 19 AND 20, 2009



The Work Experience Coordinators Association of New York State will host its 4th annual conference for all work based learning coordinators throughout the state on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, 2009 at the **Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Albany**, New York from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Our theme for this year's Conference is **PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE**

21ST CENTURY. At last year's conference, our theme was Risk Reduction Within Your Work Based Learning Program.

Our goal this year is to give coordinators more information to make their WBL program more meaningful and effective. Very often the coordinator is left on their own to plan and implement a program for an entire school without the efforts of other teachers and administration to share thoughts, ideas and provide feedback. More importantly, as a coordinator you may ask yourself, "Am I following the appropriate rules and guidelines needed to meet the state requirements?" It is our hope that through this conference we can provide the appropriate and timely information needed to answer these and other questions regarding work based learning experiences.

Plan to attend and renew your membership and support WECA. Complete details regarding the conference program are included in this mailing. Become active in WECA!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – This year WECA has gone to an online registration process. Membership and conference registration will be completed online at the WECA website. Go to www.nysweca.org and complete your membership and conference registration on line. Click on the Conference Registration Icon to register for the conference.



STATE WIDE AWARDS FOR WBL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR "ROOKIE" COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR FRIEND OF WORK-BASED LEARNING

Once again, WECA will be honoring the 2008 – 2009 WBL Coordinator of the Year and "Rookie" Coordinator of the Year. Now is the time to honor your hard working colleagues.

In addition, this year the "Friend of Work-Based Learning" award has been added. This award is designed to recognize an individual or organization that contributes to the field of WBL by helping improve, promote and develop WBL programs.

Attached to the newsletter are the applications to nominate a WBL Coordinator in your area for either **Coordinator of the Year or "Rookie" Coordinator of the Year** as well as to provide a nomination for the **Friend of Work Based Learning** award. Applications are also available on our website and are included in this newsletter. These awards will be presented to the honorees at our statewide conference in March of 2009. Good luck nominees!!!

CONFERENCE HOTEL ACCOMDATIONS

A block of rooms is reserved for coordinators planning to arrive for the conference on March 19 and 20. The Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road, has blocked a group of 20 rooms for coordinators at the state rate. The reservations must be made by March 15, 2009 and are reserved under **New York State WECA**. The hotel is located at 205 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205, phone 518-458-7250. Driving directions have been attached to the newsletter, and on their website,

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009 DINNER PROGRAM

WECA is planning a buffet dinner Thursday evening, March 19, 2009, at the hotel for coordinators traveling from out of town and local coordinators who would like to network and socialize with other coordinators across the state. At this year's dinner Sue Gubing, WECA webmaster will present on her book, Games to Careers. If you plan to attend the dinner in addition to the conference, select the appropriate option that includes "Conference & Networking Seminar Dinner" when you register online. The program Thursday evening will begin at 6 pm.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

JOIN WECA – Work Experience Coordinators Association.

Thank you to all the coordinators who have already joined our professional association. Your membership means a great deal to our efforts to move forward and support all work-based learning programs in New York State. As a member we hope that you are encouraging your fellow coordinators in your area to meet on a regular basis. Sharing of ideas and operational procedures is one of the major strengths of our organization.

1. Renee Alfieri.....Empowering Inquiry by Renee, LLC
2. Christine Angermaier.....Riverhead STAR Academy
3. Patricia Ash.....Allegany-Limestone CSD
4. Pat Banhazi.....Baldwin School District
5. Stan Bellis.....High School of Computers & Technology
6. Stephen Bollenbacher.....Oswego County BOCES
7. Roberto Bonefont.....Dutchess BOCES
8. Michele Bradley.....Middle County School District
9. Karen Breslin.....Lake George Central School
10. Lynne Brewer.....Farmingdale High School
11. John Broderick.....Nassau BOCES/Barry Tech
12. Rosaria Broesler.....ES BOCES
13. Mandy Bruyer.....Avon CSD
14. Arthur Buchman.....PNW BOCES
15. Karen Chevalier.....Spencerport High School
16. Paul Chisholm.....Levittown Schools
17. Christine Choi.....Union-Endicott High School
18. Heather Cooper..Tompkins Seneca Tioga Career & Tech Center
19. Marian Corbett.....Harborfields Central School District
20. Ellen Coughlin.....DCMO BOCES
21. Frank Crocombe.....NYS WECA
22. Anne Croft.....Buffalo Public Schools
23. Tara Dawson.....Horseheads High School
24. Jack Dennis.....BOCES 2
25. Will DeRuve.....Rensselaer Middle/High School
26. Tracy DonVito.....Wayne Central High School
27. Lonnie Drinks.....Ossining High School
28. Tricia Dyer.....Lansingburgh High School
29. Debby Felber.....Genesee Valley BOCES
30. Jo-Ann Finn.....Nyack School District
31. Sarah Francis.....Wayne Central School District
32. Kristin Fuchs.....Syosset High School
33. Jeanine Gallina.....Genesee Valley BOCES
34. Sheryl Garofano.....North Syracuse CSD
35. Cornelia Gevinski.....Riverhead High School
36. Laraine Gillette.....Columbia High School
37. Maryalice Goodall.....Roy C. Ketcham High School
38. Mary Grafstein.....Smithtown Schools
39. Gerald Greene.....Oneida BOCES
40. Susan Gubing.....CareerSmarts
41. Laurie Hahl.....B/T BOCES
42. Richard Heim.....Shaker High School
43. Bruce Hoffmann.....WSWHE BOCES
44. Cathy Khalifa.....Uniondale High School
45. Tom Kilminster.....E2CC BOCES

46. Elizabeth Kulpa.....Occupational Training Center
47. Sandra Lackovic.....Jane Addams high School/NYC DOE
48. Matilda LaLetta.....Greece Central School
49. Eric Lis.....WSWHE BOCES
50. Linda Lombardi.....Schenectady City Schools
51. John Major.....WSWHE BOCES
52. Laura Mattson.....WSWHE BOCES
53. Katie McBride.....Stillwater Central High School
54. Joan McGrath.....Guilderland High School
55. Terry Melore.....Greece Arcadia High School
56. Catherine Muller.....Eastern Suffolk BOCES
57. Lynda Murphy.....John Jay High School
58. Caroline Naluai.....Lindenhurst School District
59. Diane Nelson.....Western Suffolk BOCES/Commack High School
60. Linda Niosi.....Eastern Suffolk BOCES
61. Karen Olewnick.....Bethlehem CSD
62. Randi O'Moore.....Nassau BOCES Barry Tech
63. Joanne Owens.....Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School
64. Joanne Palisi.....Bridgehampton UFSD
65. Sheila Pawlowski.....Longwood High School
66. Kelly Penwell.....Sachem Central School District
67. Scott Poley.....GST BOCES
68. Rosemarie Posillico.....Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School
69. Katharine Rehn.....Smithtown Central School District
70. Melanie Rodenburgh.....Syosset High School
71. Kathleen Rodgers.....ES BOCES
72. Diane Sanicola.....Newfield High School
73. Pamela Santillo.....Erie 1 BOCES Harkness Center
74. Tony Schilling.....Retired
75. Lorraine Seabury.....Connetquot High School
76. Emily Seltzer.....The Summit School
77. Linda Seymour.....Troy High School
78. Daina Sisk.....South Glens Falls High School
79. Gina Smith.....Plainedge High School
80. Kenneth Smith.....Broome-Tioga BOCES
81. Sandra Sommers.....Syosset High School
82. Mark Sorrento.....Erie 1 BOCES
83. Donna Southard.....Half Hollow Hills HS East
84. Kevin Spiegelhoff.....St. Mary's School for the Deaf
85. Terri Spitz-Schmidt.....Greece School Distict
86. Ed Stenzel.....Erie #2 BOCES
87. Michelle Stopera.....Niskayuna High School
88. Lisa Strahs-Lorenc.....Long Island Works Coalition
89. Diane Tallents.....Paul V. Moore High School
90. Janice Valle.....SUNY Oswego Student
91. Georgina Vitarius.....Franklin K. Lane High School
92. Lindsay Warner.....Student
93. Kimberly Wegner.....Myers Education Center
94. Jane Wells.....TST BOCES
95. Susan Wells.....Genessee Valley BOCES
96. Rachel Wilkins.....Nassau BOCES – Barry Tech
97. Terri Woodard.....Rochester City School District
98. Michael Yankowski.....Eastern Suffolk BOCES
99. Sue Zewan.....Genesee Valley BOCES

Are Your Students Workforce Ready?

The Society for Human Resource Management has embraced the national initiative to assist schools and college graduates become workforce ready. There are 14,000 human resource professionals in New York State who wish to reach out to educators in this endeavor. Many of the members wish to become classroom and or career day speakers, advisory board members, curriculum advisors, providers of work-based learning opportunities and many more partnership activities.

Sue Gubing is the newly appointed New York State Coordinator for SHRM's program. She oversees the seventeen SHRM chapters. Now is the time to let your local SHRM member know that you would like to partner in this project. Please contact your local coordinator to begin the partnership dialog. Email the SHRM Workforce Readiness Coordinator and:

1. Ask how can you partner with SHRM?
2. Invite the SHRM coordinator to your school and/or advisory board meeting.
3. Attend the local SHRM monthly meetings.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE
4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009
Afternoon/Evening Program (3:00 to 9:00 p.m.)**

3:00 – 4:15 WORKSHOP	ONLINE LEARNING – At last year’s conference, Roberto Bonefont from Dutchess County BOCES and Frank Crocombe from Ward Melville High School presented workshops utilizing online programs used in WBL. Both coordinators will be available to discuss, present and help facilitate your WBL program utilizing this type of material.
4:15 – 5:30 WORKSHOP	Sponge Workshop – This workshop will be an opportunity for new coordinators throughout New York State to meet with existing coordinators to discuss and soak up information about running and coordinating a program. Representatives from existing programs will be available to assist you in developing your program.
5:30 – 6:00	BREAK
6:00 – 9:00	WECA 4th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING WITH PRESENTATION Sue Gubing, will present her book, Games to Careers.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009
Conference (7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m)**

7:30 – 8:30	COFFEE, REGISTRATION, VENDORS AND VISIT OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR FROM YOUR ZONE AREA
8:30 – 8:45	ZONE AREA INTRODUCTIONS – PLAN TO SIT IN YOUR WECA ZONE AREA – YOUR ZONE AREA REPRESENTATIVE WILL FACILITATE INTRODUCTIONS OF OTHER COORDINATORS IN YOUR ZONE AREA
8:45 – 9:00	Opening Remarks , Welcome WECA Members, Introductions, and Opening Comments.
9:00 – 10:00	HUMAN RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVE – Ed Hallenbeck the Albany area SHRM Representative will facilitate a discussion with area Human Resources Representatives regarding 21 st Century Work Force Skills
10:00 – 10:15	Break, Coffee/Bagels and Visit Exhibitors
10:15 – 11:00	New York State Labor Department Update – Focus will be on resources and support available through the network of DOL One-Stop Centers as well as a general overview of the operations of DOL and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB).
11:00 – 11:15	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR: <i>2008 – 2009 COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR</i> <i>2008 – 2009 “ROOKIE” COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR.</i> <i>2008 -- 2009 FRIEND OF WORK BASED LEARNING AWARD</i>
11:15 – 12:15	Lunch
12:15 – 1:30	Conference Participants Will be divided into Coordinators from either BOCES Facilities or Home School Facilities - Once Divided into the two groups, attendees will here from current coordinators regarding CEIP, Co-Op and GEWEP. Presenters will discuss how they coordinate their programs, paperwork, classroom, and other aspects of their program.
1:30 – 1:45	Break
1:45 – 2:45	New York State Committee Occupational Safety and Health will present on its initiatives to provide safe working environments for students in the workplace – Susan McQuade will present about the NYCOSH Young Worker Safety resources and presentations and a joint initiative to develop and provide a statewide Young Worker Safety curriculum.
2:45 – 3:00	Closing Comments, Evaluation

The above program promises to be interesting, informative and timely. We encourage each of you to make plans NOW to attend, and encourage other Work Experience Coordinators to attend.

DIRECTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION TO HOTEL/CONFERENCE

Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road
 205 Wolf Road
 Albany, NY 12205
 (518) 458-7250
 Reservations: (877) 424-2449
 E-mail: info@hialbanywolf.com
<http://www.hialbanywolf.com>.



<p>From: North (Saratoga, Lake George, Lake Placid, Montreal)</p>	<p>Take the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) SOUTH to Exit 4 (Route 155 West / Albany International Airport). At the end of the off-ramp, turn LEFT on Route 155. Continue for approximately 1/4 mile to the next traffic light, and turn LEFT on Albany-Shaker Road. At the next light, turn RIGHT on Wolf Road. We are about 3/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left side.</p>
<p>From: South (Kingston, Newburg, New York City, New Jersey)</p>	<p>Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) NORTH to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.</p>
<p>From: West (Utica, Cooperstown, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo)</p>	<p>Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 24. Continue on I-87 NORTH (Exit 1N out of the toll booths) to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit. We are about 2/10 of a mile down Wolf Road on the left.</p>
<p>From: Points East (East Greenbush, Rensselaer, and Castleton)</p>	<p>Take Interstate 90 to New York, and continue on I-90 by taking Exit B-1 from the Berkshire Spur of the NYS Thruway. Follow I-90 to Exit 1N (Interstate 87). Continue on I-87 to Exit 4 (Wolf Road). Turn RIGHT off of the exit and follow Wolf Road approximately 2/10 of a mile. We are on the left side.</p>



Work Experience Coordinators Association of New York State
WORK BASED LEARNING COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR
or
Outstanding “Rookie” Coordinator of the Year



Purpose

The Work Based Learning Coordinator of the year awards are to stimulate, encourage, and reward outstanding contributions to the advancement of work based learning by members of WECA.

Outstanding Work-based Learning Coordinator of the Year – is an individual who is, or has been, a practicing coordinator for five or more years. This candidate should possess the New York State certification for a Work-based Learning Coordinator and be currently, (or have been), coordinating a work-based learning program registered by the New York State Department of Education.

“Rookie” Work-based Learning Coordinator of the Year – is an individual who is, or has been a practicing coordinator, for one to four years. This candidate should also possess the New York State certification for a Work-based Learning Coordinator and be currently coordinating a work-based learning program registered by the New York State Department of Education.

Criteria

The recipient of the either award shall be a person who has made outstanding and meritorious contributions for the development and advancement of work based learning. Specific contributions must have made a beneficial effect upon work based learning within a recent period preceding the year in which the award is bestowed. This does not preclude a contribution initiated previously if it continues to have an impact in the year in which the award is bestowed. Membership in WECA and participation in its conferences is considered.

Application Procedures

A candidate must be a current WECA member and be nominated on the official form. The nomination letter should address several of the following criteria:

- **COORDINATION/TEACHING:** As evidenced by (1) excellence in the placement and supervision of students in the workplace; (2) excellence in the classroom (supporting documents regarding student surveys, principal and supervisory recommendations, student letters); (3) Creative and innovative approaches, and/or (4) supervisory/administrative contributions.
- **LEADERSHIP:** As evidenced by: Offices held in professional organizations, professional committee work, workshop development, and other professional office held.
- **PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION:** As evidenced by: Participation in professional organizations - national, local, and/or regional as well as student activities, participation in conferences.
- **PUBLICATIONS AND/OR RESEARCH:** As evidenced by: Creation of curriculum, manuals, media presentations, thesis/dissertations, research, articles, books, or action research conducted in the classroom.
- **HONORS AND AWARDS:** As evidenced by: Awards, special honors received in the professional field, certifications, and proclamations.
- **PERSONAL AND OTHER QUALITIES:** As evidenced by: Leadership, committee involvements, enthusiasm, and dedication to work based learning concepts.
- **HUMANISTIC CARING ENDEAVORS** and a general wholesome approach to life.

*An award will be presented **only** if qualified applications exist. Applications will be kept active for three years. Winner will be notified and must submit a photograph and biographical sketch and attend the annual WECA Conference in March.*

Deadline: Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2009**. Submit all nominations to **Karen Olewnick, Bethlehem Central High School, Supervisor of Career and Technical Ed. 700 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054**

Winner is expected to attend the Spring 2009 Conference, March 20, 2009, in Albany, where the award will be presented.



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Outstanding WBL Coordinator of the Year

or

Outstanding "Rookie" Coordinator of the Year



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Please circle which award the nomination is for:

(A) Outstanding WBL Coordinator **or** (B) Outstanding "Rookie" Coordinator

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Application Date _____

Candidate Information FULL NAME _____

Home Telephone: () _____ E-Mail _____

School District OR BOCES of Candidate _____ School Phone () _____

School Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Present Position & Official Title _____

Number of Years Coordinating a WBL Program _____ Beginning Year Date _____

___ Yes, this candidate possesses the New York State certification for a Work-based Learning Coordinator and is currently, (or has been), coordinating a work-based learning program registered by the New York State Department of Education.

General Description of Nominee's Responsibilities and/or Other Duties:

Please attach nominating letter(s).

Nominated by: _____ School District _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

Position _____

Mail Nominations To:

Karen Olewnick, Bethlehem Central High School, Supervisor of Career and Technical Ed., 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Application deadline March 1, 2009.

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Work Experience Coordinators Association of New York State

FRIEND OF WORK-BASED LEARNING AWARD



Purpose

This award is designed to recognize an individual or organization that contributes to the field of WBL for the meritorious contribution to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of WBL programs.

Criteria

Any individual, organization, or professional association considered for the Friend of Work-Based Learning Award must have demonstrated a concern for work-based learning as evidenced through sponsored programs, publications, financial support, WECA conference participation, and/or other activities. An award will be presented only if qualified applications exist. Applications will be kept active for three years.

Eligibility

Individuals, business firms, industries, boards of education, boards of trustees, lay citizen groups, state or national committees, and any other type of professional organizations that have contributed significantly to work-based learning are eligible recipients of this award.

Two Application Sponsors Required

1. A current member of WECA must sponsor the nominee, with the sponsor including a letter describing why the nomination is being made
2. The nominee must have one other letter endorsing his/her nomination. This letter of endorsement may come from an individual, an association, an agency, a board, etc.

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FRIEND OF WORK-BASED LEARNING AWARD



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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Application Date: _____

Candidate/Organization Information FULL NAME: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

General Description of Nominee's Business/Organization:

Honors/Recognitions: _____

Professional Memberships:

List contributions and achievements of the nominee that have advanced WBL: _____

Information should be brief and to the point; additional detail may be included in the letters of support.

Please attach nominating letter(s).

Nominated by: _____ School District: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Position: _____

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