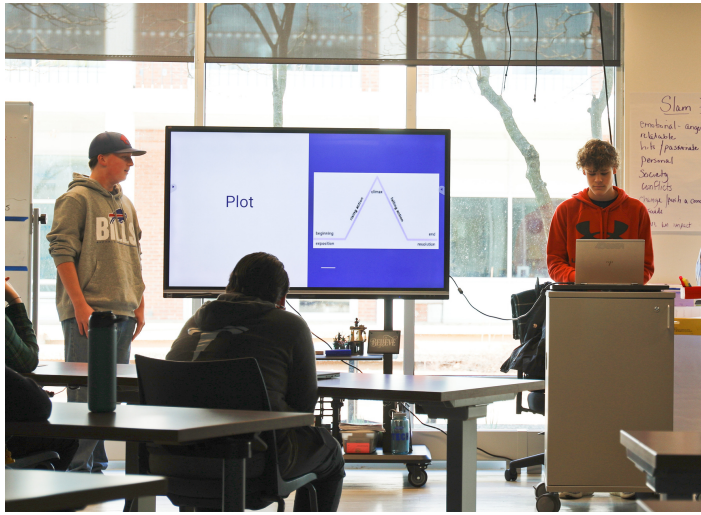


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A Newsletter from the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education



Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Staff Collaborate with Students for Presentations

Students in Ingrid Lagoe's freshman English class at Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) have been reading and analyzing different books to complete presentations on the topic of Youth at War.

This intriguing topic found students pulling out different themes such as resilience, real-world connections, and difficult choices. Students worked in groups and not only presented to fellow classmates, but a panel made up of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES staff and administrators.

The students' job was to identify themes and present them to determine 'Who Had it the Worst'. The panelists took notes on each group and ranked presentations in order to come to a decision on which students sold their argument the best and proved their characters 'had it the worst'.

Christine Bennett, W-FL BOCES Coordinator of Employee Engagement and former high school English teacher, also teamed up with students as they prepared their presentations. She coached them on different public speaking skills and strategies. She had the students practice and gave them feedback on content and performance before presenting to the panelists on April 5th.

Public speaking is an important yet sometimes fearful skill to master. Mrs. Lagoe led students through a five-week plan comprehending the novels, working in teams to prepare their message, and growing comfortable presenting to adults and peers.

"We want to ensure our students are ready for the future," said Bennett. "Bridging connections between the classroom and employment is just one way we make success possible."

Bennett also works with P-TECH Instructor Tamara Jones and her class of seniors to help them develop interview skills and practice resume-writing and revision.

P-TECH is a public education model focused on college attainment and career readiness. P-TECH schools span grades 9-14 and enable students to earn both a high school diploma and a no-cost, two-year post-secondary degree in a STEM field. To learn more visit www.wflboces.org/ptech

We would like to thank the many students, staff and district representatives that took part in our Annual Meeting. The student and staff presentations were wonderful and we are so appreciative of those that attended, both in person or virtually. If you were unable to attend, we have a video of student presentations that can be viewed using the following link:
<https://bit.ly/3LcAEud>

*-The Wayne-Finger Lakes
BOCES Board of Education*



Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center Students Compete in Welding Competition

While most students were enjoying a mild Spring weekend, Andreanna ‘Andy’ Kniffin and Olivia Gibbs were busy at the American Welding Society (AWS) competition hosted by AWS Rochester and Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.

Andy, from Penn Yan Central School District, and Olivia, from Canandaigua City School District, are both seniors in the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (AME) program and have been practicing for two years to compete in the Senior Division. The competitors and their AME Instructor, Dan Bradley, arrived at the event in Spencerport bright and early, as the competition ran from 8:00am until 2:00pm on Saturday, April 2.

The weld-off consisted of written, hands-on welding, code interpretation and other tests of welding skills that are applied every day in the workplace. Andy and Olivia competed in the D1.1 structural steel unlimited 1" plate test, which is a difficult test even for most professional welders.

Competitors stood on concrete and welded non-stop for five hours. There were no breaks, not even for breakfast, lunch or coffee. The pressure was on, and the results were in Andy and Olivia’s favor.

Andy was the ‘Grand Winner’ of the overall welding competition, taking first place in the Senior Division. Olivia took first place in the Senior Division for highest score on the written exam, as well as third place for welding.

Christopher Preston, a Junior from Penn Yan Central School District, also attended and took first place in the Junior Division for highest score on the written exam.

“I am so very proud of the students. They worked and practiced for two years preparing for this competition,” commented Dan Bradley.

Andy and Olivia’s performances will also land them a publication in the nationally recognized American Welding Society magazine.



Did You Know...

students throughout the Wayne-Finger Lakes region participate in eSports?



Within the interscholastic environment, eSports is rapidly growing and providing many opportunities to students in a team-based competition with specific rules set in the arena of a video game.

Many important life skills can translate from eSports such as team building, social relationships, sportsmanship, leadership, work ethic, stress management, self-confidence, and time management.

Spring playoffs are in full-swing with championships right around the corner. Students from several districts will compete in Rocket League and League of Legends at their home districts, with some games being streamed live to social media platforms. Last year, the team from Palmyra- Macedon CSD was the Spring 2021 Rocket League State Champions, also making them back-to-back season champions.

To learn more visit <https://www.wflboces.org/operations-and-management/esports>