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OESCA/Capital Conference—40-Year Service Award

On November 11, 2013, at the OESCA/Capital Conference Brunch, Janice Good received the "Special Distinguished Service Award," which is recognition for current members of educational service center governing boards who have served their county schools system 40 or more years as a member of the county and local boards.



Mrs. Good was elected to the Governing Board of the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center in November of 1973. During her tenure on the Governing Board, Mrs. Good has served as board President for four terms, Board Vice President for four terms, and as Legislative Liaison. During Mrs. Good's 40-year service to the schools of Medina County, she has been active in the implementation and development of county service agreements, the Medina County Fine Arts Tours and Festivals, the Medina County

Technology Education Center, the Medina County Virtual Learning Academy, the "Top Scholars" Recognition Dinner, the ESC's School Nursing Program, and cooperative agreements with surrounding ESC's that have expanded services to include substitute programs, autism consulting, and student transportation. In addition to Mrs. Good's activities with the Educational Service Center, she and her husband, Dale, have been active supporters of the Highland and Wadsworth school districts.

ACT's EXPLORE Test Taken in Cloverleaf for 8th Grade

Kris Rutledge, Gifted/Talented Coordinator for Cloverleaf Schools, reports that Cloverleaf students are exploring a broad range of options for their future, and the 8th-grade students took the ACT's EXPLORE test in mid-October. The EXPLORE prepares students not only for their high school coursework but also for their post-high school choices.

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OESCA/Capital Conference—Outstanding Leadership Award

On November 11, 2013, at the OESCA/Capital Conference Brunch, Tony Stanislo, Instructor, Medina County Career Center's Chef & Restaurant Management Program, received the "Outstanding Leadership Award," which recognizes a community leader who has rendered a service that has significantly benefited the local, city, or exempted village schools or educational service center, or both.

Eight years ago, the Medina County Educational Service Center instituted the "Top Scholars" Recognition Dinner. This function recognizes the "Top Scholars" from each of Medina County's school districts plus the "Inspiration" award winners who are named by the "Top Scholars." This recognition dinner is held at the Medina County Career Center and is catered and served by the students in Chef Tony's Chef and Restaurant Management Class. A major reason for the success and longevity of this recognition program is due to the tireless energy and inventiveness that Chef Tony denotes to the program. Chef Tony believes that this function must not be just another dinner; it must be a culinary and educational experience for both his students and the participants. Chef Tony goes out of his way to create new and exciting dishes to present to guests, and "present" is the operative word. Each course is

accompanied by a verbal introduction and explanation of how it was prepared by either Chef Tony or his students. This extra effort makes the dinner and the student recognition vital components of the evening. Chef Tony is a valuable partner and resource to all of the schools of Medina County.



Fast ForWord Being Utilized in Highland Schools

Linn Summerfeld, Curriculum Coordinator for Highland Schools, stated a pilot project is underway to assess the efficacy of an online reading intervention program for students who are struggling and reading below grade level. The program is Fast ForWord, which is designed to develop and strengthen memory, attention, processing rate, and sequencing—the cognitive skills essential for reading intervention program success. The strengthening of these skills should result in a wide range of improved critical language and reading skills, such as phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, decoding, working memory, syntax, and grammar. Of the five site licenses purchased, the first two have been assigned to LEP students who are also on an IEP. We are eager for the results of the first assessment to see how much progress these students have made.

Inspirational Quote

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas A. Edison

**Monday, December 2
6:30—8:00 p.m.**

BREAKING THE SILENCE IN MEDINA COUNTY

A Forum For Parents

Presented By:
Akron Children's Hospital
Dr. Laura Rocker
Douglas W. Straight, PCC-S

**Medina County
District Library**
210 South Broadway
Street, Medina
Meeting Room A/B

20% of Medina County high school youth have seriously considered attempting suicide this year (7% of all youth have tried).*

25% (1 in 4) Medina County youth consider themselves depressed (sad or hopeless almost everyday for two weeks).*

Top Four Stressors: 41% Academic Success; 31% Fighting with Friends; 26% Sports; 25% Fighting at Home*

*Data Source: Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (2012). 2012 Medina County Community Needs Assessment. Medina, OH. Retrieved from: <http://www.hcno.org/pdf/counties/Medina%20County%20Final%20Report.pdf>

Dr. Rocker & Mr. Straight, with Akron Children's Hospital's Partial Hospitalization Program & Intensive Outpatient Program, will address some of the most critical issues that youth must navigate to become successful adults. Included in the discussion will be the signs & symptoms of depression, bi-polar & suicidal ideation. Local community mental health professionals with Alternative Paths & Solutions Behavioral Healthcare will participate in this forum.

Also included will be:

- *The role of social media, including text messaging.
- *First Responders to Crisis
- *School policy & response
- *Parental responsibilities
- *Accessing community services

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