



President's Message

Dear OBEA Member

So here we are a year after Covid 19 virus was found in our hospitals and of course our nursing homes and we are coming out of the second lockdown. Teachers and students are burned out and have to do either in class lessons or do online learning or hybrid. We are about to come up to our April 2021 Conference which we will have to postpone until either fall 2021 or Spring 2022. The executive has met over many zoom meetings to plan for some of the activities that we are about to share with you for the rest of the school year. We hope that many of you are able to survive until the April 2021 "March" Break and of course keep your students and your families safe until we all receive our Vaccines and reach herd immunity and all that wish to take the Vaccine have access to the vaccine in due time.

We did have the OBEA Contest winners from 2020 mentioned in the newsletter and they received their awards at their individual schools. We do plan on having the 2021 Contests to be written by our Business Studies teachers and sent to the contest chairs as outlined in this newsletter along with the due dates for each contest. We do plan on having our Grade 11 and 12 Accounting contests held for this year and offer both a practice test and the actual contest on May 12 and May 19 respectively. If you have any questions please contact Emilia Kulcsar-Marotta at the email provided in the newsletter or the OBEA website at Obea.ca

The OBEA Executive has been meeting remotely from their homes using ZOOM technology and we are planning our next steps when it comes to the 2021 Conference which we plan on offering On-Line and of course our Contests which were mentioned above. We are planning on having an online Speaker Series which will be on Wednesday March 31, April 7, April 21, and April 28. This Speaker Series is for all paid members who will also have access to the workshops after the presentations are over. We hope all members enjoy the workshops provided by other OBEA members who were to present at the OBEA 2020 Spring Conference which was cancelled due to the Pandemic.

We have had Webinars this year including two on Financial Literacy and we also had one for Elementary Math teachers in grades 6 to 8 offered last fall online through the Ontario Teacher's Federation. This year has been challenging on many levels for our memberships in the classroom and online and we congratulate you for weathering the storm and the Pandemic up to this time. We hope that you also enjoy your April Break and finish up the year full of rest and renewed energy to complete the quadmester or octomester. We Salute you!

As always, we are looking for Members to lend their expertise to OBEA. We would love to have you join our team whether it's presenting a workshop, representing a district or chairing a contest. Please email president.obea@gmail.com to contact me about the OBEA positions if you are interested in contributing. Thank you again for your diligence and resourcefulness in promoting Business Studies in Ontario.

Bill Velos
President OBEA 2020-2021
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Resources For Teachers

We know that these extraordinary times are creating new challenges for teachers. OBEA wants to help. We have been re-releasing resources submitted by our members in past years on our website.

If you would have any new resources that you would like to share with fellow members (especially those suitable for remote learning), please email them to communications.obea@gmail.com. We will include them on our site.

CONTESTS

OBEA Contests Update!

Despite Covid-19 restrictions in 2020 and 2021, OBEA Contests are continuing and thriving. Contest contact information can be found on the OBEA Website, under the Contest section. Thank you to our corporate sponsor, Certified Professional Accountants of Ontario, for supporting our Accounting Contests. A list of last year's student winners are included at the end of this newsletter. Good luck to all of your students, and thank you for your continued support of OBEA. Please be sure to contact the individual Chair with your questions for specific contests. Also, please remember to use the "fillable" Contest ID form for your entries to enter your student contact information since it reduces errors in our communications with you and on awards. I would like to thank our current Contest Chairs for volunteering their time each year to make the contests possible. Several teachers have indicated that they use OBEA contests as a summative or as an assignment as part of their project-based learning! Enter your students for a chance to win one of the contests. Remember that OBEA Contests may be used for Certifications and Experiential Learning components of your school's Business SHSM program.

Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for a listing of this year's contest. You can also visit www.OBEA.ca for contest details

Emily Marotta -Kulcsar	Accounting, Grades 11 & 12
John Petrone	Desktop Publishing Jr.
Batul Raza	Desktop Publishing Sr.
Amul Gandhi	Marketing and Sports, Entertainment & Fashion Marketing
Sandeep Virk	Entrepreneurship
Antonia Liapis	International Business
Alyson Pownall	Promotions
Pieter Toth	Business Leadership
David Thairs	Ethics Jr. and Sr.
Zenobia Omarali	Poster
Bill Velos	Savings and Investment
Jennifer Medd	Website Development Jr. and Sr.
Laura Briscoe	Video

A complete chart of all contests and all required information is found at the end of the newsletter. Additional information re the Accounting Contest is found on the next page as well.



Accounting Contest 2021 ****Important CHANGES****

The OBEA Accounting Contests for Grade 11 and 12 students will take place on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**. There will be a Practice Contest on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**. Registration is now open for both Contests. Due to unforeseen circumstances, please note that there have been several changes to both the BAF and BAT Contests.

In the event of a further lockdown resulting in online learning,

****Students will be able to complete the Contest from their home the same way as last year****

Start and end times will be as follows:

Grade 11: Start Time: 10:00 a.m. to End Time: 11:30 a.m.

Grade 12: Start Time: 1:00 p.m. to End Time: 2:30 p.m.

Students are to be registered online through the OBEA Website for these Contests; paper forms are not necessary.

Also please note that students must have a teacher-sponsor from their school that is a current member of OBEA through May 31, 2021.

As in the past for both Contests, **BAF3M1** and **BAT4M1**, there will be a five-person-per-section limit. **Registration closes on Thursday, May 6, 2021**. Please refer to the Contest Handbook for further details on how to register your students.

If you have any questions, please contact this year's Accounting Contest Chair, Emily Marotta-Kulcsar, at efmarottakulcsar@gmail.com, or the Contest Co-ordinator, Debralee Lloyd-Graham at debralee.lloyd-graham@yrdsb.ca.

Please Note: OBEA is not responsible for technical glitches on the day of the Contest with respect to participants.



Thankyou to CPA for sponsoring the OBEA Accounting Contest as well as the many other things that OBEA provides for its members

Thank you to all contest chairs for volunteering to take on the coordination of all of the contests

(The names of the contest chairs are included in the contest update chart and are listed on page 1)

OBEA CONTEST TIMELINE CHART 2020-2021

The following are the key dates concerning the OBEA Contest Program

CONTEST	CONTEST CHAIR	CONTEST DATE	SUBMISSION DATE	RESULTS DATE
Accounting Grades 11 and 12	Emily Marotta- Kulcsar	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Online registration begins January 14, 2021 Online registration closes May 6, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
		Practice Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021		
Business Leadership	Pieter Toth	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Desktop Publishing (Jr.)	John Petrone	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Desktop Publishing (Sr.)	Batul Raza	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Entrepreneurship	Sandeep Virk	Ongoing	Friday, May 28, 2021	Friday, June 11, 2021
Ethics (Jr and Sr)	David Thairs	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
International Business	Antonia Liapis	Ongoing	Friday, May 28, 2021	Friday, June 11, 2021
Marketing and Sports, Entertainment and Fashion Marketing	Amul Gandhi	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Poster	Zenobia Omarali	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Promotions	Alyson Pownall	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Savings and Investment Challenge	Bill Velos	Ongoing	Friday, May 28, 2021	Friday, June 11, 2021
Video Contest	Laura Briscoe	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021
Website Development (Jr & Sr)	Jennifer Medd	Ongoing	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Friday, May 28, 2021

Teachers should submit entries for ongoing Contests directly to the Contest Chair. Please refer to individual contests for complete contact information. During this time we ask that entries be submitted electronically as per the contest instructions.

NOTE:

Contests **MUST** be held on the dates given.

Accounting Contest participants must pre-register online at www.obea.ca. as indicated in the Contest Timeline Chart

Contests not received by the submission date will be disqualified.

Please ensure that a copy of the current Identification Form is enclosed for each student and that the OBEA sponsor is an active paid member.

DISCLAIMER : All Contests are the sole property of OBEA and may not be sold or copied without written permission. Contests written are the intellectual property of OBEA



VIRTUAL SPEAKER SESSION SERIES

Covid-19 caused the cancellation of our 2020 and 2021 Annual Spring Conferences. In lieu of a Conference this year, our OBEA Executive has decided to offer some of the workshops from the Conference through a Virtual Speaker Session Series. We are thrilled to host the following Speakers as they share their expertise and resources on the dates indicated below. Check the OBEA.ca website for full descriptions of the sessions below.

SPEAKER SESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 31 4:00 p.m.	BMI3C For 2021 Debbie Michailidis, Toronto District School Board
Wednesday, April 7 4:00 p.m.	Our Favourite Summative Assignments for BBI Ed Hicken, Upper Grand District School Board
Wednesday, April 21 4:00 p.m.	Introduction to 3D Design Technology Cheryl Taylor, Ottawa Carlton District School Board
Wednesday, April 28 4:00 p.m.	Financial Literacy and Career Studies Aly Hirji, Toronto District School Board

Each Speaker Session will run weekly on Wednesdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This day of the week and timeframe were the preferred choice of teachers who responded to a survey from the beginning of the school year.

In addition, all Speaker Sessions will be recorded and will be available along with the prepared resources in the PAID MEMBERS ONLY AREA

We know that, as you connect with this amazing lineup of educators, we will explore the new reality of teaching and learning in a virtual world. Again, full descriptions of the workshops are available on OBEA.ca. We welcome you to join us for these events!

Emily Marotta-Kulcsar
OBEA VP-Professional Development

Bill Velos
OBEA President



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