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## President's Message

Dear OBEA Colleagues:

We trust that you're back into the swing of the new school year as we enjoy the Fall colours and adjust to cooler, shorter days. We know that you will soon be submitting midterm marks and we wish you all the best at this busy time.

Our **Annual Spring Conference will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the Airport Holiday Inn-Toronto International Airport. Apply for funding for this outstanding professional development opportunity now from your school administration and your federation. To maximize the return on your investment, we encourage you to apply to be a workshop presenter as each workshop entitles one of the presenters to a free day at the conference. Our PD team will be meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to assemble the schedule of workshops. I would like to express our deep gratitude to our Corporate Sponsors, CPA Ontario and Sage for their ongoing support. As a result of this support, we are able to offer an effective Professional Learning Community which promotes our Professional Development Conferences and our Annual Awards Luncheon.

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for our District Councillors, Contest Chairs, PD representatives and Executive Members for all the work they do. OBEA has been a strong advocate for Business Education for 125 years (since 1895) and is completely based on the efforts of its volunteers.

We appreciate your membership in OBEA and your passion in our shared mission to support the professional growth of business educators.

As always, we serve you, our members! Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments or suggestions. **All executive emails can be found on the OBEA website under CONTACT US.** Please watch for the new and improved website.

In closing, OBEA will continue to pursue our mandate of providing opportunities for professional development as well as a professional learning community of Business Educators for our members.

Wishing you a productive and enjoyable year.

*Bill Velos, OBEA President*

## 2019-2020 OBEA Executive

Each year, a group of dedicated and enthusiastic business educators take on the duties of your OBEA Executive.

This year's executive members are:

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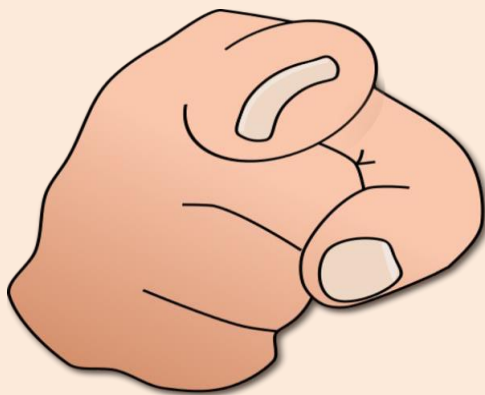
**THE UPDATED 2019-2020 OBEA CONTEST HANDBOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE OBEA WEBSITE NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

## OBEA TEACHER AWARDS

- Hillmer Award
- SAGE Accounting Teacher of the Year Award
- Award of Merit
- Innovative Business Teacher Award
- Life Membership

Please go to the OBEA website under Teacher Awards and read the criteria for each award. Nominate a deserving colleague.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**  
**January 31, 2020**



# We want you!

Share your expertise with your colleagues.

Submit a workshop to present at the

**April 23, 24, 2020**

**OBEA SRING Conference**

**Go to [OBEA.ca/submission](http://OBEA.ca/submission)**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT-NOVEMBER 23**

## OBEA Student Contests

The annual **OBEA Student Awards Luncheon** was held on **Saturday, September 28, 2019**, at the Holiday Inn Select Airport Hotel in Toronto. This year, we had 47 award winners from 16 Contests. Their names and schools are posted at [www.obea.ca](http://www.obea.ca). The Student Awards Luncheon was a memorable and celebratory afternoon for students, parents, family, and teachers.

Our Keynote Speaker was **Nick Bohner**, who is an entrepreneur and owner of **Nix Snowblowing** from London. His address entitled, "**Youth Entrepreneurship**" featured many lessons that Nick has learned over the years from beginning his business as a high school student entrepreneur to current day. Students had many "take aways" from the presentation as Nick shared his experiences.



*Keynote Speaker, Nik Bohner, Youth Entrepreneur*

The OBEA Contests give Ontario Business Studies students an opportunity to use their competencies and skills, while being recognized for their commitment to academic excellence. The students' efforts from throughout the province were highly commendable. OBEA has a dedicated team of volunteer Contest Chairs who generously donate many hours of their time to designing Contests and evaluating students' work. Here are a few interesting points to note: the poster contest must feature images that are copyright free, many teachers use OBEA Contests in their classrooms as unit or course culminating activities, most contests allow up to 3 or 5 entries per school and students love to participate in these authentic contests!

**Laveen Jose** and **Jodi-Anne Buckley** of the **Chartered Professional Accountants**, Ontario (OBEA's Corporate Sponsor for the Grade 11 and 12 Accounting Contests) addressed student award winners. Jodiann congratulated and presented the grade 11 and 12 Accounting Contest winners with their plaques. It is the sponsorship of both the CPA and Sage that made our contests possible this year. All winning entries for each OBEA Contest are verified to ensure that there is an active OBEA member in the school. Therefore, please ensure that your membership is active so that your students qualify to participate in OBEA Contests. You can register a new or update an existing membership online.



*Jodi-Anne Buckley, CPA Spokesperson*

Don't forget to check out the **2019-2020 Contest Handbook**. Please read contest instructions carefully and review any Contest changes to avoid confusion for the students. Please ensure that students complete their entry forms. A copy of the form may be found in the contest Handbook as well as the OBEA website. Please ensure that the information you submit is neat and complete. Contest Entry forms are used in the preparation of awards and luncheon information, for winning entries.

OBEA encourages you to have your students participate in the many Contests available. Perhaps we will see you at the Awards Luncheon in the fall of 2020! If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Contest Chair.

I wish to personally thank you for all that you do to promote Business Studies throughout the province of Ontario, and for your continuing support of both Business Studies and OBEA. (Pictures of all award winners are posted on [OBEA.ca](http://OBEA.ca))

*Debralee LloydGraham*  
*OBEA Contest Coordinator*

### Winners of the OBEA Grade 11 and 12 Accounting Contest Sponsored by CPA



*Jessica Archdekin, Accounting Contest Chair, Jodiann Buckley, Laveen Jose, CPA Liaisons with OBEA, OBEA Accounting Contest Award Winners*

### Winning OBEA Contest Poster- Mae Portodo Lizzacris





## Stay tuned.

We will be emailing members shortly with information on how to download a copy of the winning OBEA poster so you will be able to have it printed for your classroom.



## Accounting

Empower your students with a more modern accounting software solution. Sage Business Cloud Accounting allows users to manage their data and work in real-time. It's a simple yet powerful bookkeeping software where you can manage all of your clients in one place with customize access rights, automated workflow and one-click access. Find out more about our Education solutions and join our Education alliance program here: <https://www.sage.com/en-ca/about-us/education/instructor/>

## Ministry Update

Bill Velos  
OBEA President

OBEA is in ongoing communication with the provincial government and we are emphasizing the need for a review of the Business Studies curriculum. Although the Ministry is focusing on Math, Science and Computer Studies for this year, 2 representatives from the Ministry attended and heard the concerns of those in attendance and also were reminded about Business Studies Curriculum not having been revised since 2006 and that Business is the oldest and most outdated curriculum. OBEA will continue to advocate for Ontario's Business Studies teachers at the Ministry level and will continue to keep our membership informed.

Hello OBEA teachers,

Here are some announcements from CPA Ontario:

### 1. Introducing NEW In-Class Resources and a Chance to Win Big

CPA Ontario has launched nine new resources for you to use as assignments or in class activities. All the resources come with full instructions, activities and marking rubric.

To get access to the resources, simply sign in to your [Teacher Colleague Program \(TCP\)](#) account. If you are not registered as a TCP member, please click [here](#) to register and get access to all the resources free of charge.

We'd love to see the resources in action. Send a photo of you using them to [getinvolved@cpaontario.ca](mailto:getinvolved@cpaontario.ca) anytime between now and December 15 to be entered into a draw for a chance of winning a prize for you and your students.

### 2. Guidance Counselor Connect

If you have a guidance counsellor at your school that would like to find out more information of the updated CPA pathway and receive resources created specifically for them, please direct your guidance counsellor to email Ariane Morency-Charbonneau at [AMorency-Charbonneau@cpaontario.ca](mailto:AMorency-Charbonneau@cpaontario.ca).

### 3. For Your Students:

There are lots of ways for high school students to get involved with CPA Ontario through our High School Ambassador Program (HAP):

- [CPA Showcase Competition](#) – Your student's chance to win \$1,000 by creating a video telling us their vision of the workforce of tomorrow plus a \$500 for their school's business department.
- [CPA InstaChallenge](#) – 3 shots a year to win a prize pack valued at \$200 for your student's photography skills
- [CPA Write to Ignite](#) - \$500 is up for grabs for a 500-word essay about disruptive companies
- [High School HUB](#) – A one stop shop for networking, current events, insider tips and tricks and professional experience for your students.

For more information about CPA Ontario and our High school Ambassador Program please visit [www.cpaontario.com/HAP](http://www.cpaontario.com/HAP).

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the school year.

Your CPA Ontario High School Team



## 2019 Cathy Pitt Memorial Scholarship Winners

2019 marks OBEA's nineteenth year of scholarships open to children of OBEA members who are in good standing. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year, One for a member's child who is attending university and one for a member's child who is attending college. Winners are selected from valid applications received. Remember to submit an application for your son or daughter who will be attending college or university next year. This year's winners are **Angela Ponikvar** and **Nikki Timms**.

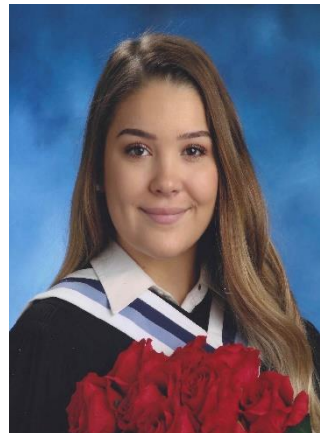
### Angela Ponikvar



Daughter of OBEA member, Ed Ponikvar, Dufferin Peel District School Board, Angela Ponikvar attended Assumption Catholic Secondary School and is presently attending McMaster University. Angela achieved Honour Roll in all four years of high school. She was the recipient of the Yearbook Award for the highest average in grade 11 yearbook and the Fitness Award for the highest average in grade 11 Fun Fit. Angela was also the recipient of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Award. In her grade 12 year she was the recipient of Father J. Duffy Principal's Award which is given to one student from the graduating class that the principal thinks is the exemplary Catholic student that embodies most what Assumption

represents. She was also the recipient of Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award and St. Patrick's Parish C.W.L Award for volunteerism and involvement in the parish community. Angela was also the recipient of the Meco Poliziani Award leadership as well as the Mario Rende Memorial Award for exemplary achievement in academics and co-curricular. Angela also participated in sports teams throughout high school: volleyball, curling, field hockey, and soccer and received the MVP Award for soccer and the field hockey MVP Award in grade 10. In grade 11 and in grade 12 received the curling MVP Award. Congratulations Angela!

### Nikki TIMMS



Daughter of OBEA member, Pat Timms, Waterloo Region District School Board, Nikki will be attending Georgian College in the Dental Hygiene program. She graduated from John F. Ross CVI high school as an Ontario Scholar with a French Immersion Certificate. Nikki was a member of the DECA business team and placed in the top ten in the oral role play team event in the Buying and Merchandising category at the regional competition. She also was on the school swim team and qualified and competed at CWOSSA. One of Nikki's greatest passions was her involvement with TGAD Company Dance Team throughout her high school years. Nikki continued her passion of dance by getting involved with the school dance team and cheerleading team. She also volunteered as an Assistant Dance teacher with younger students in Musical Theater classes and summer day camps for many years. She has balanced her responsibilities with her academics, extracurricular activities and part-time job well over her high school years and is looking forward to continuing her education.

**OBEA SPRING  
CONFERENCE**  
**April 23-24, 2020**

*Don't forget to  
Request Funds Early!*

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors for their ongoing support of Business Studies education in Ontario.

Accountants of Ontario for sponsoring the Accounting Contests.



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