Staff and Curriculum Development

STUDENTS JOIN HANDS-ON VIDEO WORKSHOP

Students from six area high schools learned the ins and outs of making videos in a full-day Video Production workshop, led by Syracuse University adjunct professor Jason Webb.

The workshop, presented by the School Library System, included tips for students on equipment, software, editing apps, shot composition and sound. But the highlight was time for students to delve into recording video, planning a video storyboard, and practicing using editing and production tools on their laptops, ipads and phones.

SLS brought Webb back to MOBOCES as a follow-up to a December workshop on Video Production for Educators. SLS Coordinator Sue LeBlanc said teachers and librarians asked for a similar workshop targeted at interested high school students.

Students from Camden, Hamilton, Morrisville-Eaton, Rome, Stockbridge Valley and VVS participated.

Alternative and Special Education

MUSIC PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

Music Teacher Jack Chesebro received a grant to help enhance the school’s music program by purchasing additional instructional materials. The $150 grant from Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honor society, is the first award the MOBOCES music program has received since it was launched in 2016.

The grant money will help purchase method books for instrumental lessons, sheet music and other material to expand the music literature available to Chesebro’s students. He currently offers both general music classes and lessons on the piano, guitar, recorder and percussion instruments.

MOBOCES began offering music in its Alternative and Special Education on-campus programs as an additional avenue for students to explore creativity and the arts, to develop valuable social-emotional and life skills, and to form relationships with others who have similar musical interests.

ASSEMBLY FEATURES BMX BIKE TRICKS

Forward Motion BMX, a motivational speaking group that performs extreme bike tricks, visited K-8 students on January 23. The performers set up a ramp and demonstrated some of their stunts, including jumping over three staff members! They also presented a positive message for the students and said they should stick to whatever they love to do and never give up.

Career and Technical Education

CTE STUDENTS EARN OSHA CERTIFICATES

Seniors in four CTE programs - Carpentry, Heavy Equipment Operation, Outdoor Power Equipment and Electrical/HVAC - recently earned their OSHA 10 Hour certificates through MOBOCES. OSHA 10 is an industry safety certification that many employers look for when hiring new employees. MOBOCES Electrical/HVAC instructor Mark Schoff led the training during Regents week.

STUDENTS SET GOALS FOR NEW YEAR

Students in the Tri-Academy program used the new year as an opportunity to work on their goal-setting skills. Students discussed and wrote reflections of their work and life during 2019 and then set new personal, academic and community goals for 2020. As a group, they discussed how flexibility, collaboration, kindness, and patience are keys to reaching their goals and supporting others in their efforts. They will use these goals throughout the rest of the year to help frame the work they do in developing social emotional and executive skills.
Early Childhood Education

MOBOCES TO HOST PYRAMID TRAINING SERIES

Early Childhood Director Colleen Wuest will be hosting a series of free Pyramid Model trainings for the community this spring. Pyramid Model is a social-emotional framework to support early learners.

Madison County Health Department received a grant from the Health Foundation of Western and Central New York to offer free trainings to the community. Madison County reached out to Colleen and Ellen Olson of the Child Care Council of Cornell Cooperative Extension, both of whom are certified master trainers in Pyramid.

Sessions will be held in March, May and June. Anyone who works with Madison County children is encouraged to attend.

PRE-K REGISTRATION SET IN CANASTOTA, SVCS

The Early Childhood division has scheduled pre-k registration dates in two of its districts. Canastota registration will be held on February 26 at Peterboro Street Elementary School, and Stockbridge Valley registration will be held on February 13 at SVCS. Families can find registration information and materials on the MOBOCES website or at their elementary school’s main office.

Regional Information Center

REGIONAL DATA PROTECTION GROUP MEETS

Districts across the MORIC region gathered at the Costello Center on January 15 for a Data Protection User Group. MORIC leaders shared Education Law 2-d updates, the recent adoption of NYSED Part 121 Regulations, and a deep dive into the “Identify” function of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

During the deep dive, RIC staff shared content in stations focused on the six categories of “Identify” including Asset Management, Business Environment, Governance, Risk Assessment, Risk Management Strategy, and the Supply Chain. Participants completed activities and received best practices, resources and boilerplate examples to complete this work along with time to work with their peers from across the region.

Participants include representatives from Camden, Canastota, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Oneida, Rome and VVS. MORIC repeated the session on January 21 for the Jefferson-Lewis region.

MORIC HOSTS MONTHLY DATA SERIES

MORIC has been hosting a series of monthly workshops on “Taking A Deep Dive into Data for Instructional Leaders.” The sessions are geared toward instructional coaches, reading/literacy coaches, mentor coordinators, department chairpeople, professional development coordinators and other instructional leaders who routinely use data to drive their practices. Participants discuss issues related to the monthly topic and then have time to work through specific questions and challenges in their districts.

The January session focused on how to progress monitor data goals to keep individuals and teams on task and focused on student success. Participating districts included Canastota, Madison, Oneida, Stockbridge Valley and VVS. The workshops will continue through the end of the school year, with the next meeting scheduled for February 13.

Management Services

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION HELPS PROMOTE NEW CTE LAW & GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Public Relations Specialist Nicole Pitt recently created a video for the new CTE New Visions Law, Government and Public Administration program, interviewing participating students from Canastota and Oneida. The students shared their thoughts about why they enrolled in the program and what they have learned and done so far, and why other students should consider it for their senior year.

Camden leaders asked CTE to make the video to show to students interested in learning more about the program, and CTE leaders worked with Nicole on the project.

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One teachers and members of the MORIC Instructional Technology Team collaborated on a project to integrate technology into Journalism courses. Model Schools Coordinators and teachers helped the student newspaper The Knight Times expand its publishing avenues, including video interviews through YouTube. The project included creating a studio at RFA that students can use for interviews and news development. The studio is available to students during the school day and after school.

Students kicked off their creative communications endeavor with a video interview of Superintendent Peter Blake, and it was a huge success.