



## FEH BOCES News and Notes June 9, 2015

### **12:1 + 1:3 Program Celebrates Graduates**

Commencement exercises will be held this Friday, June 12 for two students enrolled in the FEH BOCES operated 12:1 + 1:3 program located at Chateaugay Central School. Jesse Manor and Nisagewen Shilling will be honored in a ceremony to be held in the Chateaugay Central School auditorium. We extend our best wishes to Jesse, Nisagewen (Sage) and their families as the graduates enter adulthood. Jesse plans to attend the North Star Day Program and Nisagewen plans to attend a Day Habilitation Program through North Star with an employment exploration component.

The 12:1 + 1:3 program consists of two classes both housed at Chateaugay Central School. The program serves multiply handicapped students from ages 5 to 21. The FEH BOCES staff do an outstanding job! Chateaugay Central is a terrific partner and integrates the students and BOCES staff into the fabric of the school. We are proud to operate this critically important program.

### **Academic Excellence Awards**

Since 1990 the FEH BOCES has coordinated and hosted an event to honor the top academic students in the senior class of each of the component school districts. This year the event took place at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid on June 7. The event was a real success and the students and families appreciated the recognition. Regent Beverly Ouderkirk and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey provided opening remarks. Jeffrey Rickey, Vice President and Dean at St. Lawrence University provided the keynote speech. The planning and coordination occurs in the Deputy Superintendent's office and involves close coordination with superintendents, high school principals and guidance counselors from the component districts. The program for the event can be found [here](#).

### **The Substitute Calling Service Grows**

The FEH BOCES has operated a substitute calling service for many years. This small, but important service has included St. Regis Falls, Malone and the FEH BOCES. With the start of the 2015-16 year Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District will be joining the service. Staff in Human Resources are involved in behind the scenes aspects of this work. Caroline Durant and Jamie O'Dell coordinate with participating districts. We look forward to this service continuing to grow in the coming years.

Some of you may be wondering how we provide service to a district that is not an FEH BOCES component district. The mechanism that allows a non-component to purchase services is called cross contracting. Technically, the Elizabethtown-Lewis district is purchasing the service through their BOCES, CVES. CVES then executes a cross contract with the FEH BOCES. On an operational basis we are working directly with the district.