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"We strive for academic excellence and remarkable experiences in a supportive community, which will exceed all expectations."

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How Does Bolton Central School Prepare Students for Success in the Workplace?

The challenge today is trying to determine exactly what the workplace will look like tomorrow. What will the jobs be? How can we best prepare our students to succeed?

"We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist—using technologies that haven't been invented—in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet." —Shift Happens 2010 video.

BCS offers its students a myriad of options for college or career readiness.

"Career awareness begins in the elementary grades," said K-7 Guidance Counselor Mrs. Michelle Borgh. "We're building awareness of what people do in the community with the younger students."

Sharing stories from "Journeys to Jobs," playing Career BINGO,



One of the websites used with younger students to build awareness of different careers.

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and using coloring books about careers are a few of the activities used with the younger students. Mrs. Borgh also uses Career

View, a website packed with interactive career-related computer games and activities to promote occupation awareness, on the SMARTBoard.

Also, this year, a shift in curriculum has changed the rigor of the New York State Assessments with the end result preparing students for success in college and careers. See story on page 5.

As Bolton students get older they begin cruising ...Career Cruising, a part of the Introduction to Occupations course. It's a course for students in ninth grade taught by Business/Computer Education teacher Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge and 8-12 Guidance Counselor Mrs. Denise Clark.

Students begin with a self-assessment to determine what kind of skills they have, what their learning styles are, and what would be a good career match for them.



They prepare a resume, explore classified advertisements in newspapers and online, fill out job applications, write a cover letter, discuss job interviews, write a follow up letter, analyze their paycheck, prepare a budget and plan for retirement.

Students are also exposed to a wide range of guest speakers who represent a cross-section of occupations. Speakers who have visited BCS so far this year include:

- Patrick Stacey, musician/entertainer
- Jeff Tennent, elevator company owner
- Ken Morrell, computer technician

- Jay Whitford, boat builder with Hacker Boat Company
- Bruce Houseworth, car salesman with Mercedes Benz Car Dealership
- Michelle Calzada, spa manager at The Sagamore
- Craig Clesceri, Captain of the Morgan, at The Sagamore
- Joe Pfau, civil engineer
- Barry Kincaid, property manager
- Janet Hughes, early childhood
- Kate VanDyke, graphic artist

Ideally, after students become aware of the different career options, they will have a sense of what career they'd like to pursue and can take courses that will lead them in the right direction. There are several directions in which a BCS student can go.

New this year is the Marine Academy through Champlain Valley Educational Services offered at Ticonderoga High School in a brand new state-of-the-art lab.

A hands-on approach to a marketable trade in the world of Marine Technology, this course teaches students how to maintain and repair marine two- and four-stroke engines, drive systems and electrical instrument systems. The course explores the opportunities and different venues in which Marine Technology skills may be utilized. Topics covered include: marine engine components and theory of operation; industry standards related to engine installations; marine electrical, fuel, cooling, lubrication, and sanitation systems; gear drive system both inboard and outboard; service and repair of trailer and trailer braking systems; boat launching and retrieval. In addition, students learn customer service skills.

"The Marine Academy is the perfect match for students who live near a lake and are interested in technology," said Mrs. Clark. "This year one junior and one senior are enrolled in the program."

Another new program available to BCS students this year is Hudson Valley Community College's (HVCC) TEC-SMART program offered through Ballston Spa Central School.

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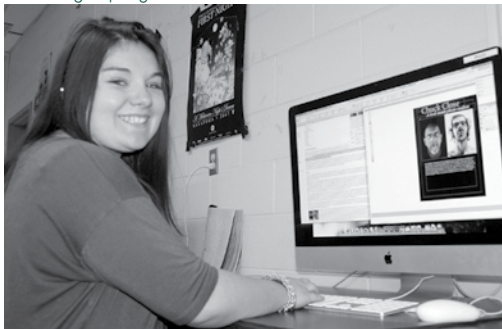
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This program provides students with the knowledge and skill sets necessary to make informed college and career decisions as they relate to the clean technology field. The program expanded this year to include students throughout the Capital Region and includes coursework for both 11th and 12th grade students. They are dually enrolled in high school and college coursework with the potential of earning more than 24 college credits.

More than 25 businesses and organizations have provided resources or expressed support of the program including NYSERDA, HVCC, the Center for Economic Growth,



Anthony Passaro learns how to weld in the photo above and in the photo below Tristyn Grover learns graphic and visual communications. Both courses are part of the Career and Technical Education program offered at the F. Donald Myers Education Center in Saratoga Springs.



GLOBALFOUNDRIES, the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, and Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES).

Another avenue available to students is an array of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at the F. Donald Myers Education Center in Saratoga Springs offered through the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (WSWHE BOCES).

Currently, eight BCS juniors and seniors are enrolled in the following programs: Horticulture, Heavy Equipment, Graphic and Visual Communications,

Welding, and Information Technology.

The goal of the CTE programs is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and credentials needed to succeed in college and/or the workplace, and opens them to career path choices. Most CTE programs are certified by the New York State Education Department and many programs are also certified by Business and Industry.

BCS students have an opportunity to take 10 college-credit courses taught by BSC teachers or take a vast array of digital courses offered by SUNY Colleges and Universities from across the state.

Generally, students are advised to enroll in courses that will either be part of their intended major or general education courses required at the next level. These courses are not limited to, but have included 100- or 200-level undergraduate courses in topics, such as English, Sociology, Psychology, Business, Human Growth and Development, Western Civilization, and literature-based research classes.



I am **Bolton** Central School

Grace Maranville is in Mrs. Andersen's Third Grade Class

What I like best about school is hanging out with my friends.

Math is my favorite subject. I like everything about it. I can usually figure it out without Mrs. Andersen's help. Some questions are easy. I have a lot of favorite foods. My favorite food is Cate's chicken wings. They have just the right amount of hot sauce. I play Little League baseball. My favorite parts are catching and batting.

I also like bike riding, skiing at Gore Mountain, both water and snow tubing, and sledding.

Some of my favorite video games are "Brave," a ballerina game, and Mario Bros.

I like to plant things in our vegetable garden. I pick out the weeds.

I'm working on being a babysitter when I grow up. My other two choices are a doctor or veterinarian.

I am the oldest and have a brother and sister and a brother on the way.

I like to read. My favorite book is a chapter book about Taylor Swift.

"Brave" is my favorite movie and "Wizards of Waverly Place" is my favorite TV show.

It makes me laugh when my little sister laughs.

I'd most like to meet Lady Gaga. I like how she dresses. She dresses funny.

The other thing that you should know about me is that I'd like to get a parrot that talks.





The chart below is the complete listing of college-level courses offered at BCS.

Opportunities to Earn College Credit At BCS

Summer Session (pre-requisite: 10th grade Science Research)

CLASS	SEMESTER	CREDITS
Advanced Science Research Mrs. Nicole Williams	Summer	2 credits

GRADE 11

CLASS	SEMESTER	CREDITS
SUNY Online	1 st and 2 nd	3 credits each
Advanced Science Research Mrs. Nicole Williams	Full Year	3 Credits

Summer Session

CLASS	SEMESTER	CREDITS
Science Research Mrs. Nicole Williams	Summer	2 credits

Grade 12

CLASS	SEMESTER	CREDITS
Eng Comp (Eng 101) Mrs. Laura Beuerman	1 st	3 Credits
Eng 106 Mrs. Laura Beuerman	2 nd	3 Credits
Spanish I/French I Mr. Francisco Roca/Mrs. Leona Denne	1 st	3 Credits
Spanish 2/French 2 Mr. Francisco Roca/Mrs. Leona Denne	2 nd	3 Credits
Economics Mr. Scott McCarthy	1 st	3 Credits
Latin/American Studies Mr. Scott McCarthy	2 nd	3 Credits
SUNY Online	1 st and 2 nd	3 Credits each
Science Research Mrs. Nicole Williams	Full Year	3 Credits

Summer Session

CLASS	SEMESTER	CREDITS
Science Research Mrs. Nicole Williams	Summer	2 credits

All credits awarded from SUNY Schools.

The Goal of Being Successful in College or a Career Affects This Year's State Assessments

This spring, as Bolton students in grades 3-8 took the New York State Assessments in English Language Arts and math, they were introduced to new, more-demanding tests.

The change in the tests is a result of shifting from the New York State Standards to the Common Core State Standards, which is the curriculum associated with the federal Race to the Top initiative.

Now in the second full year of implementing the new Common Core State Standards, the material on the tests reflects the higher-level thinking and more detailed-response that aligns with the new curriculum.

Careful reading of non-fiction, an increased academic vocabulary, and a need to use evidence when writing or discussing were a few differences on the ELA test while using real-world applications of mathematical concepts in order to gain a deep understanding of the underlying principles were the changes seen on the math test.

We have seen that in other states the percent of students who scored at the proficiency level in state assessments fell considerably. At this point, we don't know how Bolton students will perform, but please be assured that if New York experiences similar results, it is not cause for alarm. The assessments are measuring new standards in a new and more rigorous fashion.

PK-12 Principal Michael Graney said, "This year's scores will establish a benchmark for our students. With time, professional development, and practice, I am confident our teachers and students will be successful. Most importantly, our children will be better prepared for life after graduation."

The New York State Board of Regents adopted the Race to the Top three years ago as part of a widespread school reform agenda and nationwide effort to increase rigor at all levels of education. The goal is to ensure more students graduate high school with the skills they need to be successful in college and/or a career with a sustainable living wage.



I am **Bolton** Central School

Wyatt Courchaine is in 6th Grade

What I like best about school is seeing my friends. My favorite subject is social studies because I enjoy learning about history and it's interesting. Pasta is my favorite food. I love ice hockey. I'm a goalie on a team in Clifton Park, the Clifton Park Dynamos. The secret to being a good goalie that someone told me was to have a short-term memory. If a puck goes in the net, you have to forget about it and focus on the next shot. If a puck goes in, I use it as motivation to stop the next puck.

I got interested in hockey by first playing street hockey with roller blades. My favorite team is the Boston Bruins. If I'm watching TV it's usually because I'm watching hockey.

I also like skiing and hiking. I play Little League Baseball. I'm either the pitcher or short stop.

I would love to play in the NHL (National Hockey League) when I grow up.

I have one dog named Lucky.

I have a brother, Carson, and a sister, Erin.

Funny movies make me laugh.

The person I'd most like to meet is the New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur.





I am **Bolton** Central School

Marshall Aaron Shaw is a Senior

What I like best about school is the chance to be around people, meet different personalities. It's refreshing to hear different perspective on things. My favorite subject is technology. Oranges are my favorite food.

Outside of school, I like to do anything to do with a computer. You name it; programming, games, software programs. My favorite game is "Tribes Ascend."

I'm currently enrolled in the Information Technologies/Networking course at the F. Donald Myers Education Center in Saratoga Springs. I will be going to states for SkillsUSA. I just started an internship for four weeks at Bolton Central School on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If anyone has a computer problem, they can call me.

I also take online courses through the Kahn Academy.

I plan on going to SUNY Adirondack for computer networking when I graduate. I hope to get a summer job with BOCES working on their computers. I have a dog named Bebe.

My favorite book is "Unwind."

I like movies but I don't have a favorite. I don't watch TV. If I do watch any shows, it's on my computer. Anything funny makes me laugh.

People are people. I never really think about who I'd like to meet. It's not that important to me.



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Student Registration Held May 1

Bolton Central School will hold its annual pre-kindergarten and kindergarten student registration from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1.



This year's pre-kindergarten class at Bolton Central School will be the graduating class of 2027.

All children residing in the district, who will be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2013, are eligible to enroll in the September 2013 pre-kindergarten class. Children who will be enrolling in the September 2013 kindergarten class, who are not currently enrolled in the district's pre-kindergarten program, may also enroll at this time.

Bolton Central School's pre-kindergarten program runs Monday through Friday on all days when school is in session. Bus transportation is provided. For more information on Bolton's pre-kindergarten program, contact Bolton's pre-kindergarten teacher Mrs. Tamara Soper at 644-2400, ext. 443.

Mrs. Soper said at the registration, parents will learn about Bolton's pre-kindergarten program and get answers to all their questions and concerns. Parents will register their children and have them evaluated in the areas of cognitive ability, speech and language skills, and fine and gross motor skills. Evaluations will be conducted by the school's speech pathologist Mrs. Laurie Blanchard; occupational therapist, Mrs. Yvonne Powers; and psychologist Mrs. Terry Begly.

To schedule an appointment and to get answers about the screening process, call Mrs. Diane Burkhardt at 644-2400 ext. 111.

Mrs. Angie Smack Retires

If you've visited School Superintendent Raymond Ciccarelli, gone to a Board of Education meeting, or voted on the school budget, you've no doubt met Mrs. Angelia "Angie" Smack.



"It goes by fast!" exclaimed Mrs. Smack referring to her 26.5 years as the Bolton Central School District Clerk.

Mrs. Smack retired from her position as district clerk, secretary to the superintendent on April 19, and moved to Odenton, Md., with her husband of 39 years, PGA professional Tom Smack.

"Odenton is between Annapolis, Md., and Washington D. C., and about half way between where our children Brian and Sarah live," explained Mrs. Smack. "We will be close to our two grandsons James and Robert and look forward to attending their sporting and school events. Being around my children and grandchildren keeps me young. Our daughter is getting married in September and I am thrilled to be near her during this exciting time in her life. I also look forward to playing golf with my husband as well as other family members."

Mrs. Smack will be moving about an hour away from where she grew up in the Chesapeake Bay area of Maryland. Her mother still lives there and her brother and sister are not too far away. Her husband grew up in Ocean City, Md., and still has family in Maryland, too.

In January of 1985, the Smacks moved to Bolton Landing from Bermuda. "I had no idea where Bolton Landing was at that point," said Mrs. Smack. Then, in November 1986, Mrs. Smack began working part-time as the school district clerk. She added the role



Mrs. Angelia "Angie" Smack



A familiar face behind the desk of the secretary to the superintendent, Angelia "Angie" Smack served Bolton Central School District for 26.5 years before retiring to Maryland.

of the superintendent's secretary later in March 1998 after the retirement of Patsy Russell.

"It was just before the renovation that I became the secretary," remembered Mrs. Smack as she described the layout of the school then. "There was a balcony around the gym which is where the cafeteria is now and our offices were down at the opposite end of the building."

Mrs. Smack recalled that she's worked with three superintendents, two business managers, three transportation supervisors, lots of teachers, board members and students over the years.

"I'll miss my close friends and School Budget Vote Day when I got to see all of the community members who stopped by to vote," said Mrs. Smack. "Some would show me photos of their family every year."

"We are going to miss Angie, that's for sure," added Superintendent Mr. Ray Ciccarelli. "Not only does she have 26.5 years of institutional knowledge of BCS, she performs so many vital roles, many of which go unnoticed in the day to day operation. I will miss her dearly, but I also know that she deserves this honor and that her heart is in Maryland with her family."

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Prom Preparations Underway On The Inside...

Spring is in the air and students from the Class of 2014 have finalized their prom itinerary.

Junior Class advisor Mr. John Gaddy reported this year's prom will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at The Sagamore's Club Grill with the Promenade from 5 to 6 p.m.

Music will be provided by Bolton's own Disc Jockey Andy Pratt.

The after-prom party will follow from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. at The Sagamore's Recreation Center.

The theme this year is, "Starry Night."



Scenes from last year's prom which was also held at The Sagamore.



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