

Beacon



An Association for Business Technology Educators

Knock, Knock? Christy Culver, 2006 President



Not who is there but what is there? Opportunity is knocking . . . did you answer the door? If we all knew opportunity was knocking, we would rush to answer the door. But it is not always that obvious. "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." These insightful words from Thomas Edison seem to sum it up. Opportunities are not always obvious or come easily.

"Opportunities, opportunities . . . what opportunities?" may be the question you are asking yourself. Business education provides co-op, internships, and other practical work experience for our students. Opportunities abound to collaborate with local business leaders, previous graduates, or fellow classmates through clubs and organizations. "Business Education for Effective Living," is the OBTA--An Association for Business Technology Educators vision statement. We know business education provides life and career skills for students to succeed in various business opportunities. Through business education, we stress to our students opportunities await them. They just need to get involved! But do we take this advice to heart?

OBTA's mission statement is "To make a positive impact on business education by providing professional development activities, research, publications, and networking opportunities." There is that word again--'opportunities.' Do you know what OBTA opportunities await you?

I have been a member of OBTA for a decade. Until three years ago, I did not *hear* opportunity knocking. Faithfully I attended the annual OBTA conference and perused the *Beacon* (two great OBTA benefits), but I sat on the sidelines. The life-changing opportunity arose in a Toledo hotel hallway when Vicky Ryan said, "I would like to speak with you." I thought to myself, "Me . . . this was an OBTA officer, and she knew who I was?" Vicky said, "I have an opportunity which may interest you" . . . and the

rest was history. Opportunity decided to stop knocking and spoke directly to me. I would have not believed anyone four years ago if someone told me within the next three years you will be an OBTA conference facilitator and presenter, OBTA secretary and president-elect, OBTA conference chair, attend the NBEA in California (swore I would never travel to that state), and NCBEA conferences. Through these opportunities I have acquired knowledge and had experiences which assisted me in the classroom, with my fellow colleagues, and in my personal education, that I never thought I would attain. I have grown professionally and personally a great deal the past three years, and I attribute it to OBTA!

So I am speaking directly to you, "What OBTA opportunities are knocking?" Maybe you would like to be a Section Representative, Executive Board member, or Officer. Or perhaps you would like to present at the conference, be on the conference planning committee, attend the NBEA conference or the 2006 NCBEA conference in Springfield, Illinois. What about writing an article for the *Beacon* or *The Ohio Business Technology Educator*? We all approach and experience opportunities differently for various reasons, but have you even allowed the opportunities to knock on your door? To those who have heard opportunity knocking, thank you for your leadership, dedication, and hard work, and please continue to spread the word about OBTA opportunities. Still don't hear opportunity knocking? Please contact me at culverc@mtc.edu, and together we can discover what OBTA opportunities await. Don't let opportunities pass you by!

Coming Soon . . .



Business, Technology,
and All That Jazz

October 19-20, 2006

SECTIONS REPORTING IN . . .

Section 1/2--Stephanie Sak

Cleveland Area Business Teachers Association

The Spring 2005 meeting was on May 4. Vicki Allen, from the Ohio Lottery, explained where the lottery money goes and how much it costs to operate our schools statewide. *The Dr. Lucille Wright 2005 Secondary Teacher of the Year* went to Carolyn Balis Holt, Cuyahoga Heights High School. Monika Elkaylany, a student from Cuyahoga Heights High School, was the *2005 James R. Pierce Student Scholarship* winner. She was awarded a one time \$200 scholarship.

A joint Fall Professional Development Workshop was held with DPE-Delta Zeta Chapter on September 30, 2005. We toured the art gallery at the Progressive Insurance corporate headquarters. After the tour most of the group met for dinner and some wonderful networking.

The CABTA team members are in the process of planning a winter professional development workshop. The date has not been finalized. The next CABTA Report will have more details.

The Spring 2006 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting at Piper's III Restaurant, in Broadview Heights. Our guest speaker, R. J. Musat, from Cuyahoga Community College, will present *Ebay~Buying and Selling*.

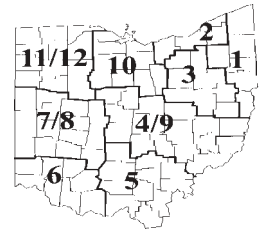
If you would be interested in taking on a leadership role in Section 1 or Section 2/CABTA as a team member, please contact Stephanie at CABTA@cox.net.

Section 3--Rob O'Donnell

Take a Relaxing OBTA Vacation!

On Wednesday, August 9, 2006, Section 3 will have a meeting **open to all members of OBTA**. This meeting is scheduled right before school starts at the the house of Rob O'Donnell, the new Section 3 Rep. Rob lives on Atwood Lake.

The newly remodeled Atwood Lake is a resort--a vacation spot for people in Ohio and surrounding states. Rob hopes many will attend. The center has hotel rooms available for \$99 a night, if you are interested in spending the night. Rob has a boat access to a private beach. There are two golf courses at Atwood Lake, which are absolutely beautiful, five lighted tennis courts, one indoor and one outdoor pool, and many walking trails. There is much to do at



Atwood Lake. Check out the beautiful Atwood Lake region at <http://www.atwoodlakeresort.com/>.

Discussion topics at the meeting are: 1) Relaxing techniques for a stressful life; 2) Legislation update for Business Education; and 3) Success stories of promoting business education programs at the high school and post-secondary levels. These topics will be discussed in a two hour session, on the beach, and then on to the boat.

If you plan to attend and would like to stay at the lodge or another nearby hotel, you will be responsible for making those reservations. If you are interested in 'vacationing with OBTA', please email Rob at smiley63@adelphia.net. He will make sure you are kept up to date with the plans.

Don't miss out on this special, relaxing experience just before school starts. Contact Rob today.

Section 4/9--VACANT

Contact OBTA Professional Development Chair, Heather Phillips (heather.phillips@uc.edu) if you are interested in filling the section representative position.

Section 5--VACANT

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Section 6--SWOBTA--Debra Howard

The SWOBTA Fall Conference was held on September 28, 2005, at UC Raymond Walters College in Cincinnati. Barb Tietsort, Associate Professor, RWC demonstrated OneNote Software.

Vicki Hammer, 2005 OBTA President, provided information regarding the 78th OBTA Columbus Conference as well as the OBTA partnership with the Center for Student Credit Card Education, Inc. A booklet, PowerPoint presentation, and teacher's manual are available for instructors.

There was a short discussion regarding possible topics for the Spring Conference. Following the meeting, many of the SWOBTA members enjoyed dinner at Parker's Grill in Blue Ash.

Contact information: Debra.Howard@uc.edu.

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Mission Statement, Legislation, etc. . .

By Vicki Hammer, 2005 President

It has been an honor to serve as President of OBTA--An Association for Business Technology Educators. We planted "Seeds for Success" at the 2004 Cincinnati/Dayton conference and experienced "Reality Shows in Business Technology Education" at the 2005 Columbus conference. The conference planning committee members deserve special thanks for their many hours of work and commitment to present such a successful professional development conference.

Some highlights from last year were:

Mission Statement Adoption

We adopted our mission statement at the 2005 Annual Meeting. It is "To make a positive impact on business education by providing professional development activities, research, publications, and networking opportunities".

Business and Industry Advisory Council Expansion

Donna Birkby, BIAC Chair, and OBTA officers recruited outstanding advisory members to completely fill the roster this year. They are very enthusiastic and have many ideas that will benefit OBTA for many years.

Legislation

Legislation was introduced in the Ohio legislature in late January 2005, to mandate Business Education (1/2 credit of business/financial literacy and 1/2 credit of business/computer applications) beginning September 15, 2008, for high school graduation. Rob O'Donnell, OBTA Legislative Chair, and State Senator Kirk Schuring have worked diligently on this legislation. This is the most important Business Education initiative I have witnessed in my entire career.

Credit Card Literacy

OBTA partnered with the Center for Student Credit Card Education, Inc. Dr. Carol Carolan prepared a program called the "The ABCs of Credit Card Finance - Essential Facts for Students." It was written for high school seniors and college freshmen to improve credit card literacy and to teach students how to wisely choose and responsibly use a credit card. The primer was accompanied by a PowerPoint Presentation and a Trainer's Guide to facilitate teaching this important information. These free materials were distributed at the 2005 OBTA conference.

I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most professional and dedicated people in Ohio. Thank you to the OBTA Officers, Executive Board members, conference committees, and members for a wonderful year.



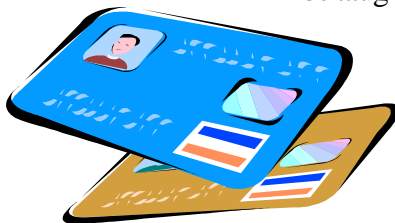
Credit Card Literacy--It's a Survival Tool

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1. An Essential Facts primer for each participating student, which they are able to keep as a reference.
2. A Parent Letter for each student (if teaching on the secondary level) with the requirement that they deliver it home. The

letter to parents has two main messages: (1) parents need to be aware that their teen can obtain credit cards on college campuses without a prior credit history, without employment, and without a parent's co-signature; and (2) they might want to get involved with their child's credit card education.

3. A Trainer's Guide
4. A PowerPoint Presentation for the program that can be taught in approximately one hour.



Request Your Copies Today

Contact Dr. Victoria A. Hammer at victoria.hammer@uc.edu or 513-732-5212 to arrange your request for materials. Take this opportunity to educate your students about credit card literacy!

Legislation Update From Robert O'Donnell

Recently, Vicki Hammer, OBTA 2005 President; Mark Hawkins, OBTA Business and Industry Advisory Council member; Rob O'Donnell, OBTA Legislative Chair; and Rick Mangini, Ohio Department of Education Assistant Director met with David Burns, Executive Director of Secondary Education and Workforce Development, and Senator Kirk Schuring. We discussed some concerns regarding business education in Ohio.

The following items were discussed: (1) The change the state department was **proposing to make** that we would not be able to give social studies economics credit for teaching business economics; (2) The need for business education

standards; (3) Adding an academic Business Education staff member in the department of Curriculum and Assessment.

After this meeting, we are hopeful that we will be able to keep giving social studies economics credit for business economics and to develop business education standards. We did not get such a warm response to adding a new position to the department of Curriculum and Assessment, but it could still be under discussion.

We are very hopeful that we will continue to dialogue with the State Department of Education regarding business education in Ohio.

Ohio's Career Field Initiative for Career-Technical Education Submitted by Rick Mangini, Assistant Director Business, Marketing and Information Technology Ohio Department of Education

Ohio's delivery system for Career-Technical Education is organized around sixteen career fields. These career fields mirror the 16 National Career Clusters initially developed by the U.S. Department of Education and now being supported by the National Association of State Directors of Career-Technical Education.

Ohio's Career Field Initiative includes the design of 9-14 career pathways, the development of Career Field Technical Content Standards, standards based curriculum, instructional support resources, professional development models, assessment, career field advisory councils, and postsecondary connections.

The essence of the standards based curriculum and all supporting resources is based on the Career Field Technical Content Standards which are being developed over the next 12-18 months for all 16 career fields. These standards are driven by business and industry representatives who identify the essential technical skills and core business processes that students need to know and be able to do through the associate degree. An educator review panel puts them in the secondary or postsecondary context. The standards also include core workplace skills and embedded academics. Each technical competency is correlated to the appropriate benchmarks from Ohio's Academic Content Standards in Math, English Language Arts, and eventually Science. The first two sets of standards that have been completed are for the career fields of Information Technology (itWORKS.OHIO) and Construction.

Over the next 12 months, technical content standards will be developed for the career fields of Business and Administrative Services and Finance and Marketing. These new standards will drive future career-technical programs in these areas. This new standards model will be the curricular framework that outlines the knowledge and skills necessary for providing students with the right combination of breadth and depth of the respective career field. The ultimate outcome is to produce a skilled workforce for Ohio businesses.

For more information on Ohio's Career Field Initiative go to: www.ode.state.oh.us/ctae/CF/default.asp

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Section 7/8--VACANT

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Section 10--VACANT

Contact OBTA Professional Development Chair, Heather Phillips (heather.phillips@uc.edu) if you are interested in filling the section representative position.

Section 11--Lori Dewyre

Contact information: Penta Career Center, 30095 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551, 419-666-1120 ext 4311, ldewyre@pentanet.k12.oh.us.

Section 6's Shelley -- Secondary Distinguished Educator

"During her time of service, Pam has demonstrated mastery of a number of professional characteristics essential to the outstanding levels of success she has enjoyed in her multi-faceted position. She is an amazing teacher and person inside and outside the classroom."

These comments are from Pam Shelley's letters of support.

Pam received a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Business Education from Morehead State University in 1974. She earned a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Teacher Leadership from Miami University of Ohio in 1995. Her teaching career started at New Miami High School, and for the last 17 years she has been an outstanding teacher at Butler Tech/D. Russel Lee Career Technology Center.

Designing, implementing, and facilitating programs has kept Pam involved in her work. She has served as an advisor, reviewer, and negotiator. Her participation and offices held in local, state, regional, and national professional associations are numerous.



Despite the changes in curriculum and methods, Pam feels teaching in the business field is still refreshing and challenging. Pam states that learning never stops. She believes educators should "Set your standards high--stay tough!" *Congratulations to this distinguished service award recipient for 2005.*



Post-Secondary Distinguished Educator -- Section 6's Howard

"The nominee has dedicated a tremendous amount of her time and effort to participate in professional organizations for both herself and her students. I was so impressed from the first day of class at the professor's demeanor, knowledge of material, and classroom management skills." These comments are from Deb Howard's letters of support.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education in 1975, Deb continued her studies, earning her Masters of Art degree in Education from Ball State University in 1980. Her career has spanned 26 years, the last nine at the University of Cincinnati's Raymond Walters College, where she was just promoted to Associate Professor.

Deb is most proud of the fact that she was recently allowed to create a new class. She has been published in *The Ohio Business Technology Educator* and received honors and awards from a number of graduate/business education societies. Activities with her local education organizations have kept her extremely busy. She serves on numerous committees at work that allow her to assess and advise on programs being offered at Raymond Walters. She mentors adjunct faculty. She is most proud of her students' confidence in her work. *Congratulations to this distinguished service award recipient for 2005.*

Reflections . . . By Linda Brockman, Past Treasurer

As I sit back and reflect over the past four years as OBTA treasurer, I wonder what I will do to occupy all the free time that I will soon have. No more photocopies to make, endless trips to the bank for deposits, only reconciling one bank statement each month (my own), instead of two, no more vouchers and checks to send to members (and, yes, the nagging, too). It's like when we are almost at the end of class work for a Master's degree, and we wonder what we will do with all our free time once the classes are over and the endless papers have been written.



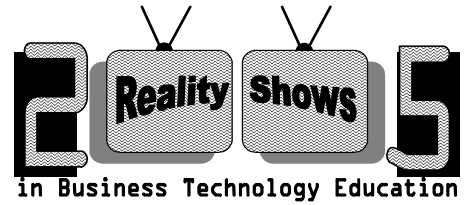
However, unlike having a degree in hand at the completion, I will have the many memories and friendships that I have made over the years from my association with OBTA. (And I will even miss those officers' meetings that sometimes go long into the night.) I will enjoy attending the conference next fall just as a member, so that I will be able to attend the sessions and renew old friendships.

To Mary Deloe, our newly elected treasurer, I wish you well and will always be here for support if needed. Thanks, OBTA, for allowing me to serve you for the last four years. You will always have my endorsement.

2005 Columbus Conference . . . That's A Wrap

Reality Shows in Business Technology Education

Christy Culver, 2005 OBTA President-Elect
Barbara Stover, Conference Chairperson



The 78th annual OBTA conference premiered “Reality Shows in Business Technology Education” at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in, Dublin, Ohio, on October 13-14, 2005.

The task dossier led attendees through the Thursday and Friday events. Attendees were challenged to discover how their colleagues integrated reality into their curriculum. Whether you are an apprentice, a survivor, or just trading spaces, this conference was designed to offer opportunities for professional growth and networking.

Thursday’s concurrent sessions offered elementary through post-secondary educators a chance to network with peers and learn about using educational technology in the classroom. Some attendees even enjoyed an Executive Spa moment of hand or chair massage to relax and revitalize themselves for the rest of the conference. Thursday evening *Reality Check!* found us at Dave & Buster’s for food, fellowship, and the Company Challenge.

The Friday morning keynote speaker, Mary Peterson, presented “Be a Contender by Getting Over the Fear Factor with an Extreme Makeover.” The *Exhibitors Challenge* facilitated interaction among attendees and the exhibitors, which was followed by more concurrent sessions. At the Awards Luncheon, the Business and Industry Advisory Council (BIAC) panel provided insight to the reality of employer’s wants and needs across the state. Following the luncheon, a reception was held for the new awardees and OBTA president, Vicki Hammer. More concurrent sessions followed throughout the afternoon. And of course, attendees met in the ‘boardroom’ for the annual OBTA meeting at the end of a very busy day.

Thank you to all the attendees, exhibitors, presenters, and session facilitators for “tuning in” to the conference. A special thanks to the Columbus Conference Committee for their contributions in making the 78th OBTA Professional Development Conference a winning program. That’s a wrap!



AND THE WINNER IS . . .

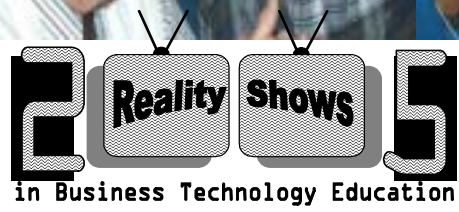


A SPECIAL WELCOME FOR FIRST TIMERS



Thank You 2005 Columbus Conference Production Team

President-Elect Christy Culver, *Marion Technical College*
 Conference Chairperson Barbara Stover, *Marion Technical College*
 Treasurer Marilyn Grismere, *Professor Emeritus, UC Raymond Walters College*
 Speaker Coordinator Barbara Stover, *Marion Technical College*
 Exhibits Coordinator Heather Phillips, *UC Raymond Walters College*
 Meal Coordinator Jane Briggs, *Eastland Career Center*
 Attendee & Speaker Gifts Coordinator Barbara Stover, *Marion Technical College*
 Registration Coordinator..Marilyn Grismere, *Professor Emeritus, UC Raymond Walters College*
 Photographer Lynn Wells, *Zane State College*
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 Door Prizes Christy Culver, *Marion Technical College*
 Section Baskets Raffle Coordinator Susan Ruffley, *Franklin Heights High School*
 Friday Wake Up and Walk Lisa Danne, *Big Walnut High School*
 CEU/PDU Certification Michelle Lively, *Olentangy Liberty High School*



BIAC Commendation Honorees

The OBTA Business and Industry Advisory Council is pleased to announce additional 2005 recipients of the Business and Industry Achievement Commendation.

Honoree	School/College	OBTA Member
Karen Hill	Columbus State CC	William J. Dross
Lisa Girton	Zanesville State College	Lynn Wells
Shelly Lentz	Zanesville State College	Lynn Wells
Darla Heibeck	Owens Community College	Kay Heck
Connie Nussbaum	U. of Akron, Wayne College	Lori Brinker
M. Harmony Bryan	Owens Community College	Rose Marie Kuceyeski

These graduates received an Achievement Commendation certificate, a letter of recognition, and a small gift from OBTA's Business and Industry Advisory Council.

Any OBTA member can nominate a graduating high school senior or a post-secondary student who completes a program in Business Education for the Business and Industry Achievement Commendation. OBTA members are encouraged to take advantage of this simple and easy opportunity to recognize an outstanding student and your school.

To recognize a student, contact Donna Birkby, BIAC Chair, 570 Marbrook Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012, or via e-mail at donnabirkby@yahoo.com. Please indicate when the recommendation is needed; allow two weeks for processing.

2006 Scholarship

\$1000 Scholarship Available for Graduate or Junior/Senior Undergraduate Business Education Major

Do you know a junior or senior undergraduate or a graduate student majoring in Business Education who would appreciate receiving \$1,000? If you do, recommend the student for the OBTA 2006 Scholarship. Application forms can be requested from Craig Bowman, 210 Hawthorn Blvd., Delaware, OH 43015, or by email at cbbluff@yahoo.com. The deadline for application submission is August 31, 2006.

Besides a general information form, the applicant must submit a resume that includes a description of skills related to business education, educational achievements, community activities, and work experience. Two letters of recommendation, a transcript indicating a minimum GPA of 3.0, and a 4x6 photograph must be included. The applicant is required to write a 300-500 word computer-generated essay on "Why I am entering the Business Education field".

So think about your students and recommend one of them for the 2006 OBTA Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at the Akron/Cleveland Professional Development Conference in October.

Introducing . . .

Toledo BIAC Member Merri Bame

As a past school teacher and drama coach, Merri experienced 16 years of



what it takes to motivate students in Findlay, Ohio. Moving to Toledo in 2000, she shifted from being a teacher to a facilitator

and is proud to call herself Toledo's Communication Coach, working primarily with doctor's offices.

Although Merri has been seen in the evenings and weekends directing theatre productions for Owens Community College, the Toledo Rep, and Ms. Rose's Dinner Theatre in Perrysburg, during the day Merri enjoys helping people find incentive to say what they need to say, and to stay in the conversation. Merri provides coaching in interpersonal communication behaviors and in applying Emotional Intelligence skills.

Her key to success is play well, often. Plan well, often. And focus on your strengths, letting others help with filling in the gaps.

Thank you, Merri, for helping OBTA fill in the gap from education to employment.

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Do you hear it?

Nominate a deserving student for the OBTA scholarship



Application Deadline
August 31, 2006

Dougherty Elected OBTA Secretary

Joy Dougherty has been elected OBTA's 2006 Secretary.

A full-time faculty member in the Business Technology Department at The University of Toledo since 1985, Joy received a BA from Valparaiso University with a History and Spanish major and a Secondary Education minor. She later earned an M.Ed. in Business Education at the University of Toledo. She has taught in the Administrative Technology and Computer Information Technology programs and has served as Chair of the Business Technology

Department. She currently teaches in the Business Technology Department on campus and online.



Joy holds memberships in NBEA, OBTA, NWOBTA, Pi Lambda Theta, IAAP, CPS Academy, and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was OBTA's 2004 Post-Secondary Distinguished Educator.

Welcome Joy.

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Do you hear it?

Interested in serving on the OBTA Executive Board?

Here is your opportunity . . .
send a note to
OBTA President,
Christy Culver, at
culverc@mtc.edu,
to express your interest.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
Thomas Edison

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. Theodore Roosevelt

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.
Vince Lombardi

Deloe Elected OBTA Treasurer

Mary Deloe is currently an Assistant Professor at Davis College in the Business Department. She received her Bachelor's degree in public and corporate communications and a Master's in Business Administration.

Before joining the staff at Davis College, Mary was the Corporate Communications Manager at ITT Educational Services, a Marketing and Public Relations Director for Indianapolis Ballet Theatre, and was the Market Development Manager for GTE Directories.

On a personal note, Mary is married and the mother of two boys, William (9) and Andrew (7). Her volunteer experiences include community service with the Junior League of Toledo and is a parent volunteer at Emmanuel Baptist Christian School. Mary's hobbies and interests include golfing, cooking, and needlepoint.

Welcome Mary.



NEED A THANK YOU GIFT . . . OR TWO?

You will soon be able to purchase an OBTA calculator! These calculators make a perfect gift for your advisory committee members, your administration, those special students, or even yourself.

What a way to say "Thank You" and to promote OBTA.

Look for more details
in the next issue
of the Beacon.



OBTA Teacher/Educator of the Year Award Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for OBTA Distinguished Service Awards. In addition to accepting nominations from each OBTA section, nominations may be submitted by any active OBTA member. This means you can nominate a colleague who might be in another section.

Contact Vicky Ryan at vrryan@daviscollege.edu for further information. You may also log on to the OBTA web site at <http://www.rwc.uc.edu/obta> for the nomination forms. Nominations are due by July 15, 2006.

Professional Development Opportunities . . .

79th Annual OBTA 2006 Akron/Cleveland Professional Development Conference

Pull out your dancing shoes, dust off your party dress, you're headed to **Cleveland** on **October 19-20, 2006**, for **"Business, Technology, and All that Jazz!"**

The Akron/Cleveland planning committee is diligently working to put together a fun-filled, educational OBTA Professional Development Conference --one that you surely won't forget.

The Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, will be our sound stage. The hotel is easily accessible-- just off I-271.

Mark you calendar to attend the conference to gain innovative ideas, and tips and tricks to **jazz** up your curriculum!



Membership

Log on to www.nbea.org for current membership form and a list of benefits. Benefits include membership in NCBEA.

(NCBEA members will be receiving a ballot to vote for President-Elect, Treasurer, and NBEA Administrative Rep. Look for our Ohio candidate! It is important that everyone vote.)

Conferences

NBEA, Tampa Bay, Florida, April 12-15, 2006. For more information visit www.nbea.org.

NCBEA Conference November 1-3, 2006, in Springfield, IL. For more information visit www.ncbea.net.

Call for presentations are now being accepted. Please contact Mrs. Chris Blackburn at firstvp@ibeas.org, cblackburn@mchs.net, or 815-467-2140x159 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW....soon, all cell phone numbers will be released to telemarketing companies, and you will start to receive sales calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.** To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years.

OBTA Publications

OBTA Beacon--the official newsletter of OBTA. Submission deadline for the spring issue is April 15, 2006. E-mail your articles to sabobey@msn.com or mail a hard copy/disk to Susan Bobey, 3395 West 158 Street, Cleveland, OH 44111. All copy is subject to editing.

The Ohio Business Technology Educator--OBTA's official refereed journal committed to professional excellence. It is published annually when submissions are adequate. Manuscripts vary in length, with 2,500 words being an approximate guideline. Submission deadline for the October 2006 journal is July 1, 2006. Contact Dr. Ken Martin, University of Cincinnati, 505TC ML02, Cincinnati, OH 45221, phone 513-556-3592, or e-mail ken.martin@uc.edu. Please include KEN in the subject line.

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Here is your opportunity . . .
send in a teaching idea
for publication
in the Spring Beacon.

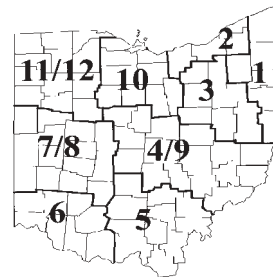
Deadline: April 1, 2006
E-mail to sabobey@msn.com

International Society for Business Education (ISBE) Pre-Conference Cruise/Tour, in conjunction with the 2006 ISBE/SIEC Conference in Torshavn, Faeroe Islands. The Cruise/Tour dates are July 13-22, 2006. The dates of the ISBE Conference are July 23-29, 2006. The pre-conference tour/cruise to destinations in Denmark (Copenhagen), Germany (Kiel), Sweden (Stockholm & Visby), Estonia (Tallinn), and Russia (St. Petersburg) is being offered by Dr. Ray Bernardi. A complete itinerary and more detailed information can be obtained from: Dr. Ray Bernardi, 3109 Aylesbury Circle, Lexington, KY 40509; by e-mail at rbern65454@aol.com, or by calling 859-263-3315.



JOIN EARLY -- JOIN NOW

An Association for Business Technology Educators



Support your professional organization . . . with your membership!

Membership applications may be found at our web site: <http://www.rwc.uc.edu/obta>
For additional information contact: Marilyn Grismere at 513.746.5751 or mgrismere@cinci.rr.com

2006-2007 Membership Application O B T A—An Association for Business Technology Educators Membership Year July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007

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Position

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- Teacher Educator
- Administrator
- Supervisor
- Other

Institution

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr. High
- Secondary/High School
- JVS/Career Center
- College/University
- Tech./Community College
- Private Business College
- State Department
- Other

Dues Information (please circle)

- Professional - \$40.00 (before July 1, 2006)
- \$45.00 (after July 1, 2006)
- Retired - \$20.00
- Student (full-time, undergraduate) - \$20.00
- Life Member - NC

Highest Degree Completed

- Bachelor
- Master
- Specialist
- Doctoral

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