



## Let's Be "Farr"sighted This Year!

### Joy Dougherty, 2008 President



The year 2008 is here, and most of us have made our New Year's resolutions as we always do. We anticipate a year full of promise and prosperity. As we begin this new year, I challenge all of you to be "Farr"sighted! That means looking back and learning from our successes and failures, and also looking ahead at what is in store for us and what we make of it. "Farr"sightedness is anticipating the future while learning from the past. It involves the bigger picture. Nearsightedness clouds distance vision, whereas farsighted people are visionaries who can see clearly what lies ahead.

I'm sure you know why I chose to spell "Farr"sighted this way. Jamie Farr not only entertained us as keynote speaker at our October OBTA Professional Development Conference, but he also had much to say to us as business educators. As you may remember, Jamie's good friend and mentor, Red Skelton, saw something in him that he wanted to cultivate. So he gave him a spot on his TV show to give him experience and exposure. His career really took off from there. More important, Jamie never forgot who gave him his big break, and the two became friends for life.

As we reenter our classrooms in this new year, let's take that example with us as we cultivate the best in our students. Let's be patient and understanding as we teach them. Let's put ourselves in their shoes and remember how we felt as students needing someone to care about us. Let's lift them up so that they can soar to new heights as tomorrow's leaders. Let's be the kind of mentor that Red Skelton was to Jamie Farr. In so doing, you will *Make Academic Success Happen* in your classrooms and *Make a Significant Hit* with your students as well. And who knows? You may make some lifelong friends in the process.

Now what about our roles in OBTA as we begin this new year? I challenge all of you to keep our 2007 conference theme, *Moving Ahead, Striving Higher in Business Education* at the forefront as we work together to make our association strong and develop the talents and abilities of our members. OBTA provides us with count-

less opportunities to move ahead and strive higher in our professional development. And we have leaders, both past and present, to mentor us along the way.

When you are called upon to be an OBTA officer, accept that challenge. When you are asked to be a section leader, accept that challenge. When you are tapped to head a conference committee or to serve on one, accept that challenge. When you are asked to lead a conference session, accept that challenge. If there is any job you would like to tackle, no matter how large or small, accept that challenge. OBTA can only be as strong as its leaders and members make it.

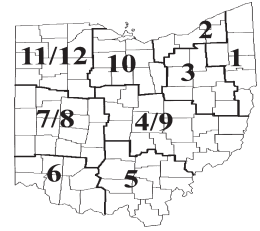
A recurring problem in every organization and association today is decreasing membership. ***I challenge each and every one of you to recruit one new OBTA member this year.*** If all of us do that, we will not only increase membership but our financial base as well, which will open more opportunities for us. Let's work hard to *Make Achieving Success Happen* in our association.

As we reflect on the successes of last year, an integral part of "Farsightedness," I once again extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the members of M.A.S.H. Unit 4080 for going above and beyond the call of duty in planning and executing a great conference. The combined efforts of each and every one of you as a team made it happen!

In addition, I express my profound gratitude to Davis College for their presenting sponsorship of Jamie Farr at our 2007 conference. And I also extend my sincere appreciation to our contributing sponsors, UT's University College and College of Business Administration, the BGSU Business Education Foundation, and the Owens Community College Foundation.

We have much to be thankful for and anticipate as we enter 2008. So Happy New Year everyone, and Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, OBTA. As we enter our 81<sup>st</sup> year as an association and strive to be "Farr"sighted as we grow and strengthen it, we know we know there will be many more great anniversaries to come!

# SECTIONS REPORTING IN . . .



## Section 1/2--Stephanie Sak

The CABTA team members are in the process of planning winter and spring professional development workshops. The next CABTA Report will have more details.

Contact information: CABTA@cox.net.

## Section 3--Rob O'Donnell

### A Relaxing OBTA Vacation!

Section 3 will again have a sectional meeting at the end of the summer. Rob is looking for a group of teachers to help plan this summer meeting or give suggestions for the meeting.

The section had a great summer meeting in August with about 50 participants. We discussed many issues related to business education--how to become highly qualified in business economics and give social studies credit; giving English credit business English, and giving math credit for business math. We also had a great time enjoying Atwood Lake on the beautiful Atwood Queen. Thank you, Tammy Eck, for your sponsorship.

We are looking for new members in Section 3, so pass the word about how great it is to be a member of OBTA. Just call one or two other neighboring schools, talk to the business teachers, and ask them to join.

Best wishes to everyone for a great end of the year!!!

Contact information: smiley63@roadrunner.com

## Section 4/9--Matt White

Section 4/9 is planning a Spring Conference in April or May 2008. Details of this event will be circulated as they become available. We are also beginning to plan the 2009 OBTA Professional Development Conference. If you would like to become involved, please contact me at MCWhite@itt-tech.edu

## Section 5--OPEN

Contact OBTA President, Joy Dougherty at jdoughe@utnet.utoledo.edu if you are interested in filling the section representative position.

### Calling all Sections . . .

2008 OBTA Professional Development Conference

Basket Theme: Festivals

Contact Deb Howard at [debra.howard@uc.edu](mailto:debra.howard@uc.edu)

with your choice of festival basket

## Section 6--SWOBTA-- Linda Brockman

SWOBTA held its fall conference on November 7, 2007 at Butler Technology and Career Development Schools. A SharePoint Presentation was given by Nancy Gerth, Applications and Multimedia Supervisor at Butler Tech. As Nancy explained to the group, Microsoft Office SharePoint allows a business to develop an intranet with customized workspaces for each employee, group or team. It allows for sharing of documents, discussions, tasks, calendaring, etc. Templates are available from Microsoft's web site or you can create your own designs.

Following the presentation a short business meeting was held. A festival theme was chosen for the conference baskets this year. Sections should notify Deb Howard ([debra.howard@uc.edu](mailto:debra.howard@uc.edu)) with their choice of festival basket theme so there are no duplications. In the subject line please state "OBTA", otherwise your email may not be opened. Section 6's theme will be "Octoberfest".

The next meeting for Section 6 will be in January. Plans will continue to be made for the 2008 Conference in Cincinnati/Dayton. Hope to see you all there in October.

Contact information: [lbrockman@cinci.rr.com](mailto:lbrockman@cinci.rr.com)

## Section 7/8--Roger and Vicki Fulk

Chairs Roger and Vicki Fulk report that they have sent out a survey to all Section 7/8 members to gather input for future meetings and topics. A spring meeting is in the planning stages. Those members having input may e-mail Roger at [roger.fulk.edu](mailto:roger.fulk.edu) or Vicki at [fulkv@sidney.k12.oh.us](mailto:fulkv@sidney.k12.oh.us).

## Section 10--Kristi Glanz

Members of Section 10 joined forces with Sections 11/12 to help plan the 2007 Toledo Conference.

If you teach in Section 10 and have ideas for making Section 10 more active, please contact Kristi Glanz [glanz635@bright.net](mailto:glanz635@bright.net).

## Section 11/12--Shawn Orr

The section is winding down from the OBTA Toledo Conference.

Contact information: [shawnorr@daviscollege.edu](mailto:shawnorr@daviscollege.edu)

## Did You Know . . . From Ruth Ann Falconer

- 1. Course titles and descriptions have been updated for non-career technical programs (subject codes 03XXXX)?** These course titles and descriptions are aligned with the NBEA content standards, as well as with the business content standards developed as an initiative of the Inter-Professional Association Taskforce (IPAT), and reflect the terminology and needs of the global business world. The course information can be found at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us); search for “EMIS Manual”. Then go to “Appendix C: Subject Codes.” Finally click on the section for “Business—Non-Career Technical.”
- 2. There is a search tool available that identifies the teaching certificates/licenses that are eligible to teach any of the subject codes available?** The search tool is located at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us); search for “certification/licensure search.” Then click on “Search for Regular Teaching Certificates and Licenses.” There are options to search for a particular subject code, resulting in a list of those certificate/license codes eligible to teach that subject; or to search for a particular certificate/license, resulting in a list of those subject codes the holder is eligible to teach. Reference Appendix C of the EMIS Manual to identify each subject code. Directions to locate the manual are included in item 1.
- 3. Those teachers certified/licensed to teach Personal Finance (subject code 031500) already hold the correct certificate/license to teach a course that meets the personal finance graduation requirement?** Even though this is true, many business teachers are choosing to participate in one of the regional financial education training sessions. These workshops provide excellent updates on personal finance as well as outstanding instructional materials.

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### President Bush Appointment

#### NCEE's Robert Duvall Apointed to Newly Created Financial Literacy Advisory Council

Washington, DC - January 22, 2008 –

President George W. Bush, supported by Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson and U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral, in the Oval Office, established the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy and appointed National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) CEO, Dr. Robert Duvall, a Member.

“We have confidence in the long-term strength of America. And so should the American people. This is a flexible, this is a resilient, this is a dynamic economy, and the entrepreneurial spirit is high. We want people to understand basic financial concepts, and how credit cards work and how credit scores affect you, how you can benefit from a savings account or a bank account. And this group of citizens has taken the lead, and I appreciate it,” stated President Bush.

With the pointed and timely charge of keeping America competitive and

assisting citizens in understanding and addressing financial matters, the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy will focus squarely on economic empowerment issues. Duvall joins a select group of 19 distinguished individuals from the business, non-profit and education sectors from across the nation.

Dr. Duvall will serve a 2-year term and will represent the views of economic educators around the country. His duties will include working with the Council to advise the President and Treasury Secretary on how to reinforce and continue to improve financial education efforts for students, advocate for and establish ever-more effective measures of national financial literacy, and promote efficient and effective access to financial services, particularly for those without access to such services.

“With the establishment of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy, President Bush has re-affirmed the profound importance of im-

proving financial literacy in America,” said Duvall. “I am very proud to work with such distinguished colleagues on furthering economic education at this crucial point in time.”

Through the NCEE, Duvall leads the effort to improve the effective teaching of basic and applied principles of economics and personal financial decision-making skills in the nation's schools, K-12, and also internationally, with the goal of preparing every young person for a successful life in the “real” world.

The NCEE ([www.ncee.net](http://www.ncee.net)) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy. Both directly and through its unique nationwide network of state Councils and more than 200 university based Centers for Economic Education, NCEE's programs reach more than 150,000 K-12 teachers and over 15 million students in more than 70,000 schools each year.

Contributed by Nell Rapport  
Painesville Harvey High School

# OBTA Commitment is Valuable

## Shunda Wright, 2007 President

Alas, my term has come to an end. It has been a great pleasure to serve as your 2007 president. The experience has been wonderful and one that I will never forget or regret. Thanks to the awesome officer team--I could not have done it without your years of experience and your willingness to share all of your wisdom.

Congratulations to Joy and her magnificent conference planning team on a job well done planning and presenting a conference that will remain ever present in the minds of all business educators who attended and made the decision to move ahead and strive higher in 2008.

Thanks to all of the members who have supported business education and OBTA--An Association for business technology educators. We remain strong because of your commitment to business education and OBTA's purpose "To promote among educators the desire to find better techniques and methods in an effort to improve instruction in the field of business so that the students are well prepared to take their place in the business world."

I appreciate all of the hard work our legislative chairperson, Rob O'Donnell has done and is still committed to doing to acquire legislation that supports business education and OBTA's vision of providing "Business education for effective living". We all know that business education is the foundation that all students need in order to live effective, responsible lives.

Although my tenure as president has ended, my commitment to OBTA has not. I look forward to working with the officer team this year, and all of you, our faithful members, who keep this organization strong. Start planning now for the 2008 OBTA Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati--you do not want to miss, OctoberBest!



## Legislation Update . . . From Robert O'Donnell

I have met twice in the past two months with Senator Schuring. At our last meeting we had Dr. Zelman's Chief of Staff, Jeannette Oxender, present. From my understanding she is second in charge.

Others present at this meeting included Dr. Robert Berns, from Bowling Green. I personally want to thank Dr. Berns for his help and moral support at this meeting; it has been challenging.

Ms. Oxender is going to personally discuss with Dr. Zelman and the State Department of Education the request that we made--to adopt the National Business Education Standards.

Senator Schuring does plan on writing a bill to get these standards adopted. However, he feels it will be easier for Senator Schuring to get the legislation passed if he has the State Department of Education's support.

Another very important issue which I brought up is that business teachers

should be able to teach the regular social studies economics class and be able to give economics credit. We should not have to offer a separate course called business economics to give social studies credit. Somehow when they first decided to offer economics as a class some 30 years ago, I don't know why it was put under social studies. I emphasized this needs to be changed and can easily be changed by cross-walking it so that business education teachers are able to give the credit.

I also discussed that even though business teachers can teach personal finance, Senate Bill 311 should not have referenced only the social studies standards. Many superintendents will just see the references to the social standards and will have social studies teachers teach the personal finance requirement. I said if we would have had business standards, it could have referenced business standards also. It will be the task of business teachers to inform their

superintendents that business teachers are the best qualified to teach this subject area.

I have done all I can possibly do at this time in these areas, and I may need business teachers to make phone calls to the proper officials. If this is necessary, I will be sending emails out. Hopefully this will not be necessary; but if it is, I hope everyone will follow through. Our students need to be taught our curriculum by the most highly qualified teachers.

I will be in touch if needed.



# 2007 Distinguished Educators

## Administrator--Rick Mangini

*“Mr. Mangini is a true leader as evidenced through his hard work and dedication to the students of Ohio. Rick truly has business, marketing, and information technology educators’ best interests at heart.”* These comments are from Rich Mangini’s letters of support.



Receiving his BS degree in Marketing Education from The Ohio State University in 1974, Rick earned his MA degree in Vocational Education from Ohio State in 1986. His career has spanned 31 years, the last 21 at the Ohio Department of Education where he was just promoted to Associate Director of Career-Technical and Adult Education.

Rick is most proud of the fact that he coordinated the development and implementation of a state-wide curriculum for information technology (itWorks Ohio) resulting in a dramatic growth in business programs throughout Ohio and graduates who are well prepared to meet the needs of the information technology industry. He has provided leadership for the development and implementation of five generations of technical content standards. He has been published in *The Ohio Business Technology Educator* and received honors and awards from a number of marketing/business education societies.

Congratulations, Rick!

## Secondary--Susan Bobey

*“Ms. Bobey touches the lives of students. She helps to mold their character into becoming responsible young adults. She assists them in their maturation by allowing them to make decisions for themselves and learn from their mistakes.”* These comments are from Susan Bobey’s letters of support.

Susan received a BS in Comprehensive Business Education in 1975 from Bowling Green State University and an MEd in Vocational Business Education from Kent State University in 1981. Her teaching career started at East High School, and for the last 18 years she has been an outstanding teacher at Jane Addams Business Careers Center.



Work involvement for Susan has included designing, implementing, and facilitating programs. She has served as an advisor, evaluator, and department chairperson. Her participation and offices held in local, state, and regional professional associations are numerous.

Despite the changes in curriculum and methods, Susan feels teaching in the business field is still refreshing and challenging. She states that learning never stops. She believes educators should “make assignments beneficial and realistic!”

Congratulations, Susan!

## Matt White Elected 2008 Secretary

Currently the Registrar at ITT Technical Institute in Hilliard, Ohio, Matt has also been an instructor in business and general education at ITT. He has served as the Phi Beta Lambda Chapter Adviser at ITT since 2006.

Earning an AAS in Accounting Technology at Columbus State Community College, a BBA and MAEd. at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Matt is currently pursuing an Ed.D. from the University of Phoenix.

Matt states that he has a passion for preparing future businessmen and businesswomen for success in their chosen careers. His involvement with OBTA has, and will continue to be, a very important part of his professional growth. He looks forward to serving OBTA well into the future and helping to build this organization that is so very important to the field of business education. Welcome, Matt!



### OBTA Vision

Business Education for Effective Living

### OBTA Mission

To make a positive difference  
in business education  
by providing  
professional development activities,  
technology-based workshops,  
research, publications,  
and networking opportunities.

# 2007 Toledo Conference

## M.A.S.H. Moving Ahead, Striving Higher in Business Education



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Diane Brunner, Davis College President  
Jamie Farr, Keynote Speaker  
Joy Dougherty, 2008 OBTA President



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Photo Ops With Jamie



Davis College faculty celebrating 150 years





Lots of laughter for The Around the Bend Players



We Salute the OBTA Conference M.A.S.H. Unit 4080!

Duty Roster

Officer(s) in Charge

Conference General Chairman Joy Dougherty
Conference Co-Chairmen Karen Everingham/Rozalind Herzig



Awards Luncheon/Reception Heather Bachman
Karen Everingham, Roz Herzig, Dave Hyslop, Carol McCormick
CEU/DPU Certification Rozalind Herzig
Computer Sessions Linda Maatta
Concurrent Sessions Vallie Robeson
Conference Advisors Christy Culver, Vicky Ryan
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# BIAC Commendation Honorees

The OBTA Business and Industry Advisory Council is pleased to announce 2008 Winter recipients of the Business and Industry Achievement Commendation.

Honoree	School/College	OBTA Member
Shalonda H. Hart	Columbus State Community College	William J. Dross
Rebecca Grimes	Columbus State Community College	Betty Allen
Matseliso Rakhethla	Columbus State Community College	Beth McGrath
Beth-Anne Zaenger	Columbus State Community College	Elizabeth Miller
Charlette Matthews	Columbus State Community College	Amy DiBlasi
Lorraine Waters	Owens Community College	Dr. Rose Marie Kuceyeski
Amber Morgart	Owens Community College	Darla Johannsen
Nicole Schroeder	Owens Community College	Teri Pratt
Sharon Thomas	Owens Community College	Heather Bachman

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 nominate a student, please provide your name, the student's name, the school address/city/zip, and the date needed. Contact Christy Culver at [culverc@mtc.edu](mailto:culverc@mtc.edu). Information and nomination forms may also be found on the OBTA website at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org).

## 2008 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 2008 Scholarship. Application forms are on line at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org). The deadline for application submission is August 31, 2008.

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 2008 OBTA Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at the Cioncinnati/Dayton Professional Development Conference in October.

### **Have Enthusiasm, Will Travel**

As the 2008 OBTA President, Joy Dougherty would like to visit as many section meetings this year as she can.

Please email Joy at [jdoughe@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:jdoughe@utnet.utoledo.edu) with the dates of your section meetings so that she can put them on her calendar.

She looks forward to meeting with many of you this year!

**KNOCK KNOCK**  
Do you hear it?



Nominate a deserving student for the OBTA scholarship--

Nomination deadline  
August 31, 2008

Obtain nomination form on our Web site at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org)

Recommend a deserving student for the Business and Industry Advisory Council commendation--

Obtain commendation form on our Web site at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org)

Nominate a deserving teacher/educator for the OBTA Distinguished Service Awards--

Nomination deadline  
July 15, 2008

Obtain nomination form on our Web site at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org)

# Looking For Teaching Ideas?--Here's A Deal For You!

. . . by Vicky Ryan, NCBEA Liaison



Congratulations to Greg Johnson and Wendy Norris, raffle winners of the NBEA memberships given at the OBTA Conference. Greg is a student at BGSU and Wendy is a computer teacher at Fremont Middle School. Both were excited to become NBEA members and receive the benefits that membership offers.

Have you joined or renewed your NBEA membership? For just \$75, you become a member of both NBEA and NCBEA--an incredible value! Excellent teaching ideas are shared in the publications, Business Education Forum and Keying In. The NBEA Yearbook features excellent research. In addition, your membership entitles you to

\$250,000 professional liability insurance plus online jobs forum, legislative advocacy, and regional conventions and publications.

All new NBEA members will receive a **Three for One** CD that has 2006 Creative Activities for YOU in Your Classroom, 2004 Activities for Student Success, and 2002-03 Technology Activities for Business Education, a \$15 value. Log on to [www.nbea.org](http://www.nbea.org) for the current membership form. Send your membership to me--Vicky Ryan, Davis College, 4747 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43623; and I'll send this special membership CD to you.



*Join now and register for the Convention  
San Antonio, Texas, March 19-22!*

## 2008 Conferences

**NBEA**, San Antonio, Texas, March 19-22. For more information visit [www.nbea.org](http://www.nbea.org).

**NCBEA** Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 3-4. For more information visit [www.ncbea.net](http://www.ncbea.net).

**OBTA**, Cincinnati/Dayton, West Chester, Ohio, October 9-10. For more information visit [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org) or look for future issues of the Beacon.

## OBTA Publications

**OBTA Beacon**--the official newsletter of OBTA. Submission deadline for the spring issue is April 15, 2008. The *spring issue is dedicated to sharing teaching ideas*--so e-mail your articles to [sabobey@msn.com](mailto:sabobey@msn.com) (in rtf format) 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 2008 journal is July 1, 2008. Contact Dr. Ken Martin, University of Cincinnati, Mail Location 02, Edwards 1, Room 5130d, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0002, phone 513-556-3592, or e-mail [ken.martin@uc.edu](mailto:ken.martin@uc.edu). Please include KEN in the subject line.



# OHIO BUSINESS WEEK OFFERS LESSONS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Enrollment open to business-minded high school students*

As you know, entrepreneurship is one of the fastest-growing occupations in Ohio and entrepreneurship centers are emerging on college campuses throughout the country. While some school districts are responding to this trend by offering entrepreneurship classes, most high schools do not have the resources at their disposal to create a customized program.

Entrepreneurship education does more than simply produce potential business owners. In fact, the creative thinking, financial literacy and problem solving skills taught in entrepreneurship programs like Ohio Business Week (OBW) are also effective strategies for teaching, motivating and inspiring all high school students.

OBW is an intensive weeklong summer program that immerses high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the American free enterprise system, giving them a first-hand experience in entrepreneurship.

Hosted at Ohio Dominican University June 8-14, and at Youngstown State University June 22-28, the program brings a diverse group of students and established members of the business community together to translate textbook business principles into "real world" business practices.

"Students emerge from OBW with the skills and experience they need to compete in the global marketplace," said Nancy Whetstone, executive director of the Ohio Business Week Foundation and OBTA Business Advisory Council President.

Funded, implemented and evaluated by Ohio business people since 1989, OBW offers students a professional development experience that complements what students learn inside the classroom.

"Each student accepted to OBW receives a \$450 scholarship from a business, civic organization, foundation or individual to attend the program and

pays a nominal registration fee," Whetstone said. Support from the private sector enables the Foundation to offer OBW at a fraction of the cost of similar summer programs.

Applications may be requested by calling the Foundation's toll free number (888) 377-7414, or they may be downloaded from the OBW Web site at [www.ohiobusinessweek.org](http://www.ohiobusinessweek.org). Students may also apply online. Applications should include a personal reference and a short essay. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1.

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## NEED A THANK YOU GIFT OR TWO?

You can now 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. Calculators are \$8 each (includes shipping) and may be ordered by sending a check to Christy Culver, 216 West Bigelow Street, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351



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## OBTA Web Site Keeps You Up-to-date

OBTA offers a unique service to members and non-members alike, through the World Wide Web. Information related to OBTA resides on our Web page at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org). Check it out! There are photos from previous conferences, membership forms, BIAC and OBTF information, and more.

If you have items to contribute to the OBTA Web site, please send them to Barbara Stover at [webmaster@obta-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@obta-ohio.org). You may also send information via snail mail to Barbara at 1467 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Marion, OH 43302.

## 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.

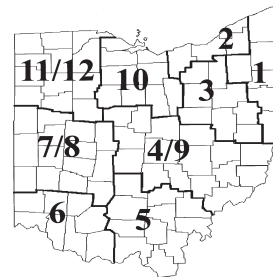
Contact Christy Culver at [culverc@mtc.edu](mailto:culverc@mtc.edu) for further information. You may also log on to the OBTA web site at [www.obta-ohio.org](http://www.obta-ohio.org) for the nomination forms. Nominations are due by July 15, 2008.



# 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.obta-ohio.org>

For additional information contact: Pam Rankey at [prankey@fuse.net](mailto:prankey@fuse.net)

## 2008-2009 Membership Application O B T A—An Association for Business Technology Educators Membership Year July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

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- Other

### **Institution**

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