

OBEA NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

Dear OBEA Members:

As we begin a new school year, we sincerely appreciate your continued dedication and efforts in advancing Business Education across Ontario.

The start of a new school year brings new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and exciting possibilities. Each day, you inspire students by helping them develop the knowledge, skills, confidence, and creativity they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. Your commitment to providing meaningful learning experiences and preparing students for future pathways is truly valued.

Please know that the Ontario Business Educators' Association is here to support you. Through professional learning, resources, collaboration, and advocacy, OBEA remains committed to strengthening Business Education and supporting teachers in their important work.

Thank you for all that you do for your students, your schools, and the Business Education community across Ontario. We wish you a rewarding, successful, and inspiring school year filled with new opportunities and possibilities.

Yours in Business Education,

Emilia Marotta-Kulcsar, President
Ontario Business Educators' Association (OBEA)
September, 2026

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

First Day of School

Friday, October 16, 2026

OBEA's Fall Think-Tank Event
(Brampton, Ontario)

Saturday, October 17, 2026

OBEA Student Awards Luncheon
(Mississauga, Ontario)

OBEA Contests 2026-2027*

Accounting Contests - Grades 11 & 12
Business Contest - Grade 9 (Revised)

Business Contest - Grade 10

Entrepreneurship Contest
Poster Contest

Social Media Marketing Contest
Website Development Contests -
Junior & Senior

*Eligibility requirements are available at:
www.obea.ca/contests.

New
International Business - BBB Contest
Coming Soon...

Contest Chairing Opportunities...

If you have been giving thought to getting more involved in OBEA, here is your chance! We have Contest Chair openings.

To receive more information, please contact our Contest Coordinator, Audrey Hogarth, at audrey.hogarth@peelsb.com

WE WANT YOU



ONTARIO
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**ONE DAY AI FOCUSED, ALL IN.
FOR BUSINESS TEACHERS.**

AI THINK TANK 2026

**WHAT HAPPENED
WHILE WE WERE TEACHING?**

AI isn't waiting for education to catch up.





**BEYOND
THE PROMPT**

Context engineering,
system prompts,
workflows & agents.



**LEARNING,
ASSESSMENT &
EVALUATION**

Redesign assessment
for the AI era &
measure real learning.



**FROM IDEA
TO REALITY**

Student prototyping,
creation & live
vibe-coding demo.



**THE AMAZON
CHALLENGE**

One prep period.
60 minutes.
By the end of the hour,
it ships.



FRIDAY
OCTOBER
16
2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



BRAMPTON

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
27 Drinkwater Rd, Brampton, ON



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CONNECT. SHARE. GROW.
Stronger together.

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

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OBEA
wishes to also
acknowledge
the following....

OBEA CONTESTS 2025-2026 STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Accounting Contest - Grade 11

- 1st Luqman Siddique, Martingrove Collegiate Institute, Toronto, TDSB
- 2nd (tied) Jeffrey Lin, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 2nd (tied) Shivika Bhagria, Richmond Hill High School, Richmond Hill, YRDSB
- 3rd Dana Kouk, Banting Memorial High School, Alliston, SCDSB

Accounting Contest - Grade 12

- 1st Pavan Patel, Stouffville District Secondary School, Stouffville, YRDSB
- 2nd Aayush Bhatt, Martingrove Collegiate Institute, Toronto, TDSB
- 3rd Aaryan Thaker, Martingrove Collegiate Institute, Toronto, TDSB

BEM - Grade 9 Business

- 1st Anujan Akaljan, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 2nd Avaarah Nimalan & Mehreen Saini, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 3rd Shreyanshi Parida & Chloe Wang, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB

BEP - Grade 10 Business

- 1st Makayla Putri, David & Mary Thomson CI, Scarborough, TDSB
- 2nd Keerthana Guttikonda & Sireen Khan, Donald A. Wilson Secondary School, Whitby, DDSB
- 3rd (tied) Maryam Abdullah & Afraah Nuweisr, David & Mary Thomson CI, Scarborough, TDSB
- 3rd (tied) Thea Faruquee & Ainsley Morris, Canterbury High School, Ottawa, OCDSB

Entrepreneurship

- 1st Owen Piercey, St. Matthew High School, Ottawa, OCSB
- 2nd Eydie Padfield, Canterbury High School, Ottawa, OCDSB
- 3rd Daisy Benson, Canterbury High School, Ottawa, OCDSB

Poster

- 1st Sawdah Rahman, TDSB Virtual Secondary School, Toronto, TDSB
- 2nd Haidee Tai, Stouffville District Secondary School, Stouffville, YRDSB
- 3rd Fiona Su Shen, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB

Social Media Marketing

- 1st Joey Du & Thabitah Habib, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 2nd Chloe Zanichkowsky, St. Matthew Catholic High School, Ottawa, OCSB
- 3rd Srangi Subashkaran & Tharaniya Thasiparan, Stouffville District Secondary School, Stouffville, YRDSB

Website Development - Junior

- 1st Cheryl Yi-Hsuan Lee, Earl Haig Secondary School, Toronto, TDSB
- 2nd Ashmita Gandhi, Jean Augustine Secondary School, Brampton, PDSB
- 3rd Sawdah Rahman, TDSB Virtual Secondary School, Toronto, TDSB

Website Development - Senior

- 1st Lisa Li, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 2nd (tied) Charlene Yang, Milliken Mills High School, Markham, YRDSB
- 2nd (tied) Roza-Elahiea Ahmed, David & Mary Thomson CI, Scarborough, TDSB
- 3rd Mahdi Al-Jebory, David & Mary Thomson CI, Scarborough, TDSB