

OBEA NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

Dear OBEA Members:

On behalf of the Ontario Business Educators' Association, thank you for your ongoing dedication to advancing Business Studies education throughout Ontario.

OBEA has long served as a vital pillar in the educational landscape, fostering collaboration, innovation, and a shared sense of purpose among educators. OBEA's success lies not only in organizing resources or events, but in cultivating professional communities where ideas can be tested, refined, and expanded. This is accomplished through conferences, newsletters, and networking opportunities. We create spaces where educators feel supported and inspired, ultimately strengthening the quality of education delivered to learners.

At the heart of this success is the unwavering dedication of educators themselves. Teachers consistently go beyond the boundaries of their classrooms, investing time and energy into improving their craft and supporting their peers.

By engaging in continuous learning, educators remain responsive and adaptable, equipped to meet the diverse needs of their students.

In this highly anticipated season, let us continue to build a richer understanding of our profession together.

Yours in Business Education,

Emilia Marotta-Kulcsar, President
Ontario Business Educators' Association (OBEA)
May, 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*

Accounting Contests - Grades 11 & 12
Business Contest - Grade 9
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...

OBEA's Successes--Professional Development

Ongoing professional development plays a crucial role in sustaining the best pedagogical practices. Teachers realize that education is not static--it evolves with new research, technologies, and societal needs. This dedication ensures that students benefit from teaching practices that are both current and thoughtful.

Professional development is not merely a requirement but an opportunity--one that empowers educators to refine their skills, explore new methodologies, and remain intellectually curious throughout their careers.

Equally important is the wisdom gained through sharing experiences and insights. When educators come together to exchange ideas, challenges, and successes, they collectively transform individual knowledge into shared wisdom--reinforcing the idea that teaching is not an isolated endeavour, but a collective journey toward excellence.



Recognizing
Educational
Excellence at
OBEA's
Annual
Spring
Conference



Trisha Foley, TDSB

CPA-Ontario Accounting Teacher of the Year Award
proudly sponsored by CPA-Ontario and presented by
Chelsea D'Almeida from CPA-Ontario
April 17, 2026

Trevor Allen, OCDSB

The Robert Hillmer Award
and
The Honourary Life Membership Award
April 17, 2026

OBEA's 131st Spring Conference 2026

The Annual Spring Conference hosted by the Ontario Business Educators' Association was an outstanding success, bringing together educators, presenters, sponsors, and industry partners from across the province for a day of professional learning, collaboration, and inspiration. The Conference featured an engaging keynote presentation, informative workshops, and valuable networking opportunities that highlighted the innovation and dedication within the Business Studies education community. Excellence in teaching was also recognized. Congratulations once again to Attendees left with practical strategies, fresh ideas, and renewed enthusiasm for supporting student success in Ontario classrooms.

The success of the Conference was made possible through the hard work and commitment of the OBEA Executive, workshop presenters, volunteers, sponsors, and Conference participants. Their collective efforts created a welcoming and dynamic environment that celebrated excellence in Business Education while strengthening professional connections among educators. OBEA is proud to continue its tradition of supporting teachers and promoting high-quality Business Studies programs, and we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's Spring Conference such a memorable and meaningful event.

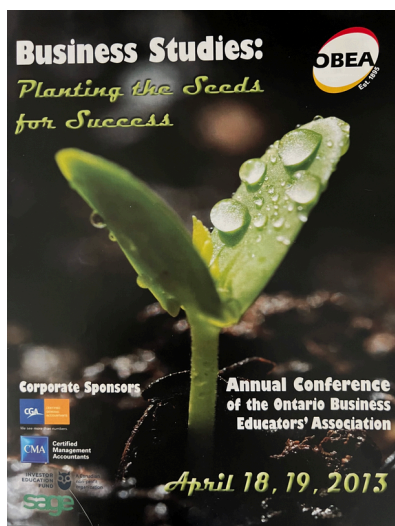
E. Marotta-Kulcsar, April 17, 2026

Conference Testimonials...



Here is just a handful of feedback samples from our Spring Conference in no particular order...

- *"Brilliant-the best AI presentation I've seen-Important for all teachers to know."*
- *"Highly effective presenter."*
- *"Fabulous presentation!"*
- *"Resourceful."*
- *"Great work!"*
- *"Energetic presentation."*
- *"I like the personal examples of what works."*
- *"Learned a lot. Well presented."*
- *"Great points and examples."*
- *"Very informative, realistic and usable info."*
- *"Thank you--real, usable ideas."*
- *"Practical and hands-on tools to support AI integration into classes."*
- *"Great enthusiastic presentation."*
- *"Great practical tips and strategies."*
- *"Awesome!"*
- *"Excellent creativity."*
- *"Good structure."*
- *"Very interactive and engaging!"*
- *"Great activities!"*
- *"Looking forward to bringing fun to the class."*
- *"Amazing resources!"*
- *"Great energy and links."*
- *"Amazing session with videos, lesson plans, and materials to use for teaching."*
- *"A lot of resources were introduced! Super practical!"*
- *"Great job! Learned different options."*
- *"Awesome collaboration, resource sharing, and suggestions; very knowledgeable."*
- *"Thank you for sharing - relevant examples."*
- *"Really loved it - super practical, resourceful, and fun."*
- *"Great ideas."*
- *"Insightful - knowledgeable."*
- *"Very, very informative and pertinent."*
- *"Excellent content and incredible analogies."*
- *"Engaging slides...Exactly what I was looking for."*



Which of these winning posters were in your Business classroom?

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OBEA Extends Congratulations to ...

HUQAM SINGH THIND

**OBEA'S 2026 Business Studies
Scholarship Recipient**

Huqam was nominated by his father, Mandeep Thind, who is a Business Studies educator at Mayfield Secondary School within Peel District School Board.

Huqam will pursue Business Studies at the University of Toronto-Scarborough in the fall.

Best wishes, Huqam, on your future endeavours!

OBEA
wishes to also
acknowledge
the following....

OBEA CONTESTS STUDENT AWARD WINNERS 2025-2026

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 Nuweir, 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