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ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Office of Public School Acadmies Presents at MAASE Summer Institute

Shawna Boomgaard, manager of academic accountability; and Adam LeRoy, administrative coordinator for special services, were selected to present at the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) 2017 Summer Institute on August 7, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI.

The conference design aligned with the MAASE strategic priorities and focused on: high quality student evaluations, specially designed instruction, skilled staff, and program evaluation. The conference keynote speaker was Dr. Todd Whitaker, author of over 30 books, including the national best seller, *What Great Teachers Do Differently*, and is one of the nation's leading authorities on staff motivation, teacher leadership, and principal effectiveness.

Shawna and Adam's presentation, *Teacher Perception of Students and Refugee Status*, addressed the specially designed instruction and skilled staff elements. They conducted a phenomenological, qualitative research study which asked teachers to respond to four



questions on experiences with students and four on access to resources. Results showed that although teachers' approach included a framework of empathy and child advocacy, their roles in the classroom and lives of refugee students often led to increased feelings of isolation or lack of support. This was largely due to minimal availability of information about the experiences of refugee students, which presented a major barrier for teachers in the classroom. Additionally, they determined that there is minimal research and information on the experiences of English Learners teachers, specifically those working with refugee students, which limits staff skills. Suggested ways to mitigate these factors included changes in curriculum program design and professional development opportunities; including grant funding and collaborating with local agencies.



Congratulations to Shawna and Adam!

IN THE NEWS

Banned Books Week

September 24 – 30 is Banned Books Week. The ERL will be displaying several banned and challenged books from years past and present. You can see complete lists at ALA's [Frequently Challenged Books page](#).

To coincide with this year's ALA Banned Books Week's theme, "Words Have Power," the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom is harnessing the power of social media to host engaging activities and ignite conversations about the freedom to read.



Whether you tweet, take selfies, like to share your opinion about books, or just enjoy reading banned or challenged books, there is a twitter contest opportunity. For more information on the "Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament," visit the ALA's [information page](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUCARES Evening Enrichment - September 28, 2017

On Thursday, September 28, OUCARES will be hosting "Transition: Planning for High School and Beyond." This event is designed for individuals on the spectrum, both middle and high school aged, and their parents or caregivers, as well as individuals working with people impacted by autism.

The event will be held in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. View the [flyer](#) for more information on the topics presented and for RSVP instructions.



ABOUT THE SEHS BULLETIN

The SEHS Bulletin is a place where faculty and staff can share news and celebrate the wonderful things happening in SEHS. The bulletin is the perfect place to share information about your publications and awards, special projects and committee news, as well as announce events.

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