

# Northeast OSBA News

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## Fall Conference 2016

The 2016 Northeast Region Fall Conference was held Oct. 5 at the Galaxy Banquet Center in Wadsworth. Region President Thomas F. Brophrey, Wellsville Local (Columbiana), presided over a night of music, awards and updates from OSBA.

Congratulations to the 2016 Northeast Region Outstanding Board Members, who were honored for their hard work and dedication: Thomas F. Brophrey; Larry George, Jefferson County ESC and Jefferson County JVSD; Kathy A. Mock, Austintown Local (Mahoning); Ron Register, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City; and Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center.

The 2016 Friend of Public Education award was presented to longtime state Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster).

The 2016 Superintendent of the Year award was given to James "Jon" Ritchie, superintendent at Orville City, Rittman EV, Southeast Local (Wayne) and Tri-County ESC.

Schools recognized as 2016 Ohio Department of Education Schools Of Promises and A Schools also were honored for their achievements.

The 2016 Lester C. Marrison Book Grant was given to Jordan Klien of Solon City Schools. This year, Ann and David Marrison, Lester's son and daughter-in-law, helped present the \$1,000 book grant.

## 2017 dates

March 22: Northeast Region Spring Conference

July 08: Lake County Captains baseball game

Oct. 4: NEOSBA Fall Conference



*President Thomas F. Brophrey, Wellsville Local (Columbiana), second from right, with Ann and David Marrison present a \$1,000 check to Jordan Klien of Solon City Schools, winner of the Lester C. Marrison Book Grant*



*OSBA President Eric K. Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center, left, and Northeast Regional Manager Reno Contipelli present longtime Ohio Rep. Ron Amstutz, center, with third annual Friend of Public Education Award.*

## Fall Conference highlights



Ron Register, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City, second from left, is honored as a 2016 Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member.



Larry George, Jefferson County ESC and Jefferson County JVSD, left, is honored as a 2016 Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member.

Kathy A. Mock, Austintown Local (Mahoning), center, is honored as a 2016 Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member.



Cleveland Municipal is honored for Most Outstanding Program.



North Royalton City is honored a Most Outstanding School Board Team.



## James “Jon” Ritchie is Northeast Region 2016 Superintendent of the Year

James “Jon” Ritchie, fourth from right, superintendent at Orville City, Rittman EV, Southeast Local (Wayne) and Tri-County ESC, was honored at the fall conference. Ritchie has managed four schools for years and has set the standard for shared services.

## 2016 spring conference recap

A special thanks to Wellsville Local Schools for hosting the 2016 spring conference and to Region President Thomas F. Brophrey for coordinating a night of music, awards, updates and networking. A recap: The President’s Award went to Al Haberstroh, a former board member at Trumbull County ESC and long-time supporter of the region. The Most Outstanding Student was third-grader Avery Hitt. Others honored included the region’s outstanding teachers, Blue Ribbon Schools, OSBA Master Board Members and Award of Achievement recipients. Mark your calendars for the 2017 Northeast Region Spring Conference on March 22 in North Olmsted.



## Dendorfer is 2017 Northeast Region president-elect

Parma City Board President Karen Dendorfer was chosen as the Northeast Region 2017 president-elect. She has been a board member for over 20 years, is an OSBA Master Board Member and a former Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member and has received multiple Award of Achievements. Dendorfer currently is a member of the Federal Relations Network and OSBA Legislative Platform Committee and is very active in the Parma School district.

The Northeast Region would like to thank Kelly Day Financial Services LLC for helping sponsor the 2017 fall conference. Company President Valerie Schmitz also was at the Booth 222 in the Capital Conference Trade Show.

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