

HFM Business Education Partnership



BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and HFM BOCES (Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services) have collaborated to form a BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (BEP). The BEP connects HFM BOCES school districts and programs with our regional businesses to help support a well-prepared, capable and adaptable workforce. In turn, these partnerships can help improve student achievement and educational competitiveness.

Business Partner of the Year Award 2016-2017

Recognizes a business or community group working directly with students, teachers, and schools in the HFM BOCES districts on an ongoing basis showing a level of commitment and that demonstrates support for school improvement and student achievement. **This award will be presented at a special Business After Hours event scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017, 5pm-7pm at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville.**

About the HFM Business Education Partnership Awards

The Chamber's Business Education Partnership recognizes a business partner and business professional each year for their sustained interest and continuing participation in activities that strengthen and enhance public education in the HFM region. These awards are the Chamber's opportunity to recognize all the hardworking businesses, community partners and individuals who donate their valuable time and financial support to schools and students.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is the selection made?

A selection committee is established that consists of members of the Chamber's Education Committee. Each nominee is judged on criteria and not in relation to each other. Criteria include: level of commitment; demonstrated support for school improvement and student achievement; and effective use of resources that provide meaningful program activities.

Who may nominate candidates?

Any individual or organization may nominate a business or organization that they believe is deserving and eligible.

Where do I send my nomination?

*Email the completed form (attached) and any supporting information to Nicole Walrath, Business & Education Partnership Coordinator at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org or Kelly Montanye, Strategic Partnership Coordinator at kellym@fultonmontgomeryny.org. To be considered for this award, nomination forms must be received no later than close of business on **Friday, June 9, 2017.***

NOMINATION FORM: BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016-2017

Nomination Deadline: **Friday, June 9, 2017**

To nominate an organization and business professional, please complete this nomination form. Any endorsements the nominator feels will help the selection committee in its deliberations are welcome. Nominee participation should occur between September 2016 and June 2017.

All participating schools in the HFM BOCES districts are encouraged to nominate their outstanding candidates. Business/community partners may also self-nominate in order to better describe the full scope and variety of their multiple school and district partnerships.

I would like to nominate the following organization for the **Business Partner of the Year Award 2016-2017:**

Business/Organization Name:

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Nominator:

Name: _____
Business/Organization/School District: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Briefly describe the basis for nomination in 250 words or less (please attach additional sheets). We ask that you consider the nominee's participation in these activities. Feel free to attach additional sheets, letters, photos, newspaper clippings, social media screenshots, etc.

Please include in your nomination this business' participation in any of the following HFM Business Education Partnership programs:

MENTORSHIPS

Mentors are assigned to sophomore mentees, currently in the PTECH and Ag PTECH schools. Mentors are expected to communicate with their mentees 30 minutes a week using the online program MentorPlace. Mentors are also given the opportunity to meet face to face with mentees during the school year for networking events. Mentors help guide students as they learn the professional skills needed to be a good employee. In addition to MentorPlace, mentors can participate in "Third Thursday Professional Series" at both PTECH and Ag PTECH to talk with students about diverse topics—from professional skills, dressing for success, to communication skills and technology in the workplace.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers can be asked to attend monthly "Pathway Panel Discussions" at both PTECH and Ag PTECH to highlight each degree pathway available. You may also be called upon to talk about what you do, or how you got to your career paths to a class in the Tri-County Pathways programs.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Participate by serving on a Pathway Advisory Council by coming together with school administrators, teachers, guidance counselors and students to help formulate curriculum for specific pathways that will provide the best opportunities for career exploration while helping to shape the region's workforce of tomorrow.

JOB SHADOWING

Single- or multi-day work experiences where students learn about a job/career by walking through the work day as a shadow to a staff member at your business.

FIELD TRIPS/WORKPLACE TOURS

Provide a tour of your place of business to students, teachers, guidance counselors, etc.

SPECIAL PROJECTS/WORKPLACE CHALLENGES

Have students take on a special project or workplace challenge – something from which you will all learn!