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## C3P(O) Alumni Travel to New York



Pictured, left to right, are Corrine Johnson, Bethany Toledo, Mark Davis, John Raffaele, Director of NADSP, and Victoria Weldin.

On October 20, C3P(O) graduates Corinne Johnson and Victoria Weldin joined OPRA President Mark Davis and OADSP Executive Director Bethany Toledo in Edmiston, New York to do a presentation at the Kennedy Willis Center 2017 Human Services Workforce Summit at Pathfinder Village and to talk about their experiences with C3P(O).

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## C3P(O) Alumna Receives Award



Pictured, left to right, are Janice Hall, C3P(O) Project Manager for OPRA, Kelsey Goodman, and Bethany Toledo, Executive Director of OADSP.

Kelsey Goodman, a member of the first class in the nation to graduate from high school holding both the Certificate of Initial Proficiency and Certificate of Advanced Proficiency credentials was honored at the OPRA Fall Conference on November 3 during the Awards Luncheon.

Kelsey was awarded the prestigious Maureen Corcoran Award after being nominated by her employer, Boundless.

This Award goes to a PATHS-credentialed Direct Support Professional who demonstrates the competencies of the Community Support Skills Standards, upholds the NADSP Code of Ethics through his or her daily interactions with people with disabilities, and exhibits exemplary professionalism in all aspects of his or her job.

Congratulations, Kelsey!

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The Summit framed the current work environment in human services, and featured Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder & CEO of Chobani, Inc., as the luncheon keynote speaker. There were presentations by workforce experts Drs. Amy Hewitt and Barbara Kleist of the University of Minnesota; John Raffaele of the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals; and non-profit leaders including Douglas Bauer from The Scriven Foundation, and Melinda Mack of the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals.

Corinne and Victoria are both members of the inaugural C3P(O) class at Franklin Heights High School and among the first to graduate from high school with both the Certificate of Initial Proficiency and Certificate of Advanced Proficiency credentials.

## OPRA Recognizes Providers Serving as C3P(O) Internship Sites at Fall Conference



Pictured, left to right, Janice Hall, C3P(O) Project Manager for OPRA; Matt Meuer and Melanie Kasten-Krause, SHC/The Arc of Medina County; Becky Sharp, Columbus Center for Human Services; Adam Guinther, Resident Home Association of Marion; Matt Hobbs, Boundless; and Bethany Toledo, Executive Director of OADSP.

Not pictured are Chelsea Pozderac, Self-Directed Living; Karen Crawford, Residential Concepts; Katie Paulus, ViaQuest; and Kevin Krotzer, Goodwill Columbus.

## Student News



At the November 10 Advisory Committee meeting at Franklin Heights High School, CBI Teacher Drew Huber announced that 19 of the 21 students in the C3P(O) program saw their GPA's increase!

Three students in the program were placed on the honor roll for the first quarter: Kyla Blissett, Harvey Turner and Nate Henderson.



For the first quarter, these seven students received attendance awards at Medina High School:

- Miracle Acoff
- Breanna Blachowski
- Avery Feldman
- Braden Frame
- Jalen Podsiadlo
- Hailey Pacifico
- Madison Wallace



## Send Us Your Stories

What are you working on right now – in class or at your internship site? What is your favorite part of C3P(O)? How are your staff working together to mentor the students in the program? How are school personnel coming together to support the program?

Wouldn't you like to hear what the C3P(O) program is doing at other schools?

Whether individually or as a group, we invite you to share these things with us to publish in the newsletter so that students, teachers, providers, and others can share your experiences, too!

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