

Education Talent Development Leadership Oshkosh Amplify | Concierge

READ MORE using parade to get books into the hands of our kids!

Help the READ MORE campaign in its goal to get books into the hands of Oshkosh's children by handing out over 300 books during the holiday parade on December 4th!

Stop in at Caramel Crisp or check out this Amazon list:
<https://lnkd.in/g8vNbTTX>

Buy one... Buy many... they will be delivered and distributed to our community!

We are still looking for a few volunteers to hand out the collected books at the holiday parade. For more information or to sign up contact trina@oshkoshchamber.com.



↓ In this newsletter you will find:

FutureYOU, Leadership Oshkosh Updates, Youth Apprenticeship & more. Keep Reading!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

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CAREER EXPO

RECAP

FutureYOU, our annual career expo held on November 11th, was a tremendous success! This year, we welcomed over 900 students to the Sunnyview Expo Center, where 65 businesses filled more than 85 tables with hands-on, inspiring activities showcasing local career pathways. The event's purpose is to help 8th graders gain exposure and inspiration in what their future might look like so they can begin planning their high school courses to align with their career goals. Relocating to Sunnyview allowed us to host nine student groups, including Omro Middle School and high school students from the OASD system.

Adding to the excitement, students had the chance to explore four oversized trucks, a brand-new rescue boat courtesy of the Oshkosh Fire Department, and a vehicle provided by Bergstrom. We are especially grateful to Oshkosh Door Company, our presenting sponsor, for helping make this event possible. These unique experiences, combined with the incredible support from local businesses, created an unforgettable day of career exploration for our students. We are proud of the impact this event continues to make and are already looking forward to next year!

Thank you again to our sponsors

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YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Interested in

HIGHER RETENTION

**REDUCED HIRING
COST**

**CUSTOM TRAINED
TALENT PIPELINES**

Consider the option of **Youth Apprenticeship** through the **Oshkosh Area School District!** They have talent **waiting** for their opportunity to learn!



YA requires **≥450 paid work hours per year**, real workplace environment, a **school-employer-student training agreement**, **skill checklists**, and **joint evaluation**. All made super easy to achieve with hands on guidance through OASD.

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13 SCHOOLS ADOPTED

The Goal

... is to have EVERY school partnered up for the school year. The hope is that relationships will build, and support will continue year after year.

6 TO GO



Community *Spotlight*

We are thrilled to report that TRUE Academy's entire list of needs has been met thanks to a remarkable gift of \$2,300 from the Dr. Eric's Healthy Students Fund. This contribution ensures that every student at TRUE Academy has the resources necessary to thrive—covering t-shirts, haircare, and student incentives. We are deeply grateful for this investment in our students' success and well-being. Together, we are building a healthier, brighter future for every learner at OASD!

How it works

Each school year, all schools will fill out a wish list. Items on these lists may range from reading helpers to snacks to t-shirts to large equipment upgrades. Local businesses and organizations can choose to cover one item or choose to adopt a school and cover many. By supporting the school, you become part of the adopt-a-school family and will be recognized for your efforts through social media marketing, logo placement and in school recognition. Representatives at the Chamber and OASD are there to help you along the way.

Visit:



Carl Traeger Middle School

Staff & Student T-Shirts

75 t-shirts, estimated around \$750-\$1000

Gymnasium Bleachers

Description: New, accessible bleachers to ensure safety and comfort for our diverse community of spectators. Opportunity for on-site advertising and major community visibility.

Quantity: 1 set w/ installation + labor

Cost: to be quoted

Cafeteria Tables & Chairs

Description: Replace outdated tables

Details: 25 tables (seating 8-10 each), 200-250 chairs

Cost: To be quoted

Long Jump/Triple Jump Pit

Description: Add a regulation pit to support student athletes and ensure safe training.

Details: 1 pit

Cost: \$1,000 (\$500 mini-excavator, \$500 sand)

Scoreboards

Description: Upgrade or add scoreboards for school and community events.

Quantity/Details: 3

Cost: To be quoted

Show Choir Performance Risers

Description: Provide safe, modern risers for student performances and community events..

Quantity/Details: 3

Cost: To be quoted



Signature Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Traeger Olympics

Description: Annual event fostering school spirit through fun competitions. How You Can Help:

- Assist with event activities
- Supply prizes
- Donate funds for t-shirts (with your logo)

Career Readiness Lessons

Description: Volunteers teach students essential workplace skills. How You Can Help:

- Present in-person or via video
- Share personal stories and practical tips

Interested in Partnering?

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Class of 2026: Government Day

The Leadership Oshkosh Class of 2026 dove headfirst into Government Day last Wednesday—and what a day it was. They explored the full landscape of Federal, State, County, and City government, gaining a behind-the-scenes look at how each level shapes policy and impacts our daily lives. Our presenters delivered dynamic, insightful sessions, and the class had the unique opportunity to hear candid perspectives from government officials during a lively panel on what it takes to run for office—the challenges, the rewards, and everything in between.

The day also included a highlight that won't soon be forgotten: the Mock City Council meetings. Let's just say the class brought Oscar-worthy energy to their roles. And their visit to the Fire Department was equally memorable. The new Chief, Tim Heiman and team rolled out a warm welcome and offered an eye-opening look at their critical work in our community.

The day ended with a gathering at Chamber member's, Barley & Hops. Leadership Oshkosh Alumni and owners Diana Stiefvater LO'22, Nate Stiefvater LO'23, and Manager, Dave Clark, LO'24 are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Barley & Hops on December 1st. Congratulations!

This year's class has selected the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry as the beneficiary of their Trivia Night fundraising efforts. Mark your calendar-Trivia Night is Thursday, April 30th.

Your support makes all the difference. Please consider backing your participants through sponsorship or by donating raffle items. And in the spirit of friendly persuasion... the class is also selling 50/50 raffle tickets for \$20 each. They chose to cap sales at 500 tickets—boosting the odds and adding a little extra excitement.

A heartfelt thank-you to our generous class sponsors, Bergstrom Automotive and Horicon Bank.

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**Class of 2026 fundraiser
recipient:**



Youth Leadership Oshkosh Class of 2026: Public Safety Day

Youth Leadership Oshkosh spent Public Safety Day immersed in the real work that keeps our community safe. Students visited the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, the Oshkosh Correctional Institution, and the Oshkosh Fire Department for a full day of hands-on learning. They stepped inside the 911 Call Center, discovered how detectives solve cases, saw how drones support public safety, explored equipment, tried on gear, and gained a clearer picture of the many career paths in public safety. Gratitude to the dedicated teams at the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and OCI for an eye-opening, unforgettable day.

Their favorite quote of the day was, "If not you, who?"

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Concierge Program

WELCOME BASKETS & COMMUNITY TOURS

The Oshkosh Chamber Concierge Program is a new resource being offered providing a suite of services to employers to enhance their talent recruitment and retention efforts along with onboarding new talent. The program is designed to offer thoughtful integration to newcomers, showcasing the quality of life and community amenities through customized experiences and relevant information based on the candidate's needs.

For more information, please contact us at info@oshkoshchamber.com