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Thank you for your interest in receiving breaking news and professional information from the Ontario College of Teachers.



ELECTION RESULTS: MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL



The results for your new College Council are in, with 23 of your peers elected to serve for the next three years. Sixty-nine candidates contested this election — twice the number who ran in the 2009 Council election — with a corresponding increase in voters to 8,850 (3.75 per cent of eligible voters) from 4,764.

Find out who will be representing you on the College's sixth Council by visiting our [web site](#). You can learn more about your new Council by visiting the [candidate pages](#).

Voting began March 5 and closed April 10. The new Council will hold its inaugural meeting on July 4.

HONOURING STUDENT ARTISTS

Do your students have exceptional artistic talent? Are you looking for a way to showcase their work?

We are looking for new student art for our gallery wall in our building in downtown Toronto. Collections are displayed on a public floor for three months and are returned at the end of the exhibition. We invite artwork from across the province and from students of all ages.

For information on the required specifications and how to submit your students' artwork please contact Vimla Kunthasami, OCT, External Relations Co-ordinator, at outreach@oct.ca.

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REFLECT ON DRAFT AQ COURSE GUIDELINES

We'd like your feedback. Several Additional Qualification course guidelines are posted in draft on the College's [website](#):

- Orientation to Teaching in Ontario
- Teaching Students with Behavioural Needs
- Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Learning Disability)
- Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs (Developmental Disability)
- Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs (Mild Intellectual Disability)
- Teaching Students with Multiple Needs.

Share your thoughts on our [Facebook page](#) or by e-mailing accreditation@oct.ca.

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TEACH ENGLISH IN QUÉBEC

Would you like to teach English as a second language in Québec?

Between now and the 2015-16 school year, all Grade 6 students in Québec will be required to take an intensive English language course, with half of the school year devoted to learning English.

Applicants must be certified to teach in a Canadian province or territory and proficient in French. For more information, visit our [web site](#).

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CONGRATULATIONS MAUREEN FAHEY, OCT

Last month we invited members to sign-up for *Your College and You* and we entered each new subscriber into a random draw for an iPad2.

Retired teacher Maureen Fahey, OCT was thrilled when we contacted her to tell she was the lucky winner.

“I am so delighted. Wow. And surprised,” said Maureen, who taught special education for the Ottawa Catholic School Board for 20 years, before retiring three years ago. “I’m so excited about my new iPad.”

NEW DISCOUNTS!

The list of organizations offering discounts keeps growing. Our newest ones include:



Rainbow Cinemas

York Soaring Association

Sault Ste. Marie Museum

Make sure you have your OCT card with you when claiming a discount!

TRADE TEACHING TIPS

Have a great classroom tip you want to share with other teachers? Want to see it in ***Professionally Speaking?*** Send it to us at ps@oct.ca and if we choose to publish yours, you will receive an Indigo gift card.

CONTESTS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

Visit our **web site** for upcoming contests that can help to inspire you and your students. New additions include:

April 17th: **Canadian Chemistry Contest - high school and cégep students**

April 18th: **Caribou Mathematics Competition - Grades: Various**

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

This is your e-newsletter and we want to know what you think. Share your feedback about this issue of *Your College and You* **here**.

If you do not wish to continue receiving *Your College and You*, **change your profile** in the Members' Area.

If you wish to reply to this message, please provide your name and registration number so that we can provide an accurate and detailed response.