

Oriskany Alternative High School Teacher Presents on Growth Mindset at NYSAIEP Conference

Oriskany Alternative High School Teacher Ms. Mazza was a presenter at the 29th Annual New York State Association for Incarcerated Education Programs (NYSAIEP) Conference held on May 11 in Saratoga Springs.

Ms. Mazza's presentation, titled "The Growth Mindset in the Incarcerated Youth Classroom," included 21st Century activities, an inspirational video, classroom examples and quotes from Oriskany Alternative High School students about their own growth mindsets.

The growth mindset is nurtured throughout the Oriskany Central School District by encouraging all students to believe that their basic abilities can be further developed through their own dedication and hard work. Having a growth mindset allows students to persevere when confronted with challenges and increases their desire to learn.

Other conference participants remarked that they liked the classroom activities modeled in Ms. Mazza's presentation and found it inspirational for teachers assigned to an incarcerated classroom.

The NYSAIEP Conference serves as an opportunity for education and corrections staff to showcase their programs, network with colleagues and share information and program successes. The annual three day conference was attended by more than 200 education professionals from throughout New York State, including corrections officers, facility administrators, teachers and administrators of high school and equivalency classes, ESL and vocational programs.