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Upcoming Student Parent Information Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will hold its annual Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for high school students and their families to learn more about the specialized career and college preparation opportunities available through the nearly 30 career-technical programs offered at CVCC. Attendees will be able to see programs, meet instructors, and ask questions. The Student and Parent Information Night helps with the decision-making process in choosing to enroll at the career center. Many CVCC programs offer industry certification opportunities and have career-technical credit transfer options, enabling students to earn college credit while at CVCC. Visit www.cvccworks.edu, or contact Kelli Casini, CVCC Admissions Counselor, at 440-746-8286 or kcasini@cvccworks.edu with any questions.

CVCC Students Remember, Honor, and Teach

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center students worked tirelessly for the past few months with one goal in mind: to honor our fallen veterans. The students have partnered with Wreaths Across America, a nationwide nonprofit organization that raises donations, year after year, to create wreaths to place on the graves of our fallen service members. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as 1,200 other veteran cemeteries/locations in all 50 states and beyond. On Saturday, December 16, several CVCC students and staff participated in laying wreaths on veterans' gravesites at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. This year, our students unloaded and distributed over 12,000 wreaths! They also registered hundreds of volunteers and aided the cemetery staff, as well as the Ohio Western Reserve Ladies, throughout the day. CVCC is so proud of our students and staff who were involved in this service-learning project. Through events like this, our students continue to learn the true meaning of giving back and honoring those who gave so much to our country. CVCC looks forward to continuing this project and seeing it grow for years to come!



Food Drive Success

CVCC held its annual Food Drive event Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 8. The Food Drive was in partnership with CVCC's SkillsUSA local chapter with instructor, Julie Jakubczak as its advisor. The Food Drive concluded with great results! In total, final donations were over 3,000 pounds. The 1st and 2nd place winners got pizza parties!

Final donations were as follows:

- 1st place: Power Equipment Technology Seniors
- 2nd place: Power Equipment Technology Juniors
- 3rd place: Construction Trades Juniors

The donations were delivered to three food pantries in our districts. Thank you to all those who contributed to this event to give back to others during this holiday season!



Holiday Buffet at CVCC

On Thursday, December 21, CVCC's Culinary Arts program hosted a Holiday Luncheon Buffet in the Valley Inn for community members to enjoy. Guests from Independence Community Center, Valley View, and Brecksville attended this event. It was a full-house and all enjoyed the delicious buffet which provided a great way for the culinary arts students to practice and expand on their skills and knowledge. The event was also a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays and support the Culinary Arts program. What an amazing event!



Cookie Decorating

On Friday, December 15, CVCC's Hotels and Resorts program collaborated with CVCC's Sales & Service Fundamentals and Transition to Work students in baking, prepping, and decorating cookies. What a great day of holiday fun and collaboration!



Dental Assisting Donates Gifts to Families in Need

The holiday season is a time of joy, celebration, and giving. However, for many low-income families, it can be a source of stress and hardship. The CVCC Dental Assisting program, under the guidance of instructor Lisa Theodore, partnered with The Career & Technical School Foundation and Crazy Paint to provide Christmas gifts for low-income families. Students were supplied funds to purchase gifts of their choosing which were then supplied to St. Matthias Church, who distributed them through the Brookside Hunger Center. Thank you to all of those involved who aim to bring much-needed relief and joy to families in need during the holiday season!



Digital Design Donates to the Homeless

Our Soap for Hope drive for the homeless was a success! On Tuesday, December 19, toiletries, socks, and gloves were donated to Haven of Rest in Akron. Thank you to our Digital Design program, instructed by Melissa Munro, for sponsoring this event! Thank you to all of those who donated items to this event to give back to others during the holiday season!



Media Arts Lighting Workshop

On Monday, December 18, Najada Davis (<https://najadadavis.com/>), Videographer, Media Producer, and Lighting Technician based in Cleveland, gave our Media Arts students a workshop on lighting. Students were shown do's and don'ts when it comes to lighting, as well as tips for being prepared and organized when working on set. What a great opportunity for our students to get some hands-on learning from a professional. Thank you, Najada!



Construction Trades Visit

A huge thank you to Warren Roofing and Local 44 Waterproofers for spending the day with CVCC Construction Trades students on Friday, December 8. Students had the opportunity to see demonstrations on torch down roofing, interact and try some techniques themselves, and hear about the great things that they are doing in the construction industry. What a fun and insightful experience!



Career Immersion Projects at IPS

As part of the year-long “Career Immersion Project” initiative at Independence Primary School, Amanda Jaronowski, CVCC Career Specialist for the Independence School District, implemented the immersion program to offer a “deep dive” into a variety of career fields. The most recent offering was culinary arts and cosmetology. Within the culinary immersion project, students planned a menu by finding recipes, gathering ingredients, determining costs and quantity, and considering factors like space restrictions and food allergies. When it came time for the event, students wore proper attire and served guests in a professional manner in the Independence High School cafeteria, maintaining both front and back of house mannerisms. Within the cosmetology immersion project, students acted as owners and operators of a salon and spa. Students did hairstyles on manikins, booked appointments, and gave guests spa services! All of the immersion projects start out with a basic education on career paths in the field, including the experience required and salary expectations. What a fantastic program!



Mayor of Garfield Heights Tours CVCC

On Tuesday, December 12, Matt Burke, the Mayor of Garfield Heights, and representatives from Mpac Group, a packaging and automation company now located in Garfield Heights, visited CVCC to get a tour of the facility and learn about what our students and organization have to offer. Thank you for taking the time to visit CVCC, we were thrilled to have you!



Garfield Heights/CVCC MAS Students Visit Case Western Reserve University

On Friday, December 15, CVCC students from Garfield Heights High School enrolled in Health Careers and Medical Administrative Specialist (MAS), participated in an Anatomy Camp that was presented by first and second year medical students at Case Western Reserve University. They participated in a series of labs that went over basic anatomy, patient diagnoses, and medical terminology. It was a joint field experience with Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for Garfield Heights, Garfield Heights High School Career and College Counselor, Bobbie Marksberry, and Garfield Heights High School Anatomy Instructor, Scott Mingus. What an incredible experience and learning opportunity!



8th Grade Panel at Twinsburg

On Wednesday, December 13, Twinsburg Middle School students had the pleasure of hosting a panel discussion with Twinsburg High School CVCC students to learn more about the programs offered at CVCC and to gain more intimate knowledge of student career paths. Toni Cluse, CVCC's Career Specialist for Twinsburg City Schools, worked to organize this event. During the session, CVCC Twinsburg High School panel participants were asked questions that were submitted in advance, and took additional questions from the audience during the event. Students from the following programs were represented: Fire & EMS Academy, Health Careers, Dental Assisting, Culinary Arts, Auto Service Technology, Auto Body Repair & Refinishing, Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Engineering Technology, and Graphic Imaging Technology. This was a great opportunity for students to learn first-hand about many of the programs offered at CVCC and how they can utilize the skills they will learn at CVCC after graduation. Eighth grade students at Twinsburg will visit CVCC in the next few months! Before their visit, they will complete an assessment and watch a video about the career center to create more excitement and awareness about career readiness.



Secret Service Visits Nordonia

On December 11, Benjamin Tyrrel, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge from the United States Secret Service at the Cleveland Field Office, presented career information to Nordonia High School juniors and seniors. Students learned about career opportunities within the Secret Service, along with the application process. Students also had the chance to watch video testimonials, ask questions, and see an armored SUV! Thank you to Debbie Monaco, CVCC Career Specialist for Nordonia schools, for organizing this awesome event for students!



LPN Students Candlelighting Ceremony

On Wednesday, December 20, CVCC hosted the Candlelighting Ceremony for the Adult Education Full Time Practical Nursing Class of 2024. The Candlelighting Ceremony marks the finishing of the Basic Nursing Program for the students. The ceremony also marks the halfway point of the program and is celebrated in honor of Florence Nightingale, the nurse who started the program. Students attended the event and celebrated with family and friends. A very big thanks goes to Pattie Mandula, CVCC's School of Nursing Supervisor, and the entire nursing staff! What a wonderful celebration. Keep up the great work!



Adult Diploma Success

CVCC sends a very big congratulations to Budoor Saad Bushara Mohammed who recently obtained her Adult Diploma through finishing CVCC's Adult Education STNA program. Her daughter is currently enrolled in the Health Careers program at CVCC. Best of luck to the both of you!



Important Dates



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For questions, feedback, or news ideas, email mrobertson@cvccworks.edu.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed - Building Closed
- Thursday, January 18 - Student/Parent Information Night, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Friday, January 19 - Staff In-Service - No High School Students
- Monday, February 5 - Friday, February 9 - Career Tech Education Week
- Tuesday, February 6 - Bring Your Parent to School Day, 9:00am - 10:00am
- Wednesday, February 14 - Blood Drive (Sponsored by HOSA)
- Monday, February 19 - President's Day - Building Closed
- Thursday, February 29 - Board of Education Meeting (pending Board approval)