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Hello  
Spring!

## Educators Rising State Conference

On March 4 and 5, students from CVCC's Education Professions program showcased their talents at the State Conference hosted at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. The scope of their competitions encompassed diverse areas, including presenting on career options, mastering job interviews, crafting lesson plans, and even authoring children's books. Congratulations to all students who excelled at the State level, and best wishes to those advancing to Nationals in Washington, DC in June.

Furthermore, as an integral component of the Education Professions program, students actively contribute to their community. They've actively participated in a clothing drive, fundraised for The Edna House, contributed to Wreaths Across America, served as Special Events Assistants, and collaborated with other classes. Their cumulative efforts amassed over 2,400 points, securing them the 2nd Place spot in Ohio for outstanding community service. Well done, Education Professions!

## Job Fair

CVCC hosted its annual Job Fair on Thursday, March 7, attracting a notable turnout with over 130 employers in attendance. The event welcomed job seekers aged 14 and above, offering opportunities for full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions. Special recognition goes to Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal, and Lori DeCapua, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Hayes, for their diligent efforts in orchestrating this successful event. CVCC extends gratitude to its student volunteers and participating organizations whose contributions ensured the event's success.





## Business Professionals of America State Competition

On March 7 and March 8, CVCC students participated in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Competition in Columbus. The students who qualified will continue on and compete in the BPA National Conference in May. CVCC has a total of 10 students going to Nationals in Chicago, IL! Those students include...

### Nordonia High School

- Savanna Adamini (MAS) - Health Administration Procedures
- Luke Jones (Computer Networking Academy) - Linux Operating System Fundamentals
- Corey Wiggins (Computer Networking Academy) - Computer Network Technology
- Darius Patterson (Digital Design) - Advanced Desktop Publishing
- Grace Anderson (Digital Design) - Fundamental Desktop Publishing

### Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

- Kaden Emrich - Web Application Team (virtual event)
- Sharon Loucka Palmer (MAS) - Health Insurance and Medical Billing

### Garfield Heights High School

- Tayia Turner (MAS) - Medical Coding

### North Royalton High School

- Bogdan Gura - Web Application Team (virtual event)

### Homeschool

- Sean Corbett (Computer Networking Academy) - Computer Network Technology

Congratulations to all!



## Programming & Software Development Student Success

CVCC would like to congratulate Kaden Emrich (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) and Bogdan Gura (North Royalton High School), seniors enrolled in CVCC's Programming & Software Development program instructed by Jami Little, who have successfully secured spots for Nationals by participating in a virtual BPA event, achieving a top 10 placement nationwide! Their remarkable project entails the creation of an educational website, inspired by Khan Academy, designed to empower teachers in establishing classes with the courses they've developed. The system monitors students' grades as they progress through lessons in these classes. The platform prioritizes security, requiring teachers and students to create accounts for secure access, utilizing their login credentials to re-enter the system. Throughout the first semester, they dedicated significant effort to the project, delving into back-end programming, particularly mastering PHP, to effectively store and retrieve data on a server—an undertaking that goes beyond the standard curriculum. Kaden and Bogdan will attend Nationals in May. Best of luck to the both of you!



## Inclusion Day

On Monday, March 4, the Sales and Service as well as Transition to Work classes actively participated in celebrating Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Day. Students and staff wore orange, signed their name, and imprinted their thumbprints in the shape of a heart on the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities Inclusion banner. This event marked the commencement of DD Awareness Month, advocating for community inclusion. The essence of inclusion lies in enabling students with disabilities to partake in shared experiences.



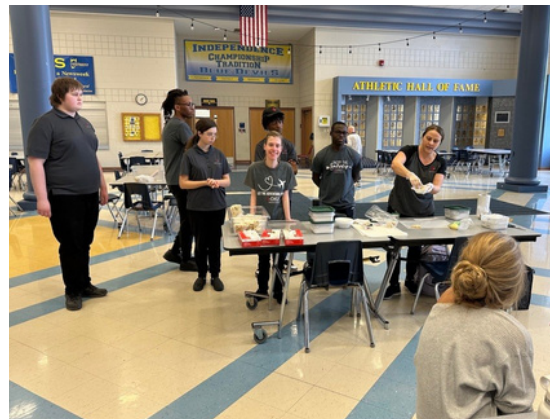


## Congressman Max Miller Visits CVCC

Congressman Max Miller visited CVCC on Monday, March 4, to explore the facility and engage with our students to discover their capabilities. Miller graciously extended his support to CVCC and interacted with students in an incredibly uplifting and encouraging manner.

## CVCC Students In-school Field Trip to IHS and BBHHS

This month, senior students from the CVCC Hotels & Resorts Hospitality program visited Brecksville-Broadview Heights and Independence High Schools. Their focus was on enhancing employability skills through a hands-on activity, where they conducted an engaging demonstration on decorating fun dipped cookies. The students presented step-by-step information and provided all the necessary materials for their peers at the home schools. The session focused on icing cookies, with a particular emphasis on creating an intricate marble effect suitable for St. Patrick's Day. The event was enjoyed by everyone involved, creating a memorable and enjoyable experience.





## Career Speaker Series at IPS

Bethany Majeski, representing the Cleveland Metroparks, paid a visit to the Independence Primary School third grade class as a part of the CVCC Career Speaker Series. During her session, she discussed various career opportunities in science and also brought along some fascinating critters for students to observe. What a fun day!



## Nordonia Career Spotlight

On February 28, Mr. David Brown, the Founder and Executive Director of Minority Tech Alliance, delivered a presentation to students at Nordonia High School. CVCC Career Specialist for the Nordonia Hills City School District, Deb Monaco, coordinated Mr. Brown's visit to educate students about various IT career paths, including artificial intelligence, robotics, drones, virtual and augmented reality, cyber security, blockchain, and other related fields. During the session, students engaged in hands-on demonstrations and even enjoyed dancing with a robot! It was both an enjoyable and enlightening experience for all involved.





## **"E"xploration Fair at THS**

Twinsburg High School hosted its inaugural "E" Exploration Fair on March 6, blending the elements of a traditional job and career fair with opportunities for students to delve into various "E" categories: Enroll, Enlist, Employ, and Entrepreneurship. With representation from over 40 local organizations, students in grades 9-12 had the chance to explore a multitude of options for their present and future endeavors. The event drew over 800 students, many of whom obtained stamps on their "E" passports by engaging with different tables and conversing with attendees. Special thanks were extended to Todd Courtney Crown Composites Tooling for generously donating gift cards for raffle winners, and to Melissa Mertes of Mad About Marketing and CVCC for their design and printing contributions to the passports, table signs, and "E" Fair flyers. Matt Cellura from M&G Pools led a breakout session on "How to start your own business," further enriching the event. A special thank you goes out to the Business Advisory Council members and Toni Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist for the Twinsburg City School District, for their efforts in organizing an enjoyable event for students, staff, and participating organizations. Plans are already underway to enhance next year's fair!



## **8th Grade Prep Before Visit to CVCC at RBC Middle School**

During the week of March 11, Toni Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist for the Twinsburg City School District, visited the eighth grade class to prepare them for their upcoming CVCC tours the following week. The session aimed to refresh students on the Holland Personality Codes and offer them a glimpse into the CVCC campus before their visit. All eighth graders participated in a lecture on the Holland Codes, completed an Interest Inventory to determine their personality code, watched a recent video highlighting the main campus and programs, and heard from recent graduates who shared their experiences. Additionally, discussions took place in class about students' career interests and how they align with their personality traits. Students are now "Aware & Ready" for their eighth grade tours! "Aware & Ready" is the career readiness program at RBC, ensuring students are exposed to career clusters through assignments, guest speakers, hands-on learning experiences, and other activities.

## RBC Lunch N' Learn

On Thursday, March 14, Patrick Ruebensaal, Graphic Imaging Technology instructor at CVCC, along with two seniors enrolled in CVCC's Graphic Imaging Technology program from Twinsburg High School, Quentin Williams and Quishawn White, were invited as guests by Toni Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist for the Twinsburg City School District, and the R.B. Chamberlin Middle School Leadership team. They engaged with students, showcasing their work and discussing the vibrant opportunities within the field of graphics. Principal Ries and his team were thrilled to host this event aimed at enhancing career readiness. Students came well-prepared with questions for the visiting graphics team, making the session highly interactive. One particularly interesting question posed was, "What's the most challenging material you've had to print on?" Surprisingly, the answer was polyester. This Lunch N' Learn session served as an excellent supplement to the upcoming eighth grade tours at Twinsburg Middle School. Moreover, it provided a platform for seniors to hone their public speaking skills and impart their knowledge to younger students in the Twinsburg community. What a fun and informative event!



## GHHS Visits Worthington Industries

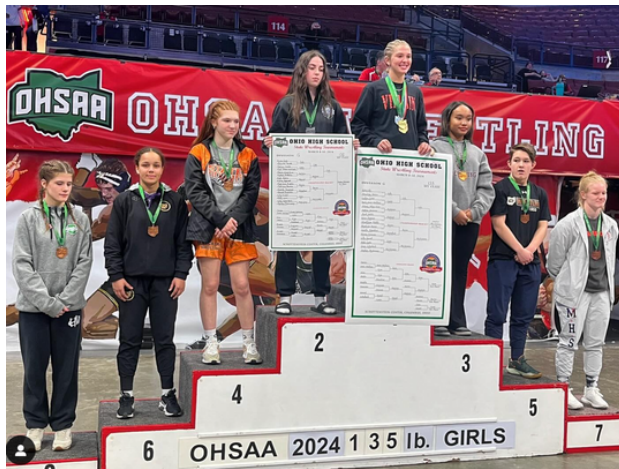
At the start of the month, a group of seniors from Garfield Heights High School, eager to embark on their careers directly after graduation, went on a tour of Worthington Industries. They were given a firsthand look at the operations at Worthington, accompanied by a conversation about the advantages of full-time employment. The facility, staff, and work environment left a lasting impression. Many thanks to Worthington and Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for the Garfield Heights City School District, for coordinating this valuable experience!





## CVCC SMES Student Makes NRHS History

Sophia Antonio is a junior enrolled in CVCC's Sports Medicine Exercise Science (SMES) program and made history at North Royalton High School this month by becoming the first women's wrestler to place at the State Tournament. Sophia wrestled and beat five of the seven placers pictured this season, placing sixth in the entire state of Ohio! Great season and finish, Sophia!



## CVCC Adult Diploma Graduates

CVCC had several students graduate this month from the Adult Diploma Program! Congratulations to the following graduates:

- Jessica Caban: Phlebotomy program
- Bianca Vanitzan: Phlebotomy program
- Darlene Johnson: Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program
- Edward Robinson: Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program
- Kevin Moore: Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program
- Gabriel Roberts: Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program
- Victor Piskor: Fiber Optic Technician (FOT) Program



Darlene Johnson



Jessica Caban



Edward Robinson

# *Important Dates*



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## **Upcoming Events:**

- Monday, March 25 – Monday, April 1 – Spring Break – No school for high school students
- Wednesday, April 17 - National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Thursday, April 18 - New Student Orientation - No afternoon classes for high school students
- Thursday, April 25 - Outstanding Senior Reception
- Thursday, April 25 - Board of Education Meeting