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Signing Day

Signing Day at CVCC took place on Monday, May 6. We celebrated students transitioning to full-time employment, joining apprenticeship programs, and enlisting in the military. We appreciate all attendees, including CVCC staff and community members. The event was a success, with our administrators doing an excellent job showcasing our outstanding students. Special thanks to the CVCC Signing Day Committee, led by Assistant Principal Josh Hayes, along with the Maintenance Department, IT Department, Digital Design students, and Graphic Imaging Technology students for their assistance with marketing materials. A heartfelt congratulations to the following students:

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School:

Noah Kraig - Graphic Imaging Technology – North Coast Litho, Inc.
Christian Clark - Power Equipment Technology - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
Brayden Gray - Power Equipment Technology - City of Brecksville
Jentzen VanHorn - Power Equipment Technology - Atlas Copco
Autumn Cultrona - Fire & EMS Academy - United States Marines

Garfield Heights High School:

Daryon Vanzant - Construction Trades - Worthington Steel
Brayan Morones-Jaime - Machine Technology - Christopher Tool & Manufacturing Co.
Mariah Pillow - Dental Assisting - United States Navy
Charles Cunningham - Fire & EMS Academy - United States Marines
David Goldsmith - Auto Body Repair & Refinishing - Ohio National Guard

Nordonia High School:

Jacob Mandich - Heating & Air Conditioning - Mastroianni & Associates, Inc.
Raleigh Deboo - Computer Networking Academy - United States Navy
Justin Zamback - Fire & EMS Academy - United States Air Force

Twinsburg High School:

Taisiya Vinogradova - Digital Design - Becker Signs, Inc.

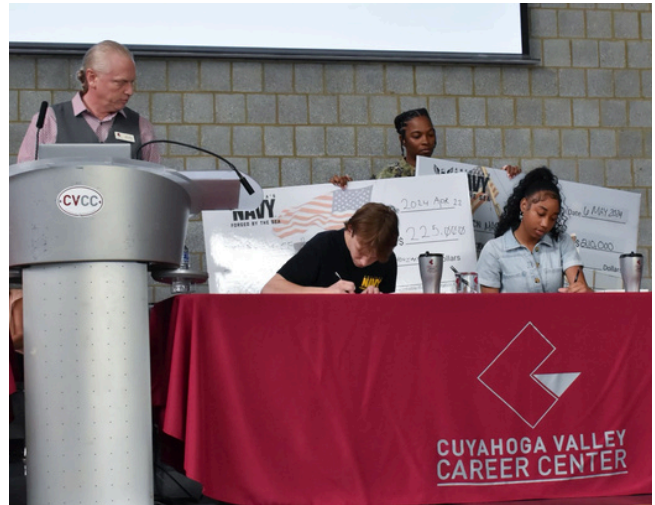
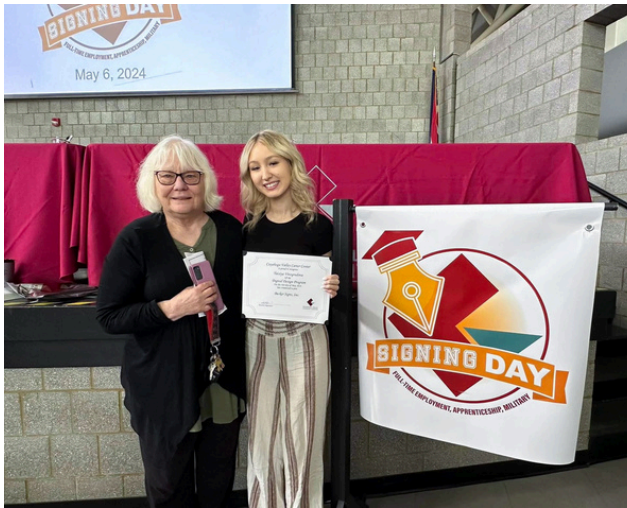
North Royalton High School:

Seth Mack - Construction Trades - Precision Home Builders & Remodelers

Adult Student:

Paul Savage - Auto Service Technology - Continental Performance & Parts

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Senior Recognition Ceremony

On Tuesday, May 7, CVCC celebrated another year with the annual Senior Recognition Ceremony. Thank you to all of those who attended this event and congratulations to the 2024 CVCC seniors! A special congratulations to all the 2024 **Outstanding Students** (individuals honored for their exceptional performance and accomplishments in their respective programs), including:

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School:

Hannah Boulton - Architectural Mechanical Design
Jonah Siley - Auto Body Repair and Refinishing
Jeremy Boulton - Building and Property Maintenance
Retaj Mohamed - Dental Assisting
Andrew Kubek - Fire and EMS Academy
Maya Abdalla - Health Careers A
Ethan Shuster - Heating & Air Conditioning
Ryan Andrew Shijo - Job Training
Sharon Loucka - Medical Administrative Specialist
Christian Clark - Power Equipment Technology
Kaden Emrich - Programming & Software Development

Garfield Heights High School:

Michael Williams - Hotels & Resorts
Brayan Morones-Jaime - Machine Technology
Rayvon Erwin - Sales and Service Fundamentals
Le'Carlos Robinson, Jr. - Transition-to-Work

Nordonia High School:

Luke Jones - Computer Networking Academy
Amaya Mayes - Cosmetology B
Grace Anderson - Digital Design
Maraea Destiny Gammieri - Graphic Imaging Technology
Mallory Ralls - Sports Medicine Exercise Science

North Royalton High School:

Lilian Osborne - Construction Trades
Alexander Baisden - Culinary Arts and Food Services

Revere High School:

Jamie Dotson - Auto Service Technology
Ethan Hogue - Media Arts

Senior Recognition Ceremony (Continued)

Independence High School:

Adriann Buyansky – Cosmetology A

Andrew Becker - Engineering Technology

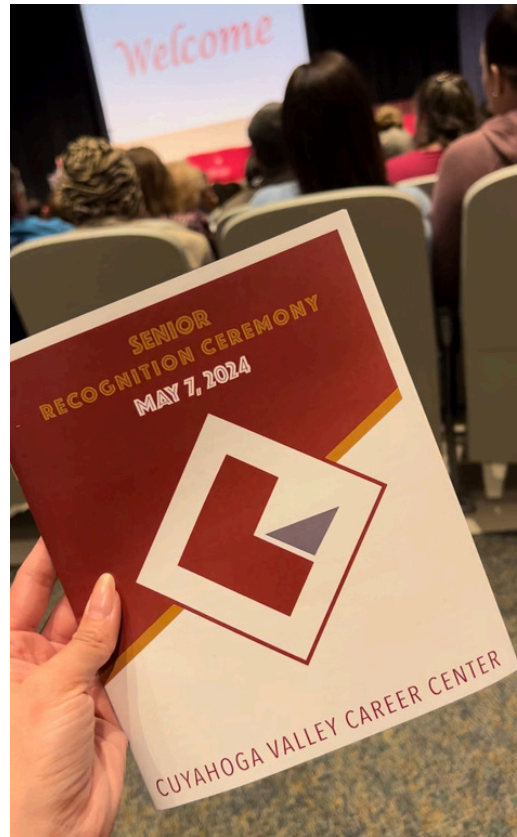
Cuyahoga Heights High School:

Shai Moore - Education Professions

Brooke Krajewski - Health Careers B

Adult Student:

Malaki Weaver - Electrical Systems



Student Employee of the Year

Brayan Morones-Jaime, CVCC Machine Technology and Garfield Heights High School senior, was selected as CVCC's "Student Employee of the Year" for 2024. Brayan was awarded this achievement at the Senior Recognition Ceremony. Brayan received a \$500 scholarship for post-secondary education or industry specific supplies. Brayan found a true passion for the machining industry and will be starting full-time employment at Christopher Tool & Manufacturing Co. after graduation. Congratulations Brayan, keep up the exceptional work! CVCC is thrilled to be part of your journey.



Student of the Year

Andrew Kubek, CVCC Fire & EMS Academy and Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School senior, was selected as CVCC's "Student of the Year" for 2024. Andrew was awarded this achievement at the Senior Recognition Ceremony. Andrew received a \$500 scholarship for post-secondary education or industry specific supplies. Congratulations Andrew, keep being the exceptional person that you are!



Spirit of Service Award

Congratulations to Dr. Samuel Papandreas of Papandreas Orthodontics for being honored with the 2024 Spirit of Service Award. Dr. Papandreas has consistently exceeded expectations in supporting our students and the Dental Assisting program. We are immensely grateful for his dedication and partnership. Thank you, Dr. Papandreas—you are truly the best!



GCP Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Ms. Little, Programming & Software Development Instructor at CVCC, for being honored as Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) Tech Talent's Educator of the Year for the second consecutive year! The Educator of the Year award is bestowed upon a teacher who actively involves their students in various IT career exploration initiatives and opportunities provided by GCP. Ms. Little has demonstrated exceptional dedication by enrolling her students in twelve of GCP's Tech Talent Programs, including Passport to IT, IT Career Conversations, Cyber Combo, and Discover IT. GCP will formally recognize Ms. Little as the Educator of the Year at their upcoming Teacher Social on August 8. Congratulations once again, Ms. Little! CVCC is incredibly fortunate to have you as part of its faculty.



Nordonia CVCC Students Extended Apprenticeship Opportunity

Congratulations to Dallas Maynard and Nathan Sobocinski from Nordonia High School! Wednesday, May 8, marked their final day at CVCC, where they made a valuable connection with nVent Solon. Both students were extended full-time apprenticeship opportunities. Wishing them the best of luck! CVCC is beaming with pride and anticipation for their bright futures.



Media Arts Adobe Certifications

CVCC Media Arts class of 2024 has earned a total of 66 Adobe Professional Certifications, including Adobe Certified Professional Video Design, Visual Effects and Motion Graphics using After Effects, Digital Video using Premiere Pro, and Visual Design using Photoshop. Way to go, Media Arts!



Culinary Arts Cake Project

Whisking up dreams and baking them into reality! Our Culinary Arts I class excelled in their fourth-quarter cake projects. For this assignment, students selected a cake design and flavor, presented their creations, explained their choices, specified the yield (serving size), described ideal venues for serving their cakes (such as birthday parties, CVCC Valley Inn, weddings, etc.), and plated their cakes beautifully. Great job, Culinary Arts students! Each cake was stunning and looked absolutely delicious.



Hotels & Resorts Egg Challenge

As a fun end-of-the-year challenge, CVCC's Hotels & Resorts program was tasked with researching a recipe centered around a main ingredient: eggs. Students had to check the ingredients, adjust the recipe to serve 2-3 people, prepare, and cook the dish. Students then presented their completed dishes to a panel of judges, which included Dave Mangas (Superintendent), Mike Hall (Principal), Mary Barnes (Assistant Principal), Maurice Taylor (Assistant Principal), and Officer Maxwell (Student Resource Officer). What a fun morning!

Congratulations to the following award winners:

- Presentation: Netta Carter, Revere High School
- Taste: Sasha Patterson, Independence High School
- Creativity: Max Ribis, Twinsburg High School
- Mr. Hall Breakfast Award: Charles Ramos-Mendoza, Garfield Heights High School



State of the Schools Luncheon

CVCC members participated in the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the Schools Luncheon at the Holiday Inn – Rockside on Wednesday, May 15. The panel discussion featured CVCC Superintendent Dave Mangas alongside Tom Dreiling from Independence Local Schools, Matt Young from Cuyahoga Heights Schools, and Dr. Robert Mengerink from ESC of Northeast Ohio. Mr. Mangas spoke on updates regarding student success, building projects, adult programming, and community service projects. Among the CVCC faculty present were Marcy Green, Assistant Superintendent; Kyle Livengood, IT Director; Kelli Casini, Admissions Counselor; Lea Bacci, Administrative Assistant to Admissions Counselor; Diane Duryea, Business Liaison; Josephine Everhart, Education Professions Instructor, along with her Outstanding Student, Shai Moore, a senior at Cuyahoga Heights, and Makayla Robertson, Media Specialist. The event provided insights into the achievements and ongoing initiatives within the school districts.



Cleveland Clinic Visits CVCC Health Careers Students

The Cleveland Clinic Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit made a visit to our CVCC health occupations students on Tuesday, May 14. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to explore professional pathways and gain insights into the remarkable advancements in healthcare in our region.



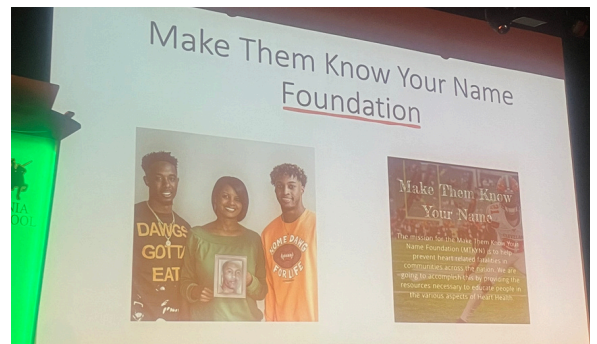
Special Olympics at NHS

Nordonia High School was honored to host this year's Special Olympics on Friday, May 10, featuring over 300 students from 14 different schools who competed in a variety of races and field events. Students from CVCC's Sales & Service Fundamentals and Transition-to-Work program took part. A big thank you to all the students, staff, and volunteers who contributed to making the event a tremendous and enjoyable success!



Career Day at NHS

On May 21, Nordonia High School organized a Freshman Career Day. Students had the opportunity to hear from three different career speakers in classrooms and explore additional career options in the media center. Deb Monaco, the Career Specialist for the Nordonia school district, invited keynote speaker Nicole Ward to start the event with a presentation about her career journey and her foundation, "Make Them Know Your Name." Students attended presentations from various organizations, including Cleveland Builds, Cleveland Sheet Metal Union, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Goodyear, Hattie Larlham, Girl Scouts, Consumers National Bank, Drayer Physical Therapy, Howard Hanna, National Park Service, Stryker Medical, The Ohio Attorney General, The University of Akron, Wooster Hospital, Minority Tech Alliance, Strip Steakhouse, Canton Symphony, Macedonia Fire and Police Departments, The Navy, Army, and Air Force, and The Mayor of Macedonia. This event provided a valuable career exploration experience for students and linked different careers with programs at the career center.



GHMS Visits Construction Trades Program at CVCC

Garfield Heights 6th-grade students enjoyed their morning alongside CVCC's Construction Trades students on Wednesday, May 8, where they got to construct birdhouses! It seems like we might have some future Construction Trades enthusiasts among us. Thank you to Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for Garfield Heights, for setting up this fun experience! Everyone involved had a blast.



GHMS Career Exploration Event

Garfield Heights Middle School held its second annual Career Exploration event for 7th and 8th graders. Participants included CVCC, Channel 5's Damon Maloney, Radio Station 107.9, MAGNET, and the Garfield Police and Fire Departments, among others. Students were encouraged to visit two career stations and share what they learned about each chosen career. This fantastic event was organized by GHMS counselor Robin Castagnola and CVCC Career Specialist for Garfield Heights, Michelle Hasman.



GHMS Field Trip to the Lakewood Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility

On May 14, Garfield Heights 7th Grade Middle School students visited the Lakewood Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility. Accompanied by CVCC Career Specialist Mrs. Hasman, they learned about the plant's operations and the various careers in the field. The tour also included a visit to the lab facility, highlighting numerous career opportunities available to high school graduates. A special thanks to GHMS's Mrs. Powell and Science teacher Ms. Maki for organizing this educational trip!



IMS Visits Construction Trades Program at CVCC

On Tuesday, May 7, Independence 4th-grade students had a great time building birdhouses with CVCC's Construction Trades students. We might have some future construction enthusiasts in the making! A big thank you to Amanda Jaronowski, CVCC Career Specialist for Independence, for organizing this enjoyable event. Everyone involved had a fantastic time!

IMS Cleveland Clinic Partnership

On Tuesday, April 30, the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus welcomed Independence 8th grade students, marking the culmination of their year-long partnership. The students enjoyed a full day of activities, including meeting caregivers, participating in simulations in the state-of-the-art SIM lab, touring the innovations center (research facility), and even having lunch next to a quantum computer! They also learned about the hundreds of careers available within this vast hospital system. Special thanks to Amanda Jaronowski, CVCC Career Specialist for the Independence school district, and the Cleveland Clinic for making this remarkable experience possible. It was an incredible opportunity for the students.



North Royalton Elementary Career Week

North Royalton had a week packed with exploratory activities designed to educate NRES students about the world of work with hopes of helping them understand how their current school work habits relate to their future goals. It was a truly enjoyable week for everyone involved!

What happened during Career Week? Numerous activities were integrated into the curriculum to promote college and career readiness at NRES, including:

- Classroom teachers received career-related resources.
- School counselors visited 3rd grade classrooms to conduct career exploration activities.
- Students listened to college and career readiness announcements every morning.
- Parent and guardian volunteers visited throughout the week to share information about their careers.
- Career Vehicle Day allowed students to explore various vehicles associated with different careers.



Vehicle Day at Richfield Elementary School

Showers of educational fun (literally) were part of Richfield Elementary School's Vehicle Day for first graders on May 17. Despite the rain, this year's twelve participants showcased their vehicles and explained how they use them in their jobs. The Humane Society of Summit County's Mobile Adoption Center was also present, featuring not only numerous cats available for adoption but also a well-behaved dog! Before Vehicle Day, the first-grade classes held a Treat Donation Drive to benefit the cats and dogs at the Humane Society. New vehicles featured this year included an electric transit bus from METRO Regional Transit Authority, the First Energy Safety Trailer where students learned about electricity safety, and the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board's Mobile Sensory Bus. The Sensory Bus was designed for any student who might find the Vehicle Day experience overwhelming or who needed a break, allowing all students to participate in its interactive activities. Revere's Career Specialist, Nancy Vondrak, coordinated Vehicle Day, although she couldn't coordinate the weather!



Career Event at Revere Middle School

Revere Middle School students have had various opportunities to explore unique career options this spring. In April, the 8th graders were introduced to two sports-related careers by familiar faces from the Revere community. Josh Dickey, the owner and president of Sculpt Sports Complexes and a Revere parent, shared his experiences as a former college athlete and current sports entrepreneur. Revere's Athletic Trainers, Hannah Abbott and Logan Kinley, discussed their career paths and their current roles working with Revere's middle and high school athletes.

For the seventh graders, green jobs like Biologist and Ecologist were the focus of a program sponsored by the Holden Foundation. Students acted as Biologists by learning how to perform a DNA extraction experiment and as Ecologists by identifying plants. They also learned about the education requirements, salary ranges, and duties associated with these careers. This is the second year that Career Specialist Nancy Vondrak has collaborated with the Holden Foundation to provide this engaging opportunity for students.



Congratulations CVCC ADP Student

CVCC sends congratulations to Adult Education student, Amber Davis who received her Adult Diploma by completing the STNA program! Best wishes on your future endeavors.



Important Dates



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

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, June 4: Last Day for Students
- Wednesday, June 5: Staff In-Service/Last Day for Teachers
- Thursday, June 27: Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.