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CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

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## National Principals Month

Special shout-out to our amazing principals at CVCC: Mr. Hall, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Ward! Your leadership is key to the success of our students, school, and community. We're grateful for your dedication, hard work, and the positive, nurturing environment you create for both students and staff. Happy National Principals Month – we appreciate all that you do!

## Groundbreaking Ceremony at CVCC

An exciting milestone for CVCC as we've officially broken ground on our \$12.2 million lab addition, dedicated to advancing education in construction trades! The 21,500 square-foot, two-story facility will be a hub for hands-on learning in carpentry, electrical, HVAC, and more—preparing students for high-demand careers in these essential fields. This investment will equip our students with the skills they need to thrive in high-demand industries, shaping the future of skilled labor right here in Northeast Ohio. The estimated completion for this project is December 2025. This is more than just a building—it's a step toward a stronger, brighter future!



## November Craft Show

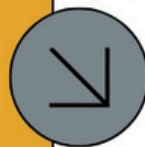
Mark your calendars! Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is hosting its annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. With over 60 local vendors, you'll find unique gifts, handcrafted items, and delicious baked goods, all in one place! It's the perfect opportunity to shop for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts while supporting local crafters. Admission is just \$1, and all proceeds go to support the SkillsUSA Local Chapter here at CVCC, helping to fund leadership activities and programs for students throughout the year. For more information, contact Julie Jakubczak at [jjakubczak@cvccworks.edu](mailto:jjakubczak@cvccworks.edu).



# NOVEMBER CRAFT SHOW



Join us at the CVCC November Craft Show! Explore unique, locally crafted creations and uncover hidden treasures—an unforgettable shopping experience that supports our community awaits you.



**11/02**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**8001 Brecksville Road**  
**Brecksville OH, 44141**

**For more information:**



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## College Night Recap



CVCC hosted the 28th annual College Night on Wednesday, October 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Cuyahoga Valley College Night Consortium (CVCNC) and was in coordination with the Ohio Association for College Admissions Counseling. CVCC invited all those looking to connect with various colleges and universities, technical centers, and military academies to attend. A Financial Aid presentation by Kent State University was held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event was free to parents and students. Over 80 institutions participated in the event, and provided quality information to those attending! The CVCNC is comprised of representatives from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Cuyahoga Heights High School, Garfield Heights High School, Independence High School, Nardon High School, North Royalton High School, Padua Franciscan High School, Revere High School, Trinity High School, and Twinsburg High School, and has provided this event since 1995. Thank you to all those who made this event possible!



## GCP Best of Tech Awards

A big congratulations to Ms. Little, our Programming & Software Development Instructor at CVCC, for being named the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) IT Teacher of the Year for the second year in a row! She was recognized at the end of September during the GCP Best of Tech Awards for her exceptional commitment to shaping future leaders. We're incredibly fortunate to have her on our team! We're also proud to announce that CVCC earned 2nd place in GCP's Discover IT September competition – amazing job, students!



## Media Arts Students Attend the Wine and Gold Gala as Paparazzi

The Cavaliers Community Foundation held its third annual Wine and Gold Gala: Shaken Not Stirred on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, transforming Cleveland's historic Public Auditorium into a James Bond-themed venue. This star-studded event raises funds to support the Foundation's mission of investing in organizations that focus on the well-being of youth and families in Northeast Ohio. A huge thank you to the Cleveland Cavaliers for providing our Media Arts seniors with an incredible opportunity to serve as "paparazzi" photographers! Our students captured stunning moments as guests walked the gold carpet.



## Construction Olympics at University of Akron

On September 20th, our CVCC seniors in the Construction Trades program were invited to showcase their skills at the Construction Olympics, hosted by the University of Akron's (UA) Department of Civil Engineering. Competing in various construction and engineering events, they went head-to-head with students from other Career Technical High Schools and UA's own construction and engineering programs. CVCC crushed it, taking home 9 medals!

### **Alexander Lesisz** - Nardon High School

- 1st in Surveying
- 2nd in Concrete Toss
- 3rd Place overall

### **Jack Laski** - Cuyahoga Heights High School

- 2nd in Surveying

### **Eugene Staiger** - Revere High School

- 2nd in Drill Speed and Accuracy
- 3rd in Reciprocating Saw Cut Estimation

### **Jaden Robinson** - Twinsburg High School

- 2nd in Reciprocating Saw Cut Estimation

### **Chase Lewicki** - Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

- 1st in Drill Speed and Accuracy

### **James McDermott** - Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

- 1st Place in Speed Nailing



Huge thanks to Mr. Yuravak, Mr. Tokie, and Mr. Hayes for attending, and a big round of applause to UA for hosting such an incredible event! We're already excited to defend our titles next year. Way to go, Construction Trades!



## Construction Trades Field Trip

Our Construction Trades seniors visited the Local 435 JATC Open House last week, exploring the facility and discussing future opportunities with the Carpenter's Union (IKORCC). Pictured: Mr. Yuravak and Mr. Tokie alongside our proud senior class at the JATC in Richfield. What a great day!



## Hatzel & Buehler Visit CVCC

Big thanks to the team from Hatzel & Buehler's Cleveland office for visiting our Electrical Systems seniors! They shared insights into their operations across NE Ohio and discussed exciting internship opportunities. Hatzel & Buehler specializes in electrical construction, from new builds and renovations to service, maintenance, and energy system studies for commercial, industrial, and healthcare clients.



## Health Careers Students Finish Mandatory Clinical Hours

A big congratulations to the 35 seniors in our Health Careers program for completing the 16-hour requirement for Ohio's STNA (State Tested Nursing Assistant) training! They've been busy learning vital skills like transferring patients, changing bed linens, and ensuring proper resident care and safety. Up next, they'll continue training in both classroom and lab settings, with clinical hours at local nursing homes after Winter Break. In late February or March, they'll have the chance to take their STNA Certification exam. Amazing job!



## HOSA Fall Leadership Conference

Eight junior students from our Health Careers programs were chosen by their instructors to attend the 2024 Ohio HOSA Fall Leadership Conference at NEOMED in Rootstown, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 16. At the event, they heard from industry experts, enjoyed inspiring keynote speeches, and took part in sessions aimed at strengthening their leadership skills as future health professionals.

The following students attended the event:

- **Holly Gayner** - Dental Assisting - Revere
- **Ryleigh Ressler** - Dental Assisting - Cuyahoga Heights
- **Isabella Guzoski** - Fire & EMS Academy - Brecksville-Broadview Heights
- **Micah Roshetko** - Fire & EMS Academy - North Royalton
- **Eleri Watkins** - Sports Medicine Exercise Science - Brecksville-Broadview Heights
- **Giancarlo Gulasey** - Sports Medicine Exercise Science - North Royalton
- **Melinda Geringer** - Health Careers - Brecksville-Broadview Heights
- **Topanga (Tevin) Cullison** - Health Careers - Independence



Pictured: Mr. Jim Scott, Ohio HOSA State Advisor, with our students.



## Digital Design Students Visit Richfield Heritage Preserve

Seniors from our Digital Design program recently visited Richfield Heritage Preserve to sharpen their photography skills. We love seeing our talented CVCC students in action! It's inspiring to watch them grow and explore new talents. We're excited to see what our Digital Design students will create this year!



## Innovation Food Services Sponsors TTW Coffee Cart

Our amazing students in the Transition to Work (TTW) program, led by Lynn Vincent, are back in action serving up hot and iced coffee or tea for staff every Friday this school year! A huge shoutout to Innovation Food Services, one of our CVCC work sites, for sponsoring our TTW Coffee Cart this year! Their generous donation of supplies will keep us brewing all year long. We're so grateful for their support!



## Adult Education Success

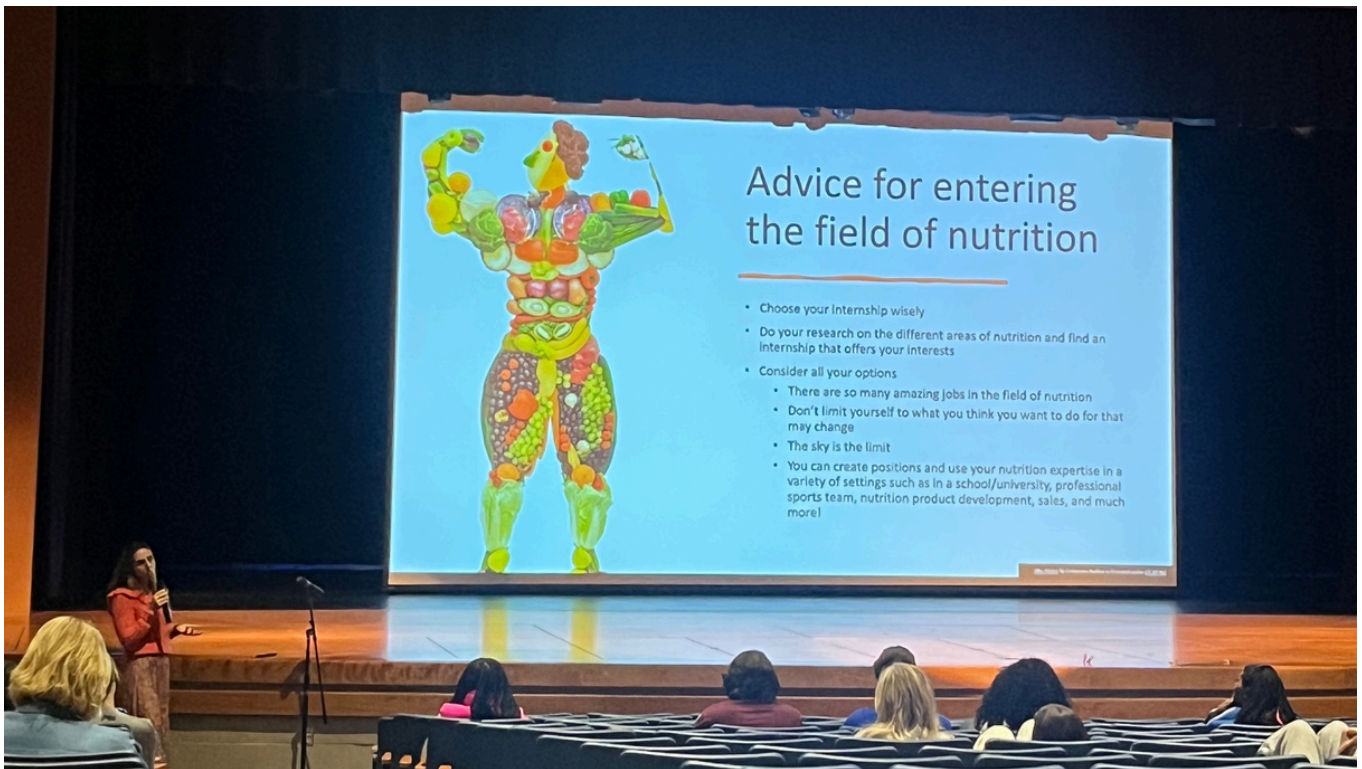
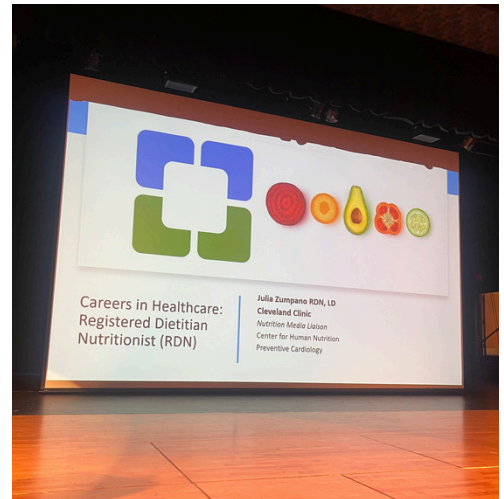
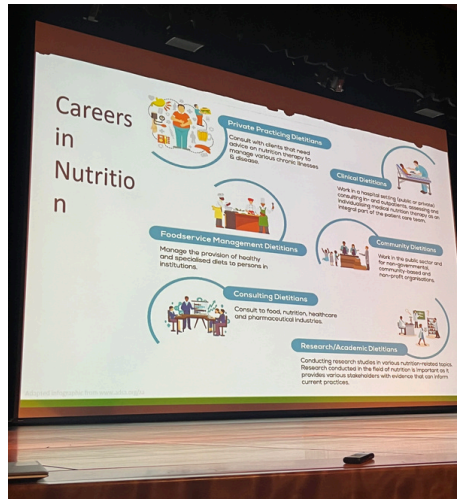
Congratulations to Gabriel Toledo and Marie Yoder on earning their Adult Diplomas through CVCC's Adult Diploma Program! Gabriel successfully completed the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning program, while Marie completed the Graphic Design for Print and Web Production program. CVCC wishes you both the best of luck in your future endeavors!

For more information on CVCC Adult Education, visit: <https://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/>



## Cleveland Clinic Presentation at Nordonia

On Tuesday, October 8th, Julia Zumpano, RDN, LD, a registered dietitian from the Cleveland Clinic's Digestive Disease Institute and Nutrition Media Liaison in the Preventive Cardiology Department, gave a presentation to Nordonia High School students. She discussed her experience working for the Cleveland Clinic, why she chose her profession, career advancement opportunities, salaries, job outlook, and nutrition-related careers. Students also learned about healthy eating and had the opportunity to ask specific questions about pursuing a career in nutrition. Special thanks to Debra Monaco, CVCC Career Specialist for the Nordonia Hills School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



## Garfield Students Visit Worthington Steel on Manufacturing Day

On Friday, October 4, Manufacturing Day, several seniors from Garfield Heights High School, including two dual-enrolled students from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, visited Worthington Steel. The trip was centered on recruitment and highlighted opportunities for post-graduation. It was an excellent day! Special thanks to Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for the Garfield Heights School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



## Garfield Students Field Trip to the Great Lakes Science Center

On October 7, 15 Garfield Heights Middle School (seventh grade) students went to the Great Lakes Science Center for the Annual Manufacturing Day event. Students participated in various STEM workshops led by local manufacturers and had the opportunity to visit booths and network with industry professionals. The event, attended by over 600 Ohio students, was a fantastic experience! Special thanks to Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for the Garfield Heights School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



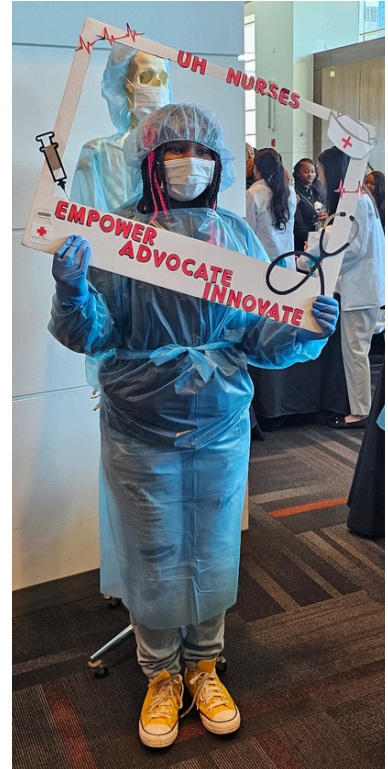
## Level Up Career and Trades Fair at Garfield Heights High School

Garfield Heights High School hosted its annual Level Up Career and Trades Fair, where local trade schools, manufacturing companies, and employers gathered to answer student questions and present post-graduation opportunities! It was a great day. Special thanks to Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for the Garfield Heights School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



## Garfield Students Attend UH Colors of Medicine Youth Summit

On October 5, CVCC Career Specialist Mrs. Hasman, together with Garfield Heights Middle School counselors Mrs. Castagnola and Mrs. Powell, led a group of 20 students to the University Hospitals' Colors of Medicine Youth Summit at Browns Stadium. The students had the chance to explore various booths showcasing both clinical and administrative careers in medicine. This event offered a valuable opportunity for students to engage and start building their networking skills.



## GHHS Students Visit CSU

Garfield Heights High School (GHHS) students attended the Greater Cleveland Career Consortium's (GCCC) Northeast Ohio Healthcare Careers Summit at Cleveland State University's (CSU) Convocation Center. They explored a career fair showcasing various healthcare programs and professions, and participated in breakout sessions focused on specific career paths like respiratory therapy, nursing, radiology, emergency medicine, and sports medicine. Thank you to GCCC for hosting such a fantastic event! Special thanks to Michelle Hasman, CVCC Career Specialist for the Garfield Heights School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



## 2nd Grade Career Day at Richfield Elementary

In September, the 2nd graders at Richfield Elementary School participated in an engaging Career Day, where they interacted with ten career professionals. Revere parent and truck dispatcher Matt Dalla Riva from Redline Trucking brought in an impressive 80-foot tractor trailer, providing students with an introduction to the trucking industry. Students also learned about the Operating Room from a nurse anesthetist, gained insights into leadership from a CEO/entrepreneur, and explored the role of a Pediatric Physical Therapist, along with other exciting career paths. Special thanks to Nancy Vondrak, CVCC Career Specialist for the Revere School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



## Annual Futures Day at Revere High School

On October 16, Revere High School hosted its annual Futures Day, featuring several new career panels, including Forensics, Beauty and Wellness, Sports-Related Careers, and Real Estate. Over 60 career professionals volunteered as guest panelists to share their inspiring career journeys. Other popular panels included discussions on Military careers, Federal Jobs in Security, Intelligence and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Arts and Communications. Special thanks to Nancy Vondrak, CVCC Career Specialist for the Revere School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.

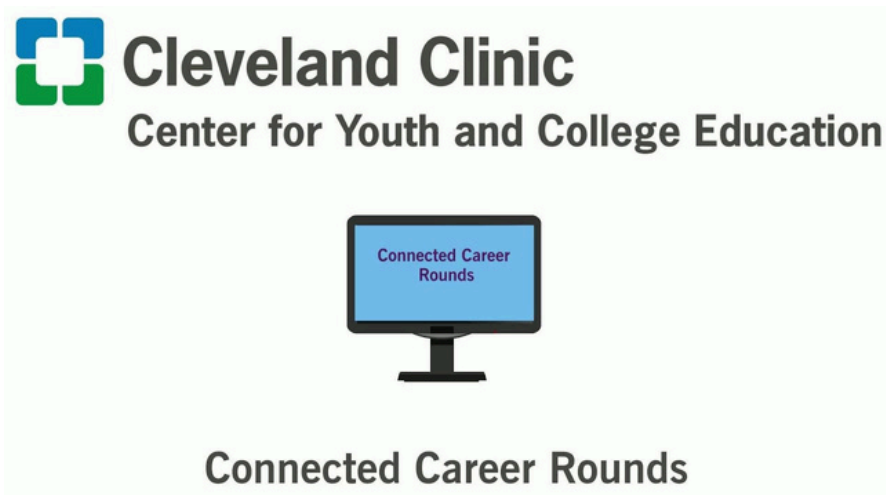


## **Revere Students Attend Construction and Skilled Trades Careers Expo**

A group of Revere High School freshmen and sophomores attended the Construction and Skilled Trades Careers Expo at the Summit County Fairgrounds on October 17, sponsored by Akron Canton Builds. Students engaged in a wide range of hands-on activities with machinery and tools, surpassing last year's event. They also had valuable networking opportunities with various trades professionals. Special thanks to Nancy Vondrak, CVCC Career Specialist for the Revere School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.

## **Revere Students Participate in the Cleveland Clinic Connected Career Rounds**

This month, Revere High School participated in the Cleveland Clinic Connected Career Rounds, a virtual in-school field trip program. Students explored careers through the "All About Therapy" program, which highlighted Music Therapists, Art Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, and Mental Health Therapists. They also interacted with an Emergency Room Doctor, Nurse Manager, and EMT/Paramedic during the Emergency Room Career program. Students are eagerly anticipating future Connected Career Rounds, particularly the upcoming Play Ball! program in November, which will spotlight careers in Sports Medicine. Special thanks to Nancy Vondrak, CVCC Career Specialist for the Revere School District, for her efforts in organizing the event.



# *Important Dates*



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## **Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, November 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - November Craft Show
- Tuesday, November 5 - Staff In-Service (No School for High School Students)
- Friday, November 8 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Advisory Board Meetings (No Afternoon High School Classes)
- Monday, November 11 - Veteran's Day Presentation
- Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 - Thanksgiving Break (No School/Building Closed)
- Thursday, December 12 - 6:00 p.m. - CVCC Board of Education Meeting