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## Upcoming Job Fair

CVCC is hosting a Job Fair on Thursday, March 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All job seekers ages 14 and older are invited to attend this FREE event—no registration required. Connect with local businesses and non-profits offering full-time, part-time, and seasonal job opportunities. Don't miss this chance to meet potential employers. Questions? Contact Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal, at [JHayes@cvccworks.edu](mailto:JHayes@cvccworks.edu). We can't wait to see you there!



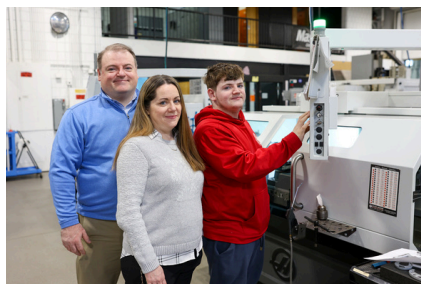
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## Student Parent Information Night Recap

On January 18, CVCC hosted its annual Student Parent Information Night for all students and their parents/guardians to explore the many high school programs offered. What an excellent turnout as more than 1,000 people attended. CVCC thanks all the staff members involved in making this event possible, as well as all those who came out to see the great opportunities CVCC has to offer!

## CVCC Bring Your Parent to School Day

On February 4, CVCC was thrilled to welcome families for Bring Your Parent to School Day in celebration of Career & Technical Education (CTE) Week! Parents got a firsthand look at the hands-on learning, industry-standard equipment, and career-focused opportunities that make CTE education so valuable. The morning was all about showcasing the amazing experiences our students participate in every day! A huge thank you to all the families who joined us—we loved having you!



## CVCC Attends ACTE Conference

On February 6, CVCC students and staff attended the Ohio ACTE Legislative Seminar in Columbus, Ohio. They had the opportunity to connect with educators and industry leaders, discuss the latest in career-tech education, and explore ways to support Ohio's growing workforce needs. A key focus was engaging with policymakers on CTE funding, policy, and recent initiatives, reinforcing the importance of career-technical education in shaping the future.

A huge thank you to the CVCC Student Ambassadors who represented our school with excellence at the conference:

- Madison Stutin, Twinsburg High School, Medical Administrative Specialist
- Alexis Miller, Revere High School, Health Careers
- Vasilea Gaudio, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Fire & EMS Academy
- Parker Baumann, North Royalton High School, Computer Networking Academy
- Aedon Bailey, Garfield Heights High School, Architectural & Mechanical Design
- Carter Hanobik, Independence High School, Auto Service Technology

We are incredibly proud of these students for their professionalism, dedication, and representation of CVCC!



## SkillsUSA CNC Machining Regional Contest

CVCC hosted the SkillsUSA CNC Machining Regional Contest on Friday, February 17, and we're excited to celebrate our students' achievements!

### Advancing to States:

- Caleb Styskal (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – 2nd Place, CNC Milling
- Mitchell McLaughlin (North Royalton High School) – 3rd Place, CNC Programmer
- Elliot Matheny (Revere High School) – 4th Place, CNC Programmer

Congratulations to these talented students! Best of luck at the state competition!

## SkillsUSA Students Attend ROTI

From January 15-18, CVCC SkillsUSA students attended the Regional Officer Training Institute (ROTI) at Deer Creek State Park where students participated in leadership development, Career and Technical Education (CTE) advocacy, and SkillsUSA-specific training. As part of the experience, they spent a morning meeting with Ohio legislators and staffers to discuss the importance of CTE funding and Perkins legislation. Throughout the event, they strengthened their teamwork skills, refined their public speaking, and gained valuable insight into the role of advocacy in shaping the future of technical education.

A huge shout out to our CVCC representatives (pictured below left to right):

- Ryan Roth – Power Equipment Technology, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Jaden Robinson – Construction Trades, Twinsburg High School
- Victor Walchanowicz – Construction Trades, Independence High School
- Jeremiah Wiggins – Digital Design, Nardon High School

Victor shared some highlights from his ROTI experience:

- Elected Northeast Regional President - "I'm incredibly grateful that my team believes in me and saw me as a good fit for this role."
- Developed essential leadership skills
- Met with a state senator & toured the Ohio Statehouse
- Delivered speeches & presentations
- Advocated for SkillsUSA through elevator pitches & teamwork activities/competitions
- Engaged in meaningful discussions on diversity & inclusion

As a State Officer, Jaden played a key role in guiding and supporting regional officers:

- Mentored a SkillsUSA region outside of his own
- Led meetings & helped officers grow as leaders
- Fostered collaboration & connections with industry partners
- Served as a mentor & resource throughout the event
- Loved meeting new people, hearing their stories, and shaping future leaders

As Victor said, while they may not have taken home a win, the experience was invaluable. We are beyond proud of these students' hard work, growth, and dedication to SkillsUSA and CVCC!



Pictured: Victor Walchanowicz

## SkillsUSA Regionals

On January 31, CVCC SkillsUSA students put their talents to the test at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition at Mahoning County Career Center, competing in a wide range of career and technical events! Our senior Construction Trades team—Joseph Calarco, Jeremiah Lamon, Tyler Lewicki, and Jaden Robinson—impressed at the TeamWorks competition, securing 3rd place! This event requires teams of four to collaborate on constructing a detailed project, demonstrating their skills in carpentry, roofing, electrical work, plumbing, and masonry. Competitors must interpret a complex blueprint and follow special instructions provided during a pre-competition orientation. In addition to construction, each team must develop a project completion action plan and present it. Judging is based on presentation skills, adherence to building codes, jobsite safety and cleanliness, material organization, tool management, and overall project completion.

Senior Jaden Robinson reflected on the experience: "It was so fun getting to build a project with my team! It was definitely challenging—there were parts of the blueprint I had never seen in class before, and the tool list we got wasn't very specific. But overall, it was such a great experience." Now, the team is headed to the State Competition in March in Columbus. Jaden added, "It's all about contributing to the team—figuring out what role I can play in a limited amount of time and how I can pivot to make the biggest impact. We're working on fine-tuning the areas we struggled with to come back stronger."

The junior Construction Trades team also gained valuable experience through the TeamWorks competition. Will Bernatovicz (Revere High School) shared his thoughts on competing: "It was really cool to be there—something I've never done before. You're given four hours to build but we lost some time due to a delay. Even with the challenge, it was such a fun experience, and I'm looking forward to coming back next year and hopefully making it to States." Will also shared his love for SkillsUSA competitions, saying: "I'm a competitive person, so the competitions are my favorite part. I wasn't sure if I wanted to do SkillsUSA this year, but I'm so glad I did!"



## SkillsUSA Regionals (Continued)

### Advancing to States:

- Alex Elsbury, Construction Trades (Nordonia High School) – 1st Place in Job Skill Demo Open (Back-to-Back Champion!)
- Michael D’Amico, Construction Trades (Cuyahoga Heights High School) – 2nd Place in Job Skill Demo A
- Joseph Calarco (North Royalton High School), Jeremiah Lamon (Twinsburg High School), Tyler Lewicki (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School), and Jaden Robinson (Twinsburg High School) - 3rd Place in TeamWorks
- Isabella Faini, Construction Trades (Twinsburg High School) – 3rd Place in Prepared Speech
- Sophia Kish, Digital Design (Cuyahoga Heights High School) – 1st Place in Photography
- Nicole Nisenbaum, Digital Design (Twinsburg High School) – 2nd Place in Advertising Design
- Kyle Yost, Auto Body Repair & Refinishing (Revere High School) – 3rd Place in Collision Repair
- Emorie Mitchell, Culinary Arts (Twinsburg High School) – 4th Place in Job Skill Demo Open
- Samantha Vallee, Cosmetology (Cuyahoga Heights High School) – 4th Place in Cosmetology
- Mia Benitez, Engineering Technology (Twinsburg High School) – 4th Place in Related Technical Math

Way to go, SkillsUSA students! Your dedication, craftsmanship, and skill are inspiring.



## BPA Regionals

A huge shout out to all of our students who participated in Business Professionals of America (BPA)! Congratulations to our BPA Regional winners – CVCC has 37 students advancing to the BPA State Competition on March 10 and March 11 in Columbus, OH.

### Advancing to States:

- Programming & Software Development: 13 students
- Computer Networking Academy: 10 students
- Medical Administrative Specialist: 9 students
- Digital Design: 5 students

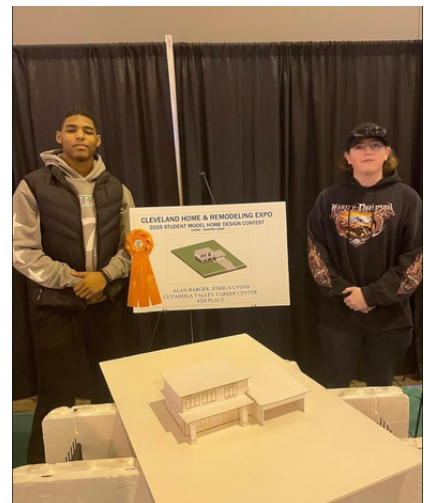
## Great Big Home & Garden Show Student Design Contest

CVCC Architectural & Mechanical Design students showcased their skills at the Great Big Home & Garden Show Student Design Contest! The Great Big Home & Garden Show Student Design Contest is an annual competition for students pursuing careers in Architecture, Construction Management, Architectural Drafting, or Technical Drafting. Now in its 25th year—and its second year back after COVID—this prestigious contest challenges students to design, draft, and bring their architectural visions to life. CVCC has been a proud host for many years!

This year, four schools participated, submitting 24 entries in total. CVCC proudly entered three teams of two—and they delivered! Our students placed 3rd (Kendall Bennett, North Royalton High School, and Gabriella Obbish, Garfield Heights High School), 4th (Eric Thiel, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, and Jayla Peterson, Nordonia High School), and 8th (Joshua Lyons, North Royalton High School, and Alan Barger, Nordonia High school)! The top 10 finalists were recognized on the main stage at the IX Center on Saturday, February 1. Their impressive model homes, along with informational trifolds, will be on display for the entire duration of the show.

This competition kicked off on October 11 and students had until January 17 to submit their work. It's an intense challenge that requires students to develop blueprints, construct a scale model, create marketing materials, and even produce a virtual walkthrough of their designs. Entries were evaluated by industry professionals, including CVCC alumni and past contest participants.

A big thank you to Erik Ward, our Architectural & Mechanical Design instructor, for his outstanding dedication as contest coordinator. His hard work and leadership ensure the success of this competition year after year! Our students' incredible work was on display in person at the Great Big Home & Garden Show at the IX Center until February 9. Amazing job, AMD students!



## Culinary Arts Program Donates to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

A round of applause for our Culinary Arts students! During their annual Holiday Buffet, they raised \$450 in tips and generously donated it all to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank – providing 1,350 meals for those in need. We're so proud of their talent, hard work, and commitment to making a difference in the community. Amazing job, Culinary Arts!



## Culinary Arts Student Success

Huge shout out to our Culinary Arts juniors for their incredible creativity and hard work! Last month, they designed, baked, and decorated stunning gingerbread houses, then hosted an in-house competition where CVCC staff helped choose which ones would compete in the ProStart Gingerbread Bash. Ohio Hospitality/ProStart is the curriculum for the Culinary Arts Program. The Gingerbread House Competition was a virtual event, with over 30 culinary schools across Ohio competing. Our team, Jason Metts (North Royalton High School) Maddie Posar (Nardon High School) and Peri Wisner (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School), placed 3rd in the competition! Amazing job, everyone.



Pictured: Jason Metts & Maddie Posar  
Not Pictured: Peri Wisner



## Health Careers Students Showcase Career Goals

Mr. Zana's morning Health Careers class dedicated time to researching and designing boards that showcased their future career goals. To enrich the learning experience, Mr. Zana invited Mr. Fahey's morning Sports Medicine Exercise Science class to participate. Mr. Fahey's students visited each display, engaging in meaningful discussions and asking insightful questions to encourage deeper reflection on career aspirations.



## Dental Assisting Students Spread Smiles at Wilcox Elementary

Six enthusiastic junior Dental Assisting students from CVCC—Simar Laly and Olivia Albrecht (Twinsburg High School), Lilly Sobieski and Mackenzie Kowatch (Nordonia High School), and Jade Henry and Lillian Nichols (Cuyahoga Heights High School)—recently brought the magic of dental health to kindergarteners at Wilcox Elementary in Twinsburg! As part of their HOSA Community Awareness competition, the "Tooth Fairy Messengers" led a fun and interactive lesson on proper brushing and flossing techniques, healthy food choices, and the role of the Tooth Fairy. Through engaging presentations, hands-on activities, and creative storytelling, the young students learned valuable dental hygiene tips—all while having a blast! From sorting healthy and unhealthy foods to writing letters to the Tooth Fairy, every moment was filled with smiles and learning. The event was a huge success, leaving a lasting impact on both the kindergartners and our CVCC students.



## Auto Service Technology Students Gain Insight into the Printing Industry

A big thank you to Mr. Ruebensaal, Graphic Imaging Technology Instructor, and Mr. Grant Hosler, Director of Education for the Graphic Media Alliance, for welcoming our Auto Service Technology program, led by Jamie Yax, to an insightful presentation! Grant provided valuable insights into the many career opportunities within the printing industry, emphasizing how students with automotive and mechanical expertise can apply their skills to diagnosing and repairing complex machinery. The presentation was both engaging and informative, showcasing the versatility of these transferable skills and the exciting career paths they can lead to.

## Collaborative Learning: Power Equipment Technology & Construction Trades

Power Equipment Technology instructor Mr. Harding and Construction Trades instructor Mr. Yuravak teamed up to create an educational opportunity where students could get real-world experience with machinery. For the first phase of the project, Power Equipment students guided Construction students through essential daily maintenance checks, greasing procedures, basic machine operations, track tension measurement and adjustment, and removing implements and buckets. Next up, the learning continues! Construction students will get hands-on experience changing oil on a skid steer and mini-excavator, replacing fuel filters, and bleeding a diesel injection system—with guidance from Power Equipment students. This collaboration is a great example of CVCC students sharpening their skills while learning from each other!



## Adult Education Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Graduation

Congratulations to the thirteen students who successfully completed our Adult Education Emergency Medical Technician-Basic program and received their Certificate of Completion on Thursday, February 13. Guided by Dan Zezena (Lead Instructor) and Matthew Duplaga (Assistant EMT Instructor/Clinical Instructor), these students have completed their training and are now ready to serve their communities.

Learn more about CVCC's Emergency Medical Technician-Basic program here:  
<https://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-programs/emt/>



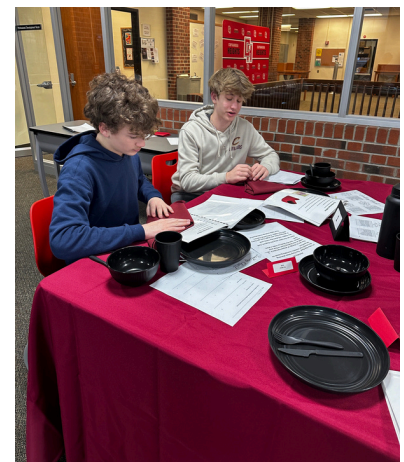
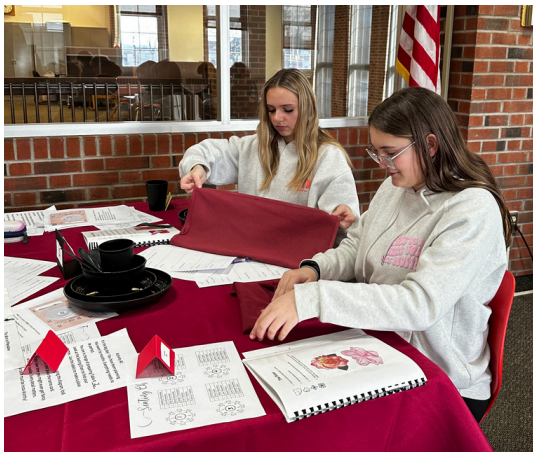
## Nordonia High School Students Inspire Nordonia 8th Graders with CVCC Program Showcase

On Wednesday, January 29, eleven Nordonia High School seniors volunteered to introduce Nordonia 8th graders to CVCC programs through interactive activities and demonstrations. Career Specialist Deb Monaco and Middle School Counselor Theresa Kaleal organized the event, giving 8th graders the opportunity to engage with hands-on experiences related to various career pathways. The high school students shared insights about their programs, including certifications, career options, and what it's like to be a CVCC student. Activities ranged from oral hygiene and brushing techniques to camera operation, drawing skills, blood pressure and temperature checks, and nutrition and wellness overviews. Students also participated in exercise and athletic activities, including stretching and push-ups. The event provided 8th graders with a fun and informative introduction to the many opportunities available at CVCC, helping them explore potential career interests.



## Cuyahoga Heights 8th Graders Explore Career Pathways Through Hands-On Learning

Cuyahoga Heights 8th grade students continued exploring their interests through a new round of hands-on activities focused on various career clusters, including Hospitality & Tourism, Human Resources, Information Technology, STEM, and Transportation, Logistics & Distribution. Students tested their skills in activities such as event planning, robotics, coding, cosmetology, and logistics. These interactive experiences not only made learning fun but also helped students identify their strengths and interests, providing valuable insight into potential career paths. As students participated, conversations filled the room as they shared their likes and dislikes, reflecting on the skills they enjoyed using. This process helped them gain a clearer understanding of future career possibilities. This experience was part of an 8th grade unit led by Julie Regula, Career Specialist for the Cuyahoga Heights School District, designed to introduce students to the 16 national career clusters.



## Revere High School Students Get Hands-On Experience in Biomedical Engineering

More than 150 Revere High School Physics and Engineering students explored the field of Biomedical Engineering during an interactive program led by faculty from the University of Akron's Biomedical Engineering Department on Friday, February 21. Students engaged in hands-on activities, including designing prosthetic prototypes to restore hand function and creating a polymer to understand how drugs break down in the body. They also gained insight into the diverse career opportunities in Biomedical Engineering, particularly in Northeast Ohio, and learned that the field offers a median salary of approximately \$99,000 (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics). This program was coordinated by Revere Career Specialist Nancy Vondrak in collaboration with the University of Akron's Biomedical Engineering Department.



## *Important Dates*



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For questions, feedback, or news ideas, email [mrobertson@cvccworks.edu](mailto:mrobertson@cvccworks.edu).

### Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 6 – Educator's Rising State Conference
- Thursday, March 6 – Job Fair at CVCC, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11 – BPA State Conference
- Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19 – SkillsUSA State Conference
- Thursday, March 20 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 20 – NTHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 24 – Friday, March 28 – Spring Break (No School for High School)