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## NTHS Induction Ceremony

On Thursday, March 20, CVCC welcomed new inductees into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The NTHS recognizes high school students from career-technical programs who distinguish themselves in academics, leadership, service, and character. Candidates are selected based on their academic achievements, attendance, participation, and recommendations from teachers. A CVCC staff committee makes the final decisions. NTHS members engage in activities that boost school spirit and organize fundraisers for charitable causes, which fosters leadership qualities and strengthens community bonds within the school. Special congratulations to Damon Hoody, CVCC Computer Networking Academy student and senior at Twinsburg High School, for receiving the NTHS Scholarship!

### 2025 Inductees

#### **Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School:**

Juniors - Melinda Geringer, Addison Glaser, Isabella Guzoski, Charlotte Hocutt, Lucy Keco, David Palmer, Cassie Petras, Brian Stanek, Ash Watkins



#### **Cuyahoga Heights High School:**

Juniors - Ava Brych, Reilly Conte, Jade Henry, Jackson Justice, Anthony Kondash, Nathan Mandich, Ryleigh Ressler, Hiedi Stieglmeyer, Samantha Vallee



#### **Garfield Heights High School:**

Juniors - Aedon Bailey, Camilya Davis, Elijah Hall, Deborah Sadiq

Senior - Kyelle Woods



#### **Independence High School:**

Juniors: Allison Bohrer, Tevin Cullison, Matthew Dubitsky, Stephen Mlynarczyk, Sofia Pichert, Anderson Sears, Victor Walchanowicz



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## NTHS Induction Ceremony (Continued)

### Nordonia High School:

Juniors - Kaylee Bene, Lincoln Dershak, Makenzie Enczur, Cole Gurka, Amy Haselow, Madeline Posar, Nyjah Russ, Samantha Simonitis

Seniors - Savanna Adamini, Breanna Pfeiffer, Tyler Puma



### North Royalton High School:

Juniors - Giancarlo Gulasey, Zeke Johnson, Yuliia Kleban, Nicholas Koukios, Dylan Nikiel, Cadence Waller

Senior - Samantha Hastings



### Twinsburg High School:

Juniors - Olivia Albrecht, Mia Benitez, Jake Gahagan, Bearon Grant, Jackson Phillips

Senior - Hannah Porter



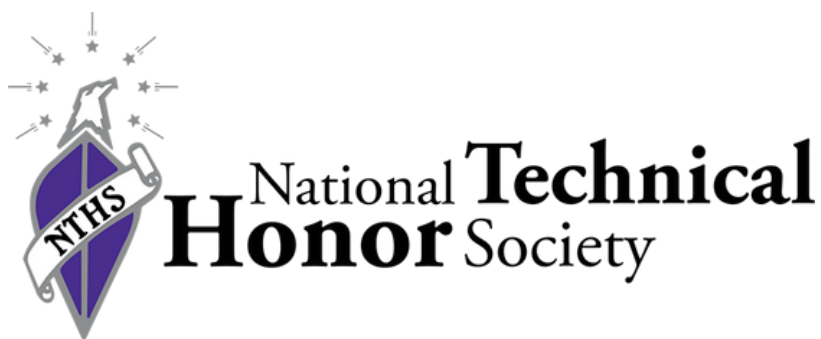
### Revere High School:

Senior - Alexis Miller



### Quaker Digital Academy:

Senior - Ba'al Stewart





## SkillsUSA State Conference

A few weeks ago, 70 CVCC students participated in the SkillsUSA State Conference in Columbus. We're proud to congratulate the following students for finishing in the top five of their respective competitions:

### 1st Place – Nationals Bound!

- Brandon Gipson (Garfield Heights High School) & Spencer Mills (North Royalton High School) – Digital Cinema Team (Media Arts)
- Alexandra Elsbury (Nardon High School) – Job Demo Open (Construction Trades)

### 2nd Place:

- Peri Wisner (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – Baking/Pastry Arts (Culinary Arts)
- Cody Lindstrom (Twinsburg High School) – Auto Maintenance/Light Repair (Auto Service Technology)

### 3rd Place:

- Blake Valley (North Royalton High School), Dhruv Sharma (Twinsburg High School), Lucas Culotta (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – Engineering Senior Team (Engineering Technology)
- Madeline Posar (Nardon High School) – Baking/Pastry Arts (Culinary Arts)
- Caleb Styskal (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – CNC Turning (Machine Technology)

### 4th Place:

- Chase Lewicki (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – Carpentry (Construction Trades)
- Sophia Kish (Cuyahoga Heights High School) – Photography (Digital Design)
- Owen Szymanski (Independence High School) – Sheet Metal (Heating & Air Conditioning)
- Emorie Mitchell (Twinsburg High School) – Job Demo Open (Culinary Arts)
- Rylee Basel (North Royalton High School) – Collision Appraisal (Auto Body Repair & Refinishing)
- Sara Emanuele (Nardon High School) & Kaitlynn Sobieski (Nardon High School) – Video Production (Media Arts)
- Mitchell McLaughlin (North Royalton High School) – CNC Programmer (Machine Technology)

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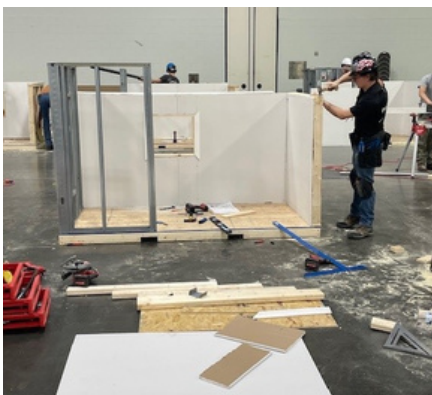
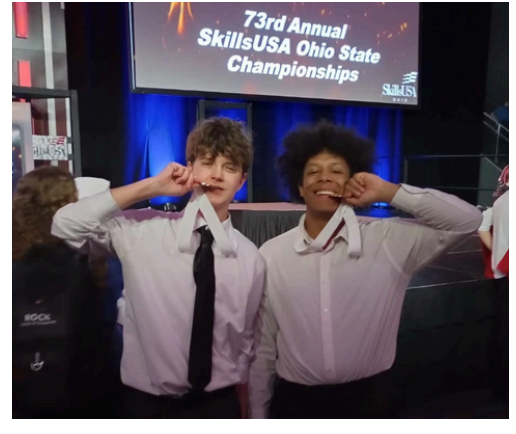


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### 5th Place:

- Nicole Nisenbaum (Twinsburg High School) – Advertising Design (Digital Design)
- Michael Leskovec (Twinsburg High School) – Building/Property Maintenance (Building & Property Maintenance)
- Sarah Piper (Nardon High School) – Graphics (Graphic Imaging Technology)
- Nathan Mandich (Cuyahoga Heights High School) – Auto Maintenance/Light Repair (Auto Service Technology)

A huge thank you to all our competitors for showcasing their skill, passion, and dedication while representing CVCC. We are incredibly proud of you!





## HOSA State Leadership Conference

April 9-10, CVCC students enrolled in health-related programs competed at the HOSA (Future Health Professionals) State Leadership Conference in Toledo, Ohio. The following students placed in their competitive events:

### Health Careers:

- Emilee Sanicky from Cuyahoga Heights High School placed 1st in Nursing Assisting
- Alexis Miller from Revere High School placed 4th in Health Career Photography

### Sports Medicine Exercise Science:

- Penelope Bly from North Royalton High School placed 1st in Sports Medicine
- Sarah Priest from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School placed 2nd in Sports Medicine
- Eleri (Ash) Watkins from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School placed 3rd in Nutrition
- Halley Sekerak from Twinsburg High School placed 4th in Prepared Speaking

Congratulations to all of our competitors and best of luck to those moving on to the HOSA International Leadership Conference June 18-21 in Nashville, Tennessee!



## DECA Diamond Competition

On Friday, April 11, CVCC held the annual DECA Competition. DECA is the youth organization for students enrolled in the Sales & Service Fundamentals. The organization prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA's Challenges provide DECA members opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom through innovative challenges in partnership with several corporate partners. It was a fun and exciting day for all!

### **Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding achievements:**

Ramez Ghantawe (North Royalton)

- Special Student Achievement
- Grocery Bagging – 3rd Place

Colin Bryant (Twinsburg)

- Special Student Achievement Award

Monae Johnson (Brecksville-Broadview Heights)

- Interview 1 – 1st Place
- Restaurant Skills – Bussing – 3rd Place
- Team Posters – 2nd Place

Trysta Edmondso (Twinsburg)

- Interview 1 – 2nd Place
- Restaurant Skills – Bussing – 1st Place

Tirth Patel (Nardon)

- Interview 1 – 3rd Place

Deonte Johnson (Twinsburg)

- Interview 2 – 1st Place
- PowerPoint – 1st Place

Kevon Halbert (Garfield Heights)

- Interview 2 – 2nd Place
- Housekeeping Services – 1st Place

Andrew Brown (North Royalton)

- Interview 3 – 1st Place

Nolan Liem (Brecksville-Broadview Heights)

- Interview 4 – 2nd Place

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Kaitlynn Fountain (Nordonia)

- Interview 5 – 1st Place
- Restaurant Skills – Bussing – 2nd Place

Sophia Massouh (Revere)

- Interview 5 – 3rd Place
- Restaurant Skills – Bussing – 2nd Place

Lisa Hilton (North Royalton)

- Cash Register Operations – 1st Place

Shya Kail (Brecksville-Broadview Heights)

- Grocery Stocking – 2nd Place

Elizabeth Batcheller (Brecksville-Broadview Heights)

- Employability Skills Test – 1st Place

Joseph Avila (Independence)

- Retail Clothing Preparation – 3rd Place

Kierstyn Travers (Nordonia High School)

- Laundry Operations – 1st Place

Jayden Franklin (Garfield Heights)

- Housekeeping Services – 2nd Place

Marque's George (Twinsburg)

- Team Posters – 2nd Place

Salvatore Grissman (Cuyahoga Heights)

- Chapter Scrapbooking – 2nd Place

Simone Michel (North Royalton)

- Chapter Scrapbooking – 2nd Place





## Hotels & Resorts Hospitality Students Raise Awareness and Funds for World Down Syndrome Day

CVCC showed up in full color for World Down Syndrome Day—sporting mismatched socks as a symbol of love, support, and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome. This fun and meaningful tradition reminds us that it's our differences that make us truly unique. Thanks to the creativity and compassion of our Hotels & Resorts Hospitality program, students and staff had the opportunity to participate in a special Dress Down Day and purchase socks to support the cause. Their efforts, along with the generosity of our senior class, raised \$374.00 for The Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio. We're so proud of our students for leading with kindness and creating a space where everyone feels seen, valued, and celebrated.



## Hotels & Resorts Hospitality Students Serve Up Awareness and Sweet Support for Autism Awareness Day

CVCC's Hotels & Resorts Hospitality program brewed up something special—a coffee cart treat for our staff in honor of Autism Awareness Day! Along with handcrafted puzzle piece cookies, some of our staff wore blue to show their support. The color blue symbolizes hope, understanding, and acceptance—and even has a calming effect for those with autism. We're proud to stand together in raising awareness and fostering an inclusive community. Thank you, Hotels & Resorts Hospitality, for always finding fun and creative ways for CVCC to celebrate inclusion!



## Designing for the Real World: AMD and Construction Trades Collaborate on Shed Project

Students from the Architectural & Mechanical Design (AMD) and Construction Trades programs teamed up for a hands-on, real-world project that combined creativity, problem-solving, and technical skills! AMD seniors kicked off the project by designing an 8'x12' modular shed. Each section of the shed was limited to 4'x8'—a size manageable for transport via a standard truck or trailer. Using the students' blueprints, Construction Trades juniors brought the design to life. Throughout the process, both groups collaborated to tackle design challenges as they arose. The AMD students revised their plans based on feedback, reflecting the kind of real-world teamwork and problem-solving found in the industry every day. The final structure was built at CVCC, then taken apart and transported to the IX Center, where it was reassembled for display at the Home and Remodeling Expo. The project was a great success, offering students valuable insight into the design-build process from start to finish. The AMD and Construction Trades program look forward to next year's collaboration!

### Designers (AMD):

- Ryleigh Spacht, Twinsburg High School
- Jayla Peterson, Nordonia High School

### Builders (Construction Trades):

- Victor Walchanowicz, Independence High School
- Anthony Grissman, Cuyahoga Heights High School
- Bearon Grant, Twinsburg High School
- Dominic Samartano, Revere High School
- Will Bernatovicz, Revere High School
- Matthew Pines, Nordonia High School





## New Student Orientation

CVCC held a New Student Orientation on Thursday, April 17. Prospective CVCC students had the opportunity to meet their future instructors, see their classrooms, and ask questions. It was a delightful and thrilling afternoon for everyone involved!



## 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.



## Warren Roofing Visits CVCC

This month, our Construction Trades juniors got to learn straight from the pros at Warren Roofing and Insulating Co.—getting hands-on with a Torch roof build! We can't wait to see some of our students start working with their team.



## The Power of the Pringle Challenge



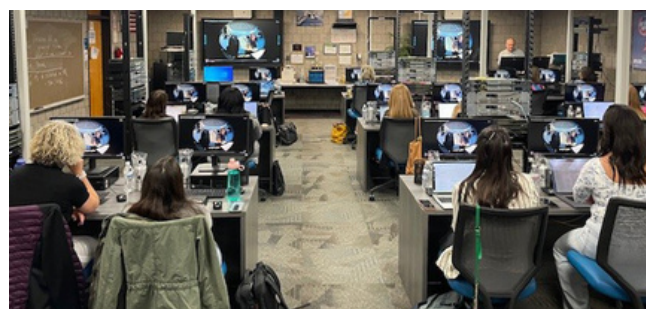
What do chips and critical thinking have in common? Just ask Mr. Zana's and Mr. Fahey's junior classes. In a recent classroom challenge, students were tasked with transforming an ordinary snack into an extraordinary structure—all in the name of creativity and collaboration. The goal: build the strongest freestanding circle using only Pringles. Working in teams, students put their problem-solving skills to the test, designing and engineering gravity-defying rings of chips. The challenge encouraged students to think outside the box, turning what seemed impossible into a hands-on lesson in innovation and perseverance. While there was no trophy on the line, the real reward came in the form of teamwork, laughter, and the sweet satisfaction of a challenge completed—plus a well-earned pat on the back.



## Empowering the Future: CVCC Partners with ConnectedHR for AI in HR Training Through Ohio TechGrant

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) is proud to have partnered with ConnectedHR to provide cutting-edge AI in HR training, made possible through the Ohio TechGrant! This opportunity reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses by offering relevant, forward-thinking professional development that empowers teams to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving workforce.

A special thank you to Diane Duryea, our Business Liaison, for coordinating this impactful experience, and to Tim Moore, our Computer Networking Academy Instructor, for leading the training and sharing his valuable knowledge. At CVCC, we're honored to play a role in helping organizations like ConnectedHR grow, adapt, and lead the way in their industries.





## Garfield Heights Students Visit MAGNET

Garfield Heights High School (GHHS) seniors took a trip to MAGNET for the Elevate 12 program! This incredible opportunity helps students gain the skills and experience needed for careers in manufacturing technology. This summer, students will participate in a 6-week paid training, with MAGNET connecting them to companies and resources to jump-start their future. To wrap up their visit, students put their skills to the test with a car-building and racing challenge—and guess what? Three GHHS CVCC students took the win! Congratulations! A special thank you to Michelle Hasman, Career Specialist, for organizing this opportunity!



## Garfield Heights Seniors Explore Career Opportunities at Northeast Ohio Business Career Fair

Seniors from Garfield Heights High School, accompanied by Guidance Counselor Bobbie Marksberry and CVCC Career Specialist Michelle Hasman, attended the Northeast Ohio Business Career Fair at Cleveland Public Auditorium. Students had the opportunity to connect with government agencies and local businesses as they explored potential career paths after graduation.





## Fastenal Presents on Career Readiness Competencies at Cuyahoga Heights High School

Molly Phelps, Regional Recruiter, and Doug McCune, District Manager at Fastenal, recently visited with Cuyahoga Heights High School juniors and seniors to deliver an informative presentation on Career Readiness Competencies, emphasizing the crucial skills needed for future employment. This presentation, organized by Julie Regula, CVCC Career Specialist, is part of the Cuyahoga Heights Career Development Program.

During their session, students were encouraged to participate in an open discussion, exploring what these competencies mean, why they matter in school, the workplace, and life, and how they can be further developed. Ms. Phelps shared real-world examples of interview situations that went away due to a lack of these competencies, while Mr. McCune offered valuable advice on how students can improve these essential skills.

Fastenal, a global leader in supply chain solutions and a distributor of industrial and construction supplies, operates local branches in Valley View and Macedonia. We sincerely appreciate their support in helping our students build a strong foundation for future career success!



## Nordonia High School Hosts Senior Interview Day to Connect Students with Local Job Opportunities

On Tuesday, March 18, Nordonia High School hosted its annual Senior Interview Day, providing a meaningful opportunity for college-bound seniors to explore local part-time employment options. The event, coordinated by CVCC Career Specialist, Deb Monaco, brought together students and representatives from various local businesses. Participating employers included Fastenal, Summit Metroparks, Hattie Larlham, and Brentwood Healthcare Facility. Students had the chance to speak one-on-one with industry professionals, gaining valuable interview experience while showcasing their skills and qualifications. The event was a great success, with several students submitting job applications—and some even receiving job offers on the spot.



## Career Day at Bath Elementary

Bath Elementary had an amazing 5th Grade Career Day this month! Huge thanks to CVCC Career Specialist Nancy Vondrak for her dedication in organizing this impactful event, where students had the opportunity to interview professionals from a wide range of career fields. It's experiences like these that spark inspiration and curiosity—we love to see it!



# *Important Dates*



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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Monday, May 5 - Signing Day
- Tuesday, May 6 - Staff In-Service (No School for High School Students)
- Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 8 - Outstanding Student Reception (11:30 am – 12:30 pm) and Senior Recognition Ceremony (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm) at CVCC
- Thursday, May 8 - Last Day for Seniors
- Thursday, May 22 - Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day - Building Closed