

# News Flash

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

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## **CVCC Hosts 2025 Signing Day Celebration**

On Monday, May 5, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center proudly hosted Signing Day, honoring students as they take the next step into full-time employment, apprenticeship programs, and military service. The event recognized the hard work and dedication of these students as they transition from high school to impactful careers.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who attended, including CVCC staff, families, and community members who came to support our students. A special thank you goes to the Signing Day Committee, led by Assistant Principal Josh Hayes, as well as the Maintenance and Technology departments for their essential contributions in bringing this event to life.

Congratulations to the following students for their incredible achievements:

### **Nordonia High School:**

- Addison Francis - Digital Design - Becker Signs, Inc.
- Jordan Clines - Graphic Imaging Technology - Repros, Inc.
- Madison Renier – Cosmetology - Studio Wish Salon Spa
- Jaslyn Schalmo – Cosmetology - Studio Wish Salon Spa
- Andreana Snopel – Cosmetology – Fantastic Sams
- Gianna Willis – Cosmetology – Studio CK

### **North Royalton High School:**

- Braeden O'Hearn - Health Careers – United States Air Force
- John Steel – Programming & Software Development - Army National Guard
- Evan Grove - Power Equipment Technology – Ohio Peterbilt

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

- Isabelle Parrish - Dental Assisting - River Endodontics
- Nathan Eddy – Power Equipment Technology - City of Brecksville

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

- Allen Benkalowycz – Heating & Air Conditioning - ARP Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
- Donald Raymond – Machine Technology - Assembly Tool Specialists, Inc.
- Tyler Herman – Fire & EMS Academy – United States Navy

### **Twinsburg High School:**

- Sasha Roberts – Cosmetology - Studio Wish Salon Spa
- Zachary Mikulka – Machine Technology - Assembly Tool Specialists, Inc.
- Lillian Delollis - Auto Body Repair & Refinishing – American Fleet Services

## CVCC Hosts 2025 Signing Day Celebration (Continued)

### Revere High School:

- Gavin Long – Electrical Systems – MediaObsessions
- Nathan Kovach – Heating & Air Conditioning – United States Navy
- Keyala Davis – Auto Body Repair & Refinishing – United States Navy
- James Mitter – Power Equipment Technology – Fallsway Equipment Company

### Garfield Heights High School:

- Jacob Kostal – Auto Body Repair & Refinishing – United States Army
- Andree Williams – Auto Body Repair & Refinishing – United States Air Force
- Nyla Hill – Culinary Arts & Food Service – United States Navy

### Other:

- Trevor Podojil (Adult Student) – Graphic Imaging Technology – Dorn Color, Inc.





## Senior Recognition Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8, CVCC honored the Class of 2025 during our annual Senior Recognition Ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this special milestone.

You can watch the ceremonies on our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@CVCCWorks>

### Student of the Year: Emilee Sanicky

CVCC is proud to celebrate Emilee Sanicky as our Student of the Year! A Health Careers student from Cuyahoga Heights High School, Emilee stands out as a true role model — known for her kindness, integrity, and ability to inspire those around her. She embodies what it means to be a well-rounded student, consistently demonstrating academic excellence, strong leadership, and unwavering dedication to the CVCC community. Reflecting on her journey, Emilee shared, “There will always be someone more experienced or skilled than you, but success comes more from confidence, dedication, and the willingness to grow.” She credits CVCC for giving her the foundation to strive for excellence, trust in her abilities, and pursue her goals with determination. We’re proud to honor Emilee with this recognition and a \$500 scholarship. Congratulations, Emilee — we can’t wait to see where your journey leads next!

### Employee of the Year: Brody Bard

CVCC is thrilled to celebrate Brody Bard as our Employee of the Year! A Power Equipment Technology student from Revere High School, Brody has gone above and beyond — logging over 2,000 hours of hands-on experience through Job Placement with Imperial Truck Services Inc. We’re proud to honor Brody with this recognition and a \$500 scholarship. Congratulations, Brody — we’re incredibly proud of your dedication and strong work ethic! A huge shout out to all of our students who participated in Job Placement this year — you’re amazing!





## Senior Recognition Ceremony (Continued)

### Distinguished Alumni Award

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our graduates who have been selected for the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award. This honor recognizes alumni who have demonstrated exceptional career achievements and meaningful contributions to their profession or industry, particularly in fields related to their program of study. Your dedication and success continue to inspire our entire community!

### Congratulations to this year's honorees:

- Aaron Christopher Evans – Digital Design, Class of 2000
- Katie Manghillis – Teaching Professions (Education Professions), Class of 2005
- Leah Sadallah – Media Arts, Class of 2009



## Outstanding Senior Reception

Huge congratulations to all of our students recognized at the Outstanding Student Reception last week! These individuals were celebrated for their hard work, achievements, and standout performance in their programs. Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring their success!

*\*A few students and instructors could not attend because they were busy representing CVCC at the BPA National Conference in Orlando—just another example of how amazing our students truly are!*

A special congratulations to the following students:

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

- Camryn Bibbo – Cosmetology
- Maraya Carlton – Education Professions
- Tyler Lewicki – Construction Trades

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

- Sophia Kish – Digital Design
- Sal Grissman – Transition to Work
- Donald Raymond – Machine Technology
- Emilee Sanicky – Health Careers

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

- Jessica Giddings – Sports Medicine Exercise Science

### **Independence High School:**

- Jonathan Chen – Programming & Software Development
- Alexander Patterson – Hotels and Resorts Hospitality
- Owen Szymanski – Heating and Air Conditioning

### **Nordonia High School:**

- Savanna Adamini – Medical Administrative Specialist
- Jordan Clines – Graphic Imaging Technology
- Arman Singh – Culinary Arts and Food Service
- Kaitlynn Sobieski – Media Arts
- Charlotte Margagliotti – Fire and EMS Academy

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## Outstanding Senior Reception (Continued)

### North Royalton High School:

- Kolten English – Building and Property Maintenance
- Samantha Hastings – Cosmetology
- Alexa Braun – Dental Assisting
- Ramez Ghantawe – Sales and Service Fundamentals
- Gage Johnson – Auto Service Technology
- Julia Mokriy – Health Careers
- Blake Valley – Engineering Technology

### Revere High School:

- Benjamin Milburn – Electrical Systems
- Brody Bard – Power Equipment Technology
- Gus McClung – Job Training
- Kyle Yost – Auto Body Repair and Refinishing

### Twinsburg High School:

- Damon Hoody – Computer Networking Academy
- Owen Pawlak – Transportation Systems
- Ryleigh Spacht – Architectural Mechanical Design



## **BPA National Conference**

CVCC is proud to celebrate our outstanding Business Professionals of America (BPA) students who qualified and competed at the BPA National Leadership Conference. Please join us in recognizing their incredible achievements!

### **Advanced Desktop Publishing**

- Nicole Nisenbaum (Twinsburg High School, Junior, Digital Design) – 7th at State, 3rd at Nationals
- Darren Fidel (North Royalton High School, Senior, Digital Design) – 2nd at State, 6th at Nationals

### **Computer Network Technology**

- Logan Di Biase (Nordonia High School, Junior, Computer Networking Academy) – 6th at State, 14th at Nationals

### **Database Applications**

- Alexander Miller (Twinsburg High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development) – 7th at State, 21st at Nationals

### **Device Configuration & Troubleshooting**

- Tontawan Hunjangsit (Nordonia High School, Senior, Computer Networking Academy) – 2nd at State, 54th at Nationals

### **Fundamental Desktop Publishing**

- Sophia Kish (Cuyahoga Heights High School, Senior, Digital Design) – 1st at State, 24th at Nationals

### **Fundamental Word Processing**

- David Lopez (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Senior, Medical Administrative Specialist) – 6th at State, 48th at Nationals

### **Fundamentals of Web Design**

- Brendan Gyorki (Nordonia High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development) – 6th at State, 8th at Nationals

### **Health Administration Procedures**

- Savanna Adamini (Nordonia High School, Senior, Medical Administrative Specialist) – 4th at State, 10th at Nationals

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## BPA National Conference (Continued)

### Health Insurance & Billing

- Malkiyah Armstrong (Nordonia High School, Senior, Medical Administrative Specialist) – 3rd at State, 9th at Nationals

### Java Programming

- Denny Rushing (Nordonia High School, Junior, Programming & Software Development) – 4th at State, 5th at Nationals
- Evan Schaus (Twinsburg High School, Junior, Programming & Software Development) – 5th at State, 11th at Nationals

*\*Evan and Denny also earned 5th place in the Web Application Team event!*

### Network Administration Using Cisco

- Damon Hoody (Twinsburg High School, Senior, Computer Networking Academy) – 1st at State, 1st at Nationals

*\*Damon achieved a perfect 1st place finish at both the state and national levels!*

- John Shubert (Nordonia High School, Senior, Computer Networking Academy) – 8th at State, 22nd at Nationals

### Web Design Team – 3rd at State

- Samuel Lombardo (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development)
- Luke Rinas (Nordonia High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development)
- John Steel (North Royalton High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development)
- Anthony Youssef (Twinsburg High School, Senior, Programming & Software Development)



## Digital Design Students Project with Ohio Turnpike

CVCC's Digital Design program instructed by Melissa Munro was honored to have partnered with the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission for their 70th Anniversary Poster Design Contest! A huge congratulations to our talented Digital Design students—Darren Fidel (North Royalton High School), Cassandra Petras (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School), Katherine Schwind (Twinsburg High School), Nicole Nisenbaum (Twinsburg High School), and Isabella Passalacqua (Cuyahoga Heights High School)—for their creativity and well-deserved recognition. Each student won a \$100 cash prize. The posters will be displayed at the Ohio Turnpike's 14 service plazas – keep an eye out! We're proud to see our students using their skills to contribute to such a meaningful milestone in Ohio's history.



## Stark State Car Donation to CVCC

Mike Conway, Department Chair of Automotive and Transportation Technology at Stark State College, generously donated two Honda vehicles to the Auto Service Technology and Transportation Systems programs at CVCC. Several current students have already expressed interest in enrolling in the Honda PACT (Professional Automotive Career Training) programs after graduating from their senior year. Honda—just one of the factory training areas that will support the next generation of auto students—continues to play a pivotal role in shaping future technicians. On behalf of Mr. Yax, Mr. Russo, and the entire CVCC community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mike, his team, and Honda for their generosity and support. Your investment empowers our students to grow their skills and become career ready.





## School of Nursing Open House

CVCC's School of Nursing welcomed prospective and newly accepted Practical Nursing students to an Open House on Tuesday, April 29. Guests had the chance to meet our dedicated faculty, explore the classrooms and lab spaces, ask questions, and observe a live demonstration in our nursing skills lab. It was a joy to connect with future nurses and share a glimpse into the hands-on learning that defines our program. A standout moment from the day was celebrating Treina Lee, LPN, a 2019 graduate, with a Distinguished Alumni Award. Treina is now making a remarkable impact in Nursing Education through her work with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Keep shining, Treina — your CVCC family is incredibly proud of you!



## 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 14. The panel discussion featured CVCC Superintendent Dave Mangas alongside Superintendent Matt Young from Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Superintendent Kelli Cogan from Independence Local Schools, and Superintendent 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; Gary Suchocki, CVCC Board Member (Cuyahoga Heights); Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal; Lori DeCapua, Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principal; Sarah Hayman, Computer Technician; Stacey McNamara, Job Training Instructor; Jamie Yax, Auto Service Technology Instructor, along with his student, CJ Hanobik, a senior at Independence High School; and Melissa Munro, Digital Design Instructor, along with her student, Isabella Passalacqua, a senior at Cuyahoga Heights High School. The event provided insights into the achievements and ongoing initiatives within the school districts.



## NACTEi National Perkins Leadership Conference

CVCC Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marcy Green recently represented the district at the 44th Annual National Association for Career Technical Education Information (NACTEi) Conference in Tucson, Arizona. NACTEi provides professional development and training for recipients of the federal Carl D. Perkins program, with a focus on career and technical education (CTE) data, finance, and accountability systems.

At the conference, Dr. Green co-presented alongside Carol Gileot, Administrative Assistant to Assistant Superintendent, on “Smart Grant Management,” a session that focused on effective Perkins budgeting, timelines, monitoring tools, and strategic fund expenditure. She also led the Postsecondary section of “Collaborative Conversations: A Dynamic Roundtable Experience” and served as a panelist on the closing “Perkins Panel of Experts and Practitioners,” representing the Secondary education perspective.

In recognition of her leadership and service, Dr. Green was nominated and elected by the membership to serve as NACTEi’s next President Elect. Her three-year leadership commitment will include one year each as President Elect, President, and Past President. Dr. Green has previously served four years as the Region 1 Representative. CVCC is proud to congratulate Dr. Green on this well-deserved honor and her continued dedication to advancing CTE across the nation!





## Career Week at North Royalton Elementary

North Royalton Elementary School brought career exploration to the forefront during Career Week 2025, held May 5–9. Led by CVCC Career Specialist Jill Larson, the week offered a vibrant mix of hands-on activities and engaging events designed to spark curiosity and inspire students to imagine their futures.

The week kicked off with “Pajama Day and Big Dreams,” as students attended a special assembly hosted by the Humane Society. This event provided a compassionate introduction to animal-related careers and the importance of care-based professions. Midweek, students experienced the excitement of Vehicle Day, where emergency response vehicles, construction trucks, and utility vehicles lined the school grounds. Students had the opportunity to explore the machines and tools professionals use every day across a range of industries. Thursday featured a highlight for fourth-grade students: a career exploration station event in the gymnasium. Community volunteers brought careers to life through hands-on demonstrations, giving students a chance to learn by doing.

Career Week wrapped up with Career Dress-Up Day on Friday, where students proudly arrived dressed as future doctors, engineers, artists, astronauts, and more—each representing a dream in motion.

“It’s inspiring to see our students so engaged and curious about their futures,” said Principal Kirk Pavelich. “We are incredibly thankful for our families and community partners who helped make this week meaningful and memorable.”

The success of Career Week was made possible thanks to the support of parents and community members, who participated by:

- Speaking in classrooms about their careers
- Volunteering at the 4th-grade exploration stations
- Hosting high school students through the District’s Career Connections program

This weeklong celebration of career discovery was a testament to the strong partnership between North Royalton City Schools, CVCC, and the broader community—all working together to help students dream big, start early, and explore boldly.

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## CVCC Digital Design Student Inspires Young Learners at Bissell Elementary

On Wednesday, April 23, Bissell Elementary welcomed a special guest whose creativity and talent left a lasting impression. Kai Boggs, a senior at Twinsburg High School enrolled in CVCC's Digital Design program instructed by Melissa Munro, visited second and third grade classrooms to share her original storybook, *Bikes are for Everyone!*—a project she both wrote and illustrated.

After reading her book aloud, Kai stayed to sign autographs and engage with curious students, sparking thoughtful questions and meaningful conversations about careers in writing, graphic design, and graphic imaging. This memorable event was made possible thanks to Mr. Ruebensaal, CVCC Graphic Imaging Technology Instructor, and his students who printed Kai's book; Mrs. Sara Braun, who organized the visit; and Mrs. Cluse, Twinsburg/CVCC Career Specialist, for her continued support of career exploration initiatives.

A big thank you to Mrs. Bucknell's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Doyle's 3rd grade class for their warm welcome and participation. Plans are already in motion to make this an annual event—further proof that the future of career education in Twinsburg is bright, creative, and full of promise. Thank you, Kai, for being an inspiring role model and showing our youngest learners what's possible when passion meets purpose!





## Twinsburg High School Environmental Science Students Discover Career Paths at Summit Metro Parks

Twinsburg High School students from Mrs. Cindy Kurt's Environmental Science class recently stepped outside the classroom and into nature during a field trip to the Summit County Metro Parks Career Fair, held for the first time at Liberty Park in Twinsburg. Joining them were Mrs. Michelle Oh, Intervention Specialist, and Mrs. Toni Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist, who helped facilitate this engaging career exploration experience.

The annual career fair, hosted by Summit Metro Parks, introduced students to a wide range of careers within park systems—both in the field and behind the scenes. Liberty Park served as a dynamic outdoor classroom, featuring seven interactive stations led by professionals in Operations, Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Community Engagement, Marketing, Planning, and Park Ranger Services. Throughout the day, students explored hands-on activities and learned how career fields like biology, archaeology, law enforcement, and social media marketing contribute to park operations. Highlights included demonstrations of drone technology in conservation, discussions on wellness programming in parks, and a special visit with a K-9 therapy dog. The experience concluded with a lunch provided by the Metro Parks team and a scenic hike through Liberty Park's trails, giving students time to reflect on potential future career paths sparked by the day's discoveries.

This meaningful field trip is just one example of how Twinsburg City Schools and CVCC work together to provide students with real-world learning experiences that connect classroom instruction to future opportunities. Special thanks to Summit County Metro Parks for inspiring the next generation of environmental and community leaders!



## Career Curiosity Ignited Through 7th Grade Experiential Learning at Twinsburg Middle School

On April 30 and May 1, Twinsburg Middle School's 7th grade students stepped into the world of career exploration during two exciting days of experiential learning. Held in the school's media center and hosted by Principal Ries and School Counselor Marcy Richards, the event offered students hands-on insight into future career paths—right in the middle of their social studies classes.

The program was thoughtfully designed and led by Toni Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist for Twinsburg City Schools. Students were introduced to six career fields through interactive learning stations:

- Programming & Software Development
- Engineering
- Digital Design
- Sports Medicine & Exercise Science
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology



Prior to the event, students completed a survey to select three stations aligned with their interests, making each experience personal and engaging. From coding robots to crafting cruise ship-worthy napkin designs, students had the chance to explore careers through creativity and hands-on activities. One 8th grade student even asked to return during lunch to participate again—proof of the event's lasting impact.

Special thanks go to:

- Nancy Vondrak, Revere Career Specialist, for visiting on Day 2 to explore replicating the program in Revere Schools
- Kristin Walters, for generously offering her space for the event
- Melissa Craig and Julie Solis, for their on-site support—especially Mrs. Solis for assisting with clean-up
- Dan from maintenance, for resetting the media center afterward

This two-day event was a shining example of collaboration, innovation, and real-world learning in action. Thanks to the combined efforts of school staff, CVCC, and community partners, students walked away more inspired, informed, and excited about the possibilities ahead.



## Cuyahoga Heights 7th Graders Begin Career Exploration

Students in Mrs. Douglas's and Ms. Cellura's 7th grade classes recently completed a dynamic career development unit led by CVCC Career Specialist Mrs. Regula. Over the course of four engaging sessions, students took their first steps toward understanding the many paths available to them and the process of choosing a future career.

The unit began with an introduction to the Career Development process, where students explored the importance of early career awareness. They reflected on careers they already knew, considered personal influences, and discussed how interests and experiences can shape future choices.

In one session, students welcomed guest speaker Tina Redcliff, Activities Director at Vista Springs. Tina shared insights into working with the elderly and how creativity, compassion, and communication are essential in her role. Her presentation offered students a closer look at human-centered careers.

Another hands-on session featured Chrissy Cogen from Metropolitan Veterinary Academy. Chrissy walked students through the differences between Veterinary Assistants, Veterinary Technicians, and Veterinarians—highlighting the education paths, responsibilities, and salary ranges. Students also enjoyed interacting with “Jerry” the guinea pig, practicing intake forms, and learning how to bandage an animal patient.

A highlight of the unit was the Career Lab rotation, where students explored a variety of hands-on activities tied to real-world professions. From building structures using blueprints and connecting electrical circuits to reviewing x-rays and assembling anatomy aprons, students discovered how their skills and interests aligned with specific careers. Each station gave them the opportunity to reflect on what intrigued them most.

In the final session, students discussed the nature of different work environments—such as active vs. sedentary roles—and whether jobs focused on people, animals, or objects. Working in groups, they matched job traits with occupations, developing a clearer sense of what environments might suit them best. This career exploration unit marks the beginning of a multi-year journey. Mrs. Regula will continue to guide these students through deeper career readiness activities in the coming years, helping them build a personalized plan for their future. With support from CVCC and dedicated school staff, students are gaining the tools and confidence to dream big and start planning early.

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## Cuyahoga Heights 7th Graders Begin Career Exploration (Continued)





# *Important Dates*



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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – Building Closed
- Tuesday, June 3: Last Day for Students
- Wednesday, June 4: Staff In-Service/Last Day for High School Teachers
- Thursday, June 26: Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.