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CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

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CVCC Receives 5-Star Rating

CVCC has once again been recognized as a 5-Star Rated School District on the State of Ohio Report Card! This achievement is a reflection of the dedication, hard work, and support of our entire school community — from our outstanding educators and driven students to the families and partners who champion our mission every day. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for being a vital part of our success!



College Night Recap

CVCC hosted the 29th annual College Night on Thursday, 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 who attended! 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, Nordonia 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!



Construction Cluster Students Gifted DeWalt Tool Sets

Congratulations to our 26 DeWalt Grow the Trades grant recipients! Students in Building & Property Maintenance, Construction Trades, Electrical Systems, and Heating & Air Conditioning earned a DeWalt 4-piece tool set through the DeWalt Grow the Trades grant by completing over 250 pathway hours during their first two years in their program. Way to go, Construction Cluster students!

DeWalt Grow the Trades Grant Recipients

Building & Property Maintenance:

- Anthony Balazs – Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Michael Leskovec – Twinsburg High School
- Logan Mack – Nordonia High School
- Diego Rios – Twinsburg High School

Construction Trades:

- Jake Gahagan – Twinsburg High School
- Dominic Hammonds – North Royalton High School
- Justin Miller – North Royalton High School
- Orlando Perna – Revere High School

Electrical Systems:

- Carter Aquino – Revere High School
- Samuel DiGeronino – Independence High School
- Maximus Hunter – homeschooled
- Russell Lally – Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Tristen Lupica – North Royalton High School
- Thomas Misso – homeschooled
- Stephen Mlynarczyk – Independence High School
- Joshua Talpa – North Royalton High School

Heating & Air Conditioning:

- Denis Ausflug – North Royalton High School
- Braylon Bishop – Garfield Heights High School
- Isaiah Brooks – Garfield Heights High School
- Jacob Corbett – North Royalton High School
- Ethan Espenschied – Nordonia High School
- Aiden Flynn – Cuyahoga Heights High School
- Cole Gurka – Nordonia High School
- Charles Klamert – Cuyahoga Heights High School
- Anthony Kondach – Cuyahoga Heights High School
- Aiden McBride – North Royalton High School

DeWalt Grow the Trades Grant Recipients



SkillsUSA Students Attend NRCD

On Friday, October 10, our junior SkillsUSA students had an incredible time at the Northeast Regional Chapter Development Conference in Akron. They gained leadership skills, learned how to strengthen our chapter, and connected with other passionate students from across the region.

Congratulations to CVCC's Regional Officer candidates for 2025-2026:

- Amy Tytko – Engineering Technology, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Carter Howard – Construction Trades, Independence High School
- Dontae Wilkerson – Construction Trades, Garfield Heights High School
- Ella McCabe – Power Equipment Technology, Nordonia High School
- Jaida Masson – Digital Design, North Royalton High School
- Jack Henderson – Digital Design, Nordonia High School
- Jackson Neal – Architectural & Mechanical Design, Nordonia High School
- Sabrina Nanne – Digital Design, Nordonia High School
- Zach Mueller – Digital Design, Nordonia High School



CVCC Students Attend Akron-Canton Builds Expo

Students from Construction Trades, Electrical Systems, Heating & Air Conditioning, and Building & Property Maintenance programs had the chance to attend the Akron-Canton Builds Expo at the Summit County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 7. This interactive event provided students with hands-on experiences and the opportunity to engage with trades professionals across nearly every construction pathway. Both students and instructors had the chance to connect with industry experts to explore partnerships, job opportunities, and apprenticeships. We truly appreciate events like this that offer valuable practical learning experiences!

Learn more about the Akron-Canton Builds Expo at: www.akroncantonbuilds.com



Adult Education Success

Congratulations to Hydeia Blackman and Nicole Sanders on earning their Adult Diplomas through CVCC's Adult Diploma Program! Hydeia successfully completed the State Tested Nursing Aide program, while Nicole completed the Phlebotomy program. CVCC wishes you both the best of luck in your future endeavors!



Southwest Emergency Response Team Trains on CVCC's New Outdoor Tower

On October 10, the Southwest Emergency Response Team, made up of fire rescue professionals from 20 local communities, trained on our brand-new 50-foot outdoor tower! Normally used for our Adult Education Telecommunications Tower Technician program (along with our 25-foot indoor tower), we're proud to see these structures also serving as vital training tools for emergency responders. We're excited to welcome more Emergency Response Teams from across Northeast Ohio in the future. CVCC is proud to be a community resource and support the training of those who keep us safe!



BBHS Students Tour Ohio Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program

On Thursday, October 9, students from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, accompanied by CVCC Career Specialist Randi Borosh, toured the Ohio Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program and it was an unforgettable experience. During the visit, students observed the training center in operation, explored various career pathways in the skilled trades, and connected with industry professionals. Opportunities like this provide valuable insight and can open both eyes and doors for students considering their future careers.



Lee Eaton Elementary Sparks Curiosity with Hands-On Career Exploration Week

During the week of September 22nd, Lee Eaton Elementary School hosted an engaging Career Exploration Week, featuring the district's CVCC Career Specialist, Deb Monaco. Sixth-grade students took part in a dynamic series of interactive career stations designed to introduce them to a variety of professional fields. This immersive experience not only ignited student curiosity but also provided valuable insights, helping sixth graders explore a wide range of career possibilities in an enjoyable, hands-on way.

Students rotated through different activity stations, each highlighting a distinct career cluster, offering a fun and immersive way to explore potential futures. Highlights included:

- Health Sciences: Students assembled human body models, examined X-rays, and learned proper dental care techniques, including cleaning and flossing.
- Electrical Engineering: Hands-on circuit-building with snap circuit kits.
- Culinary Arts: Practicing table etiquette, setting elegant tables, and mastering napkin folding.
- Exercise Science: Engaging in physical challenges like agility ladders and stretch band exercises to understand movement and fitness.
- Cosmetology: Learning hair care techniques on mannequin heads, including combing and curling.
- Digital Design: Exploring how digital images are created by assembling pixels into artwork and graphics.
- Logistics and Transportation: Developing spatial awareness and strategic thinking by maneuvering model cars in a miniature parking garage.



Twinsburg Students Explore Postsecondary Opportunities at CVCC College Fair

On Thursday, October 2, students and families from Twinsburg took part in the annual College Fair hosted by Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). The event featured representatives from over 75 colleges and universities, including institutions from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, offering students a valuable chance to explore a wide range of academic and career pathways. In addition to connecting directly with college admissions professionals, attendees benefited from a financial aid presentation conducted by Kent State University. The session provided important insights into the financial planning process for higher education, helping families make more informed decisions. Twinsburg High School's Ms. Lewis from the Counseling Team and Ms. Cluse from Career Readiness were present to guide students, collect materials for those unable to attend, and build relationships to support future events. The evening proved to be both educational and motivating, empowering students to take meaningful steps toward their postsecondary goals.



Twinsburg Students Discover Skilled Trades at Akron-Canton Builds Expo

On Tuesday, October 7, more than 30 students from Twinsburg High School's Connections classes attended the Akron-Canton Builds Expo—a regional event aimed at introducing students to the wide array of career opportunities in the skilled trades. The expo featured a variety of interactive, hands-on activities that allowed students to explore different trades firsthand. From laying bricks and learning masonry basics to welding and crafting their own business card holders, students were able to try out high-demand, high-skill careers in a fun and engaging environment. They also had the chance to explore areas such as construction management and connect directly with industry professionals.

Chaperones Mr. Stroud, Mr. Herston, Mr. Popovich, and Ms. Cluse supported students throughout the day, encouraging exploration and engagement with the trades. One student reflected, "I've always been more interested in the arts — I'm so surprised at all of the opportunities, even for me!" Their reaction captured the day's spirit: discovering that there's room for everyone in the skilled trades, regardless of background or interests.

CVCC Career Specialist Ms. Cluse also took the opportunity to connect with several employers, including Terry Payne of Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group. She invited industry partners to participate in the upcoming Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) Career Fair, scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 2:00–5:00 PM. This event will offer another valuable opportunity for students and the community to engage with potential employers. The field trip gave students a meaningful, hands-on learning experience while opening their eyes to the rewarding and essential careers that help build and sustain our communities.



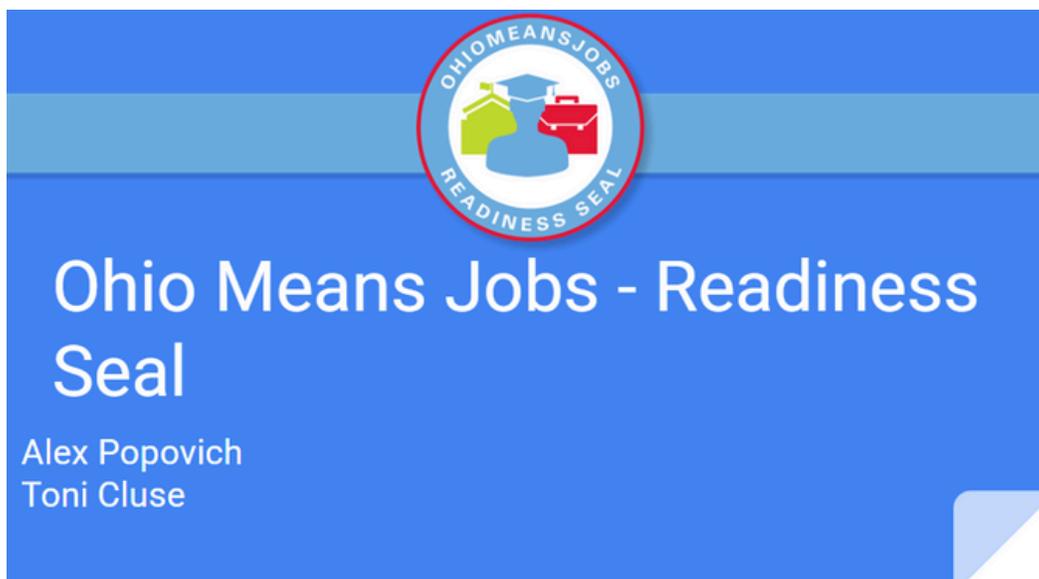
Twinsburg Connections Class Completes OhioMeansJobs Readiness Skills Curriculum

Last week, Twinsburg High School's Connections class, led by Mr. Popovich and Ms. Cluse, completed its focus on the 14 professional skills associated with the OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) Readiness Seal. This milestone comes just in time as students begin their work-based learning experiences, including job shadowing and internships.

Throughout the quarter, students engaged in interactive lessons and heard from a diverse lineup of guest speakers representing a variety of industries. The OMJ framework emphasizes key skills needed for career success, including reliability, work ethic, punctuality, discipline, teamwork, professionalism, learning agility, critical thinking, leadership, creativity, innovation, communication, digital literacy, and intercultural fluency.

The OMJ presentation marked a meaningful conclusion to the quarter's exploration of workplace readiness and professional growth. While students will now spend more time in the field and less in the classroom, the program has been enhanced this year to include monthly guest speakers—based on positive feedback from last year's students—ensuring continued access to career insights and mentorship.

Enrollment in the Connections program has doubled since last year, highlighting a growing demand for hands-on learning and career exploration. The class blends academic content with real-world experiences tailored to individual student interests. By developing essential soft skills, Connections students are preparing to succeed both in school and in an evolving, competitive workforce.



North Royalton Students Explore High-Tech Manufacturing at Atlantic Tool & Die

A group of students from North Royalton recently had a rare and exciting opportunity to tour Atlantic Tool & Die Co. (ATD), a global leader in precision stamping, tooling, welding, and assembly. The visit gave students a firsthand look at the company's storied history, state-of-the-art technology, and the vital role of skilled trades in today's advanced manufacturing landscape. During the visit, students explored the production floor, engaged with engineers and technicians, and gained insight into career pathways in manufacturing and engineering. They were especially impressed by the high degree of automation and the incredible precision that drives ATD's operations. For those interested in careers in engineering, technology, or the skilled trades, the experience at Atlantic Tool & Die offered an inspiring glimpse into what's achievable through innovation, expertise, and hard work.



NRMS Students Kick Off Career Exploration with SchoolLinks

This fall, North Royalton Middle School students began using SchoolLinks, an interactive college and career readiness platform that supports students in exploring their interests and planning for the future. The launch is part of a district-wide initiative focused on helping young learners recognize their strengths, explore potential career paths, and start thinking about their long-term goals early on. "For many of our students, this is the first time they're engaging in structured conversations about future careers," said Jill Larson, North Royalton's CVCC Career Specialist. "It's an exciting opportunity for them to start connecting their interests with real-world possibilities." Through the platform, students can explore various industries, review career outlooks, and even start mapping out academic plans that align with their future goals. "I didn't know there were so many kinds of engineers," one 7th-grade student shared. "I thought engineering was just one job, but now I'm really interested in learning more about aerospace engineering." By introducing career exploration at the middle school level, North Royalton is equipping students with tools and knowledge that will support informed decision-making throughout high school and beyond. The district's goal is to inspire students early, foster motivation, and help them build a strong foundation for future success.

Cuyahoga Heights Students Transform Ideas into Innovation

Cuyahoga Heights High School students recently took part in the Veale Foundation’s Annual Thinkfest at John Carroll University, an event coordinated by CVCC Career Specialist Julie Regula. The workshop, led by Dr. Jeffrey Stamp—a professor at the University of Minnesota and a seasoned product innovator—encouraged students to think outside the box, collaborate with others, and approach problems with an entrepreneurial mindset. Throughout the day, students teamed up with peers from various schools to develop innovative product ideas using artificial intelligence. They then pitched their concepts in a marketplace-style setting. Cuyahoga Heights students Zander Meriwether and Addison Deka were on the winning team that created “Dry N Go,” a portable device designed to quickly dry damp sports gear and swimwear. Each member of the team received a \$25 Amazon gift card. Beyond the prizes, all students walked away with hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of the power of creativity and innovation.

Learn more about the Thinkfest Ideation Workshop here:

<https://www.vealeentrepreneurs.org/thinkfest-ideation-workshop/>



CHHS Students Explore Future Pathways at E4Me Event

Cuyahoga Heights High School sophomores recently took part in the annual E4Me event, hosted by the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in Independence. The program expanded on the students' classroom work in career planning with Mrs. Regula, the district's CVCC Career Specialist. Throughout the day, students explored four major postsecondary pathways—Enrollment, Enlistment, Employment, and Entrepreneurship—gaining valuable insights to guide their future goals and decision-making. As a member of the E4Me planning committee, Mrs. Regula coordinated a lineup of guest presenters who brought each of the “Four Es” to life. Among them were CVCC Construction Trades students Dontae Wilkerson (Garfield Heights High School) and Carter Howard (Independence High School); CVCC Business Liaison Diane Duryea, joined by current Adult Education Cosmetology student MJ Wilson; and Sandra Leech, a CVCC alumna and staff member (Data & Accountability) who, alongside her husband, runs Big Daddy's honey, a successful honey business. These guests offered students an inspiring look at the wide range of opportunities awaiting them after high school.



October: A Month of Career Exploration at Revere High School

October has been an exciting and eventful month for career exploration and immersion at Revere High School! On October 7, a group of sophomores and juniors attended the Akron-Canton Builds Skilled Trades Fair at the Summit County Fairgrounds. This hands-on event brought together numerous schools from across Northeast Ohio with the goal of not only educating students about opportunities in the skilled trades, but also engaging them through interactive experiences. Participants had the chance to operate heavy machinery, lay bricks and cement, assemble circuit boards, and much more. Students explored more than 15 different trades during the event and were accompanied by CVCC Career Specialist for Revere, Nancy Vondrak, and Head Custodian, Phil Tacke, whose enthusiasm and expertise continue to inspire students to consider careers in the trades.

Later in the month, Revere hosted its annual Futures Day on October 15. Freshmen and sophomores had the opportunity to meet and engage with guest panelists representing a wide range of career fields including journalism, forensics, the trades, medicine, business, and more. A new component was added this year for juniors, focusing on post-secondary pathways. This program featured representatives from four-year public and private colleges, apprenticeship programs in the trades, two-year schools, and adult education programs at CVCC. Parents of juniors were also invited to attend. One junior summed up the day best, saying, "This was a great opportunity, and I learned a lot!"



Important Dates



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

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, November 1 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - November Craft Show
- Tuesday, November 4 - Staff In-Service
**No school for high school students*
- Friday, November 7 - Advisory Board Meetings
**No afternoon classes for high school students*
- Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day Presentation
- Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Break
**No school/building closed*
- Thursday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m. - CVCC Board of Education Meeting