

# News Flash

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

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## CVCC Hosts Signing Day Celebration

On Monday, May 4, CVCC 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:

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

- Aaden Underwood, Print Production - Full-Time Employment at CCL
- Denis Ausflug, Heating & Air Conditioning - Full-Time Employment at Cleveland Hermetic & Supply
- Jamie Blatnik, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at Curtiss Wright Corporation

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

- Hiedi Stieglmeyer, Cosmetology - Full-Time Employment at Vanity Avenue Salon
- Charles Klamert, Heating & Air Conditioning - Full-Time Employment at Pro Air Solutions

### **Nordonia High School:**

- Lily Sobieski, Dental Assisting - Full-Time Employment at Summit Dental Specialists
- Clint Pendleton, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management - Enlisted in the United States Army
- Dominic Nanne, Power Equipment Technology - Full-Time Employment at Columbus Equipment Company
- Dylan Brandfass, Heating & Air Conditioning - Full-Time Employment at Pro Air Solutions
- Cole Gurka, Heating & Air Conditioning - Full-Time Employment at Building Integrated Services
- Joshua Horwath, Heating & Air Conditioning - Full-Time Employment at PDR Comfort Systems
- Preston Kanar, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at ProQuip, Inc.

## CVCC Hosts 2026 Signing Day Celebration (Continued)

### Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School:

- Kayla McLaughlin, Dental Assisting - Full-Time Employment at Cleveland Endodontics
- Jackson Lambert-Shemo, Power Equipment Technology - Full-Time Employment at Relam
- Anthony Balazs, Building & Property Maintenance - Full-Time Employment at Massi Home Improvements LLC

### Twinsburg High School:

- John Patterson Jr., Fire & EMS Academy - Enlisted in the United States Army
- Ethan Hornyak, Automotive Technology - Full-Time Employment at Autozone
- Cody Lindstrom, Automotive Technology - Full-Time Employment at Lexus of Cleveland
- Sullivan Diederich, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at Mercury Machine Co.

### Revere High School:

- Jackson Day, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at Mercury Machine Co.
- Nathaniel Steiger, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at ProQuip, Inc.
- Steven Luther, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at Anderson International
- Elliot Matheny, Machine Technology - Full-Time Employment at Anderson International

### Homeschooled:

- Thomas Misso, Electrical Systems - Full-Time Employment at Ro-Check Electric, Inc.



## Senior Recognition Ceremony

On Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, CVCC proudly honored the Class of 2026 during our annual Senior Recognition Ceremonies. It was a meaningful celebration filled with reflection, gratitude, and excitement as we recognized the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our seniors. CVCC is so proud of you, Class of 2026! Thank you to everyone who joined us in making this milestone so memorable and special for our students and their families.

### Distinguished Alumni Award:

- Mrs. Amy Salzman Cartwright, Digital Design – Class of 2005
- Mr. Richard Fugo, Jr., Heating & Air Conditioning – Class of 1999

### Spirit of Service Award:

- Dr. Paul T. Tsvitse of The Marilyn and Peter Tsvitse Foundation

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Tsvitse of The Marilyn and Peter Tsvitse Foundation on being selected as the recipient of the 2026 Spirit of Service Award! Through his commitment, leadership, and example, Dr. Tsvitse serves as an outstanding role model for our students and exemplifies the qualities essential for success in the workplace. We are also incredibly grateful to The Marilyn and Peter Tsvitse Foundation for its generous support of CVCC's Adult Education programs. Thank you for making a lasting impact on our students and community!

### Student of the Year:

- Anthony Kondash, Heating & Air Conditioning – Cuyahoga Heights High School

### Employee of the Year:

- Rylee Basel, Auto Body Repair & Refinishing – North Royalton High School





## Outstanding Senior Reception

Congratulations to all of our students recognized at the Outstanding Student Reception on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8. These students were celebrated for their hard work, achievements, and outstanding performance in their programs. We are incredibly proud of all they've accomplished and grateful to everyone who joined us in honoring their success!

A special congratulations to the following students:

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

- Jady Brooks - Fire & EMS Academy
- Melinda Geringer – Health Careers
- Caleb Styskal – Machine Technology
- Eleri (Ash) Watkins – Sports Medicine Exercise Science

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

- Samantha Vallee – Cosmetology
- Anthony Kondash – Heating & Air Conditioning

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

- Aedon Bailey - Architectural & Mechanical Design
- Deborah Sadiq – Health Careers
- Camilya Davis – Media Arts
- Jayden Franklin – Transition to Work

### **Independence High School:**

- Victor Walchanowicz – Construction Trades
- Xavier Shumay - Networking and Cybersecurity

### **Nordonia High School:**

- Savion Phillips – Electrical Systems
- Amber Rose Bremenour – Print Production

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

- Rylee Basel – Auto Body Repair & Refinishing
- Cheyene Hamilton - Hospitality & Food Preparation

### **Revere High School:**

- Sofia Rauschert – Job Training/Print Production
- Sophia Massouh – Transition to Work

## Outstanding Senior Reception (Continued)

### Twinsburg High School:

- Kayleis VanLeer – Automotive Technology
- Jordan Wagner – Building & Property Maintenance
- Emorie Mitchell – Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management
- Simar Laly – Dental Assisting
- Penelope Marsh – Education Professions
- Mia Benitez – Engineering Technology

**Not pictured:** Madison Stutin (Medical Administrative Specialist, Twinsburg High School), Jackson Philips (Programming & Software Development, Twinsburg High School), and Nicole Nisenbaum (Digital Design, Twinsburg High School), who were busy representing CVCC at the BPA National Conference in Nashville — just another example of how amazing our students truly are!



## BPA National Conference

A round of applause to our students who competed at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from May 6-10!

### National Top 10 Finishers:

- Liam Schad (Nordonia High School) – 3rd Place, Computer Network Technology
- Evan Schaus (Twinsburg High School), Denny Rushing (Nordonia High School), and Jackson Philips (Twinsburg High School) – 7th Place nationally as part of the Virtual BPA Software Engineering Team
- Nicole Nisenbaum (Twinsburg High School) – 8th Place, Advanced Desktop Publishing

### National Finalists:

- Jackson Philips (Twinsburg High School) – 13th Place, C# Programming
- Sabrina Nanne (Nordonia High School) – 33rd Place, Fundamental Desktop Publishing
- Santino Taylor (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) – 36th Place, Python Programming
- Madison Stutin (Twinsburg High School) – 37th Place, Medical Coding

We are incredibly proud of these students for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism throughout the competition. Congratulations on representing CVCC with excellence at the national level!



## CVCC Students Shine at SkillsUSA State Competition

On May 5 and 6, CVCC students competed at the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference in Columbus, returning home with an outstanding six gold medals and one bronze medal. We are incredibly proud of all of our competitors for representing CVCC with skill, professionalism, and confidence!

### Gold Medal Winners:

- Peri Wisner – 1st Place, Culinary Arts; Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Madeline Posar – Baking and Pastry Arts; Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management
- Emorie Mitchell – 1st Place, Job Demo A; Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, Twinsburg High School
- Marcelo Gonzalez – 1st Place, Principles of Engineering Technology; Engineering Technology, Homeschooled
- Calayla Holmes – 1st Place, Extemporaneous Speech; Digital Design, Homeschooled
- Cody Lindstrom – 1st Place, Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair; Automotive Technology, Twinsburg High School

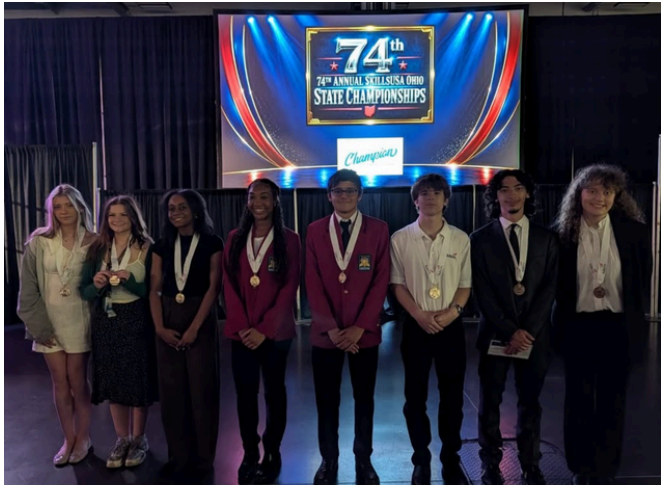
### Bronze Medal Winner:

- Mason Keller & Hailey Cannon – 3rd Place, Video Production
  - Mason: Media Arts, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
  - Hailey: Media Arts, Nordonia High School

### Additional State Competitors (4th Place):

- Kayleis VanLeer – Customer Service; Automotive Technology, Twinsburg High School
- Mia Benitez – Principles of Engineering Technology; Engineering Technology, Twinsburg High School
- Nathan Mandich – Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair; Automotive Technology, Cuyahoga Heights High School
- Caleb Styskal – CNC 2-Axis; Machine Technology, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- Rylee Basel – Appraisal; Auto Body Repair & Refinishing, North Royalton High School

Thank you to all CVCC students who competed at the state level and represented our programs with excellence. We wish the gold medalists the best of luck as they advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, June 1–5 in Atlanta, Georgia.



## Mobile Stroke Unit Hands-On Learning Experience

On April 27, juniors from CVCC's Health Careers, Dental Assisting, and Fire & EMS Academy programs had the opportunity to learn from the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Stroke Team during a hands-on educational visit. Students explored the different types of strokes, signs and symptoms to watch for, and the importance of rapid treatment. They also practiced removing a clot from a simulated vein and learned how the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit (MSTU) brings life-saving care directly to patients. The MSTU is a specialized emergency response vehicle equipped with advanced technology including a CT scanner, laboratory testing equipment, and a two-way videoconferencing system that allows physicians to diagnose and begin treating stroke patients within minutes. Students also learned about the highly skilled team behind the unit, including a critical care transport nurse, paramedic, EMT, CT technologist, and virtual vascular neurologist.

To help recognize the warning signs of a stroke, students learned the importance of remembering BEFAST:

- B – Balance
- E – Eyes
- F – Face
- A – Arms
- S – Speech
- T – Time



Thank you to the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Stroke Team for providing our students with this valuable real-world learning experience!



## Cuyahoga Heights Freshman Explore Apprenticeships

Cuyahoga Heights 9th graders recently explored career pathways in the skilled trades through a hands-on visit to the SMART Local 33 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Training Center in Parma. Organized by Career Specialist Julie Regula in partnership with Hank Strahan of SMART 33 and Dr. Brian Friedt of Cuyahoga Heights, the experience gave students an inside look at apprenticeship opportunities following high school.

Through their Freshman Foundations course, 44 students learned what apprenticeships look like in the sheet metal industry and how they connect classroom learning with paid, on-the-job training. Students explored a variety of career pathways within the construction trades and gained exposure to the skills and technology used in the field today.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, including practicing welding skills using a simulator and forming ductwork on a brake, while also touring the training facility. These interactive experiences helped students better understand how apprenticeships prepare individuals for long-term, in-demand careers.

The trip emphasized the value of early career exploration and helped students see how their interests and skills may translate into future opportunities in the skilled trades. Freshman Foundations teacher Sheila Ogden shared, "I'm sure almost all of them had no idea what to expect, and I heard a lot of 'this is cool,' 'this is fun,' and 'I'm actually good at this.'"

Special thanks to the SMART Local 33 team for their time, expertise, and support in making this experience a success for students.



## Spring Career Exploration Blossoms Across Revere Schools

Career education has been thriving this spring at Revere Local Schools, with engaging activities taking place across multiple grade levels!

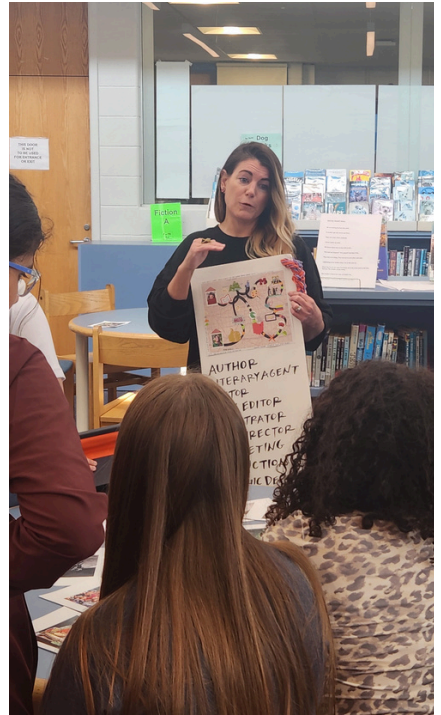
Bath Elementary 4th graders recently connected with firefighters from the Richfield and Bath Fire Departments as part of their Natural Disasters unit. Students participated in hands-on firefighter and EMT-style activities, including practicing basic first aid skills such as wrapping an injury and checking pulse and blood oxygen levels. They also heard from Wildland Firefighter and Revere High School alumnus Phillip Rundo, who shared insights from his career traveling and responding to fires across the country.

Fifth graders participated in Career Interview Day, where more than 40 professionals volunteered their time to be interviewed by small groups of students. Careers represented included health services, skilled trades, business, and engineering, giving students a broad look at future pathways. A special thank you goes out to all community members and parents who helped make this day possible.

At Revere Middle School, 6th and 7th grade students explored potential careers in fields such as veterinary science, business and finance, construction, and cosmetology through hands-on career kits provided by CVCC. Students rotated through stations and completed activities designed to simulate real-world tasks in each field. One student shared, "I think this was a really fun day and it was very interesting," highlighting the impact of interactive learning experiences.

In April, 6th graders also took part in the second annual Careers in the Arts program. Guest presenters included Revere parents Mrs. Allison Rozo, a children's book author; Ms. Natalie Orr-Andrea, choreographer, dance studio owner, and instructor; and photographers Liza Studebaker and Jason Smalcer. CVCC Digital Design student Jeremiah Wiggins also showcased his portfolio and led students in a pixel art activity, offering a peer perspective on creative career pathways.

Additionally, 7th graders explored green careers through a program led by Holden Forests & Gardens, operators of the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and Holden Arboretum. Students learned about careers such as biologist, ecologist, and botanist while working in lab groups to extract DNA and identify plant species. Nancy Vondrak, CVCC Career Specialist for Revere, collaborated with Holden to bring this STEM-focused experience to students, which has become an annual favorite over the past four years.



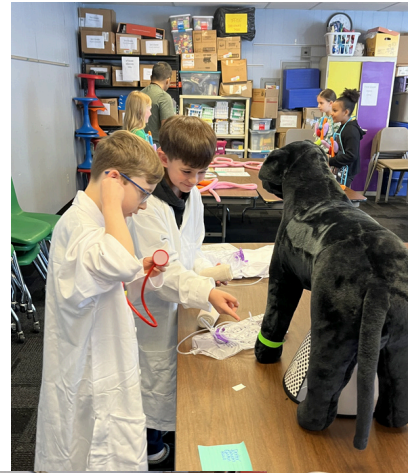
## Career Day Sparks Exploration at Northfield Elementary

Students at Northfield Elementary recently participated in an engaging Career Day coordinated by Deb Monaco, CVCC Career Specialist for Nordononia. Third-grade students rotated through five interactive career stations, exploring a variety of career pathways through hands-on, experiential learning.

The career kits, provided by CVCC, allowed students to step into the roles of real professionals while building skills connected to each field. At the Fire & EMS station, students raced to gear up in firefighter equipment before navigating a maze to rescue a stuffed dog. In the Body Apron activity, they assembled the human body using Velcro organs while learning about the functions of major systems.

Students also took part in a STEM-based exploration using a model frog dissection, identifying key body parts and their functions. At the Park Ranger station, they became wildlife investigators by matching animal footprints to different species and learning about conservation and nature. The Veterinary Medicine station was a favorite, where students wore lab coats, used diagnostic tools, listened with stethoscopes, and treated a stuffed dog using pretend medical supplies.

Throughout the day, students showed excitement and curiosity as they explored careers in healthcare, emergency services, environmental science, and veterinary medicine. Career Day provided a fun and memorable introduction to future career possibilities through hands-on discovery.



## Hands-On Discovery Comes to R.B. Chamberlin Middle School

The Media Center at R.B. Chamberlin Middle School (RBC) was recently transformed into a bustling hub of professional exploration as 7th-grade students dove into a two-day experiential learning program focused on career discovery. The immersive event, facilitated by Toni S. Cluse, CVCC Career Specialist for Twinsburg, featured seven interactive stations designed to give students a tangible look at diverse industry pathways. Students rotated through stations covering Architecture, Sports Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Logistics, Culinary Arts, Health Careers, and Cosmetology. By engaging in "free-play" at four selected stations, students were able to use their imaginations and test-drive skills required in these high-demand fields. This initiative was supported by fellow Career Specialists, Rachael Barbiaux (Independence) and Amanda Jaronowski (CVCC), whose partnership helped ensure the program ran seamlessly. We are also incredibly grateful to RBC Counselor Alecia Henderson, who dedicated time to the program; her student insight was instrumental in keeping the flow of students and activities smooth and productive. From the creativity displayed in the architecture station to the technical precision required in sports medicine, the students were fully engaged, proving that career exploration is not just educational—it's an adventure.



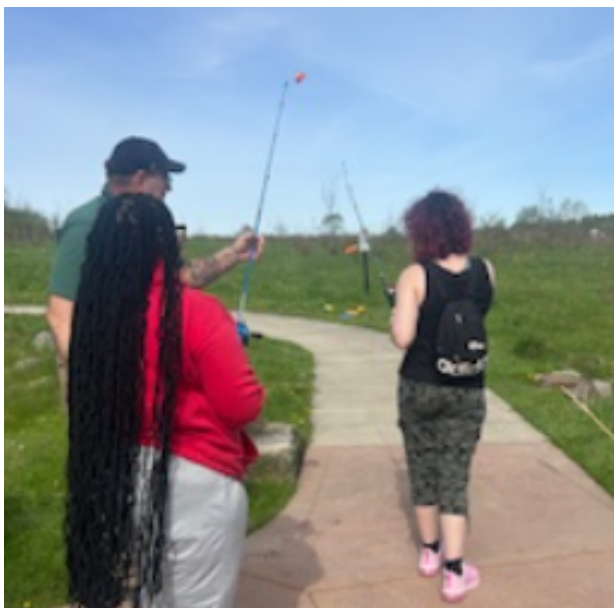
## Hands-On Career Exploration Takes Students to Summit Metro Parks

Twinsburg High School Environmental Science students recently participated in the Summit Metro Parks Career Explorations Program held at Liberty Park Nature Center, where they explored a variety of career pathways in public land management. The immersive experience, facilitated by Career Specialist Toni Cluse alongside chaperones Mrs. Kurt and Mrs. Oh and Board of Education Vice President Beth Egan, gave students a closer look at the diverse roles that support regional park systems.

Throughout the day, students rotated through interactive stations led by park professionals, learning about careers in conservation science and education, planning and engineering, finance, facility maintenance, law enforcement, and marketing. These hands-on rotations highlighted both field-based and administrative roles essential to maintaining and operating public parks.

The program emphasized the wide range of opportunities available within the parks and recreation field, whether students plan to pursue college degrees or enter the skilled trades. To conclude the experience, students enjoyed a guided hike through the park, connecting their learning to the natural environment and infrastructure they had explored earlier in the day.

Special thanks to Summit Metro Parks for providing this free, hands-on learning opportunity, along with lunch and transportation support. The experience helped students connect classroom learning to real-world careers while gaining a deeper appreciation for the work that goes into protecting and managing natural resources.





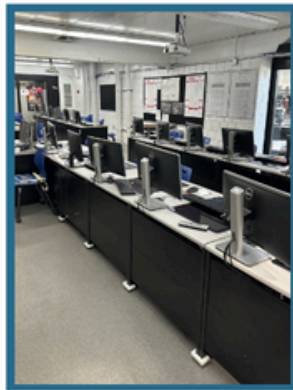
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# CVCC CNC & Machine Technology Teacher Training Workshop

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SUMMER 2026

# BAKING CLASSES



## Cake Decorating (Two-Day Experience)

May 13 - May 14  
June 17 - June 18  
July 22 - July 23

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Cost: \$99.00  
*\*Non-refundable*



## Macarons (One-Day Experience)

May 21  
June 10  
July 02

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Cost: \$59.00  
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## Sourdough Bread (Two-Day Experience)

May 27 - May 28  
June 24 - June 25  
July 08 - July 09

4:00PM - 7:00PM

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# *Important Dates*



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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day – Building Closed
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Last Day for Students
- **Wednesday, June 3:** Staff In-Service/Last Day for High School Instructors
- **Thursday, June 25:** Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.