

# News Flash

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

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## CVCC Students Shine at SkillsUSA NLSC

We are proud to recognize and congratulate the outstanding students who represented CVCC at the 2026 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia. After earning first-place finishes at the state level, these talented individuals advanced to compete against the nation's best, showcasing their technical skills, professionalism, and dedication to career and technical education.

### Team CVCC – 2026 SkillsUSA National Results

#### **4th Place – Marcelo Gonzalez**

*Principles of Engineering Technology*

Engineering Technology | Home School

#### **8th Place – Cody Lindstrom**

*Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair*

Automotive Technology | Twinsburg High School

#### **23rd Place – Peri Wisner**

*Culinary Arts*

Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management | Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

#### **23rd Place – Emorie Mitchell**

*Job Demonstration A*

Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management | Twinsburg High School

Each of these students demonstrated exceptional talent, hard work, and commitment to their craft. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the way they represented both CVCC and the state of Ohio on the national stage. Congratulations, Team CVCC, on an outstanding performance!



## CVCC Students and Staff Excel at 2026 HOSA ILC

Students and staff from CVCC proudly represented Ohio at the 2026 HOSA International Leadership Conference (ILC), held June 16–21 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The annual conference brought together thousands of future healthcare professionals from across the United States and around the world to compete, develop leadership skills, explore healthcare careers, and celebrate excellence in career and technical education.

A highlight of the week was **Maddie Zemko**, a junior in the Dental Assisting program from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, who was elected as an Ohio HOSA State Officer. Throughout the conference, Maddie served alongside fellow state officers, helping lead Ohio's delegation with professionalism, confidence, and dedication. Her achievement reflects both her commitment to leadership and the strength of CVCC's healthcare programs.

### CVCC student achievements included:

- **Topanga (Tevin) Cullison** (Health Careers; Independence High School) — Top 10 International Finalist, Home Health Aide
- **Tania Carter** (Health Careers; Twinsburg High School) — International Competitor, Prepared Speaking
- **Ella Wilson** (Sports Medicine Exercise Science; North Royalton High School) — Qualified as an International Competitor in Sports Medicine
- **Alessandra Gurnak** (Sports Medicine Exercise Science; Twinsburg High School) — Advanced to Round Two, Sports Medicine
- **Ash Watkins** (Sports Medicine Exercise Science; Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) — International Competitor, Human Growth and Development
- **Melinda Geringer** (Health Careers; Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School) — Advanced to Round Two, Nursing Assisting

In addition to student success, **Ms. Lisa Theodore**, Dental Assisting Instructor, was named Outstanding Ohio HOSA Advisor of the Year. This prestigious recognition honors her exceptional commitment to student leadership development, career and technical education, and her ongoing dedication to helping students succeed both in the classroom and through HOSA. Her impact continues to be felt throughout CVCC and Ohio HOSA.

Beyond competition, students participated in leadership sessions, educational workshops, healthcare career exploration activities, and networking opportunities with peers and professionals from around the world.

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## CVCC Students and Staff Excel at 2026 HOSA ILC (Continued)

### Students were accompanied by:

- Mr. Shawn Fahey, Sports Medicine Exercise Science Instructor
- Mr. Mike Zana, Health Careers Instructor
- Ms. Lisa Theodore, Dental Assisting Instructor
- Mrs. Ashlee Ward, Assistant Principal

CVCC is incredibly proud of all students and staff who represented both our school and the State of Ohio at the 2026 HOSA International Leadership Conference. Their accomplishments reflect the dedication, leadership, professionalism, and excellence that define CVCC. Congratulations to all of our competitors, leaders, and advisors on an outstanding year of achievement!



## CTSO Board Recognition

At the May Board Meeting, CVCC had the privilege of recognizing some exceptional individuals — including students who earned top 3 placements at Regional, State, and National competitions, Adult Diploma graduates, our newest staff members, and retiring team members who have given so much to CVCC. Congratulations to all!

*\*High school students are pictured with the CVCC Board Member(s) representing their home school district.*



## Dental Assisting Students Visit Papandreas Orthodontics

Last month, CVCC junior Dental Assisting students (high school) visited Dr. Papandreas' Orthodontic Office (<https://drpapandreas.com>) for an educational, hands-on learning experience. During the visit, students heard from Betsy Klos, Office Manager and CVCC Adult Education Dental Assisting Program Instructor, about the wide variety of patients treated each day, the evolution of dental technology over the years, and current advancements such as 3D printers and digital scanners used for patient impressions.

Dr. Papandreas also shared valuable advice on the importance of building meaningful relationships with patients—not only as dental professionals, but as compassionate individuals. Students enjoyed watching classmate London Kent of Nordon High School demonstrate the skills she has developed while working in the office, including the use of a digital scanner.

The Dental Assisting program extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Papandreas and Mrs. Klos for their generosity, guidance, and support in providing students with this valuable opportunity to learn more about the dental industry.

Learn about CVCC's Dental Assisting program(s) here:

**High School:**

<https://cvccworks.edu/high-school/high-school-programs/dental-assisting/>

**Adult Education:**

<https://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-programs/dental-assisting/>



## CVCC Wraps Up the School Year

On Tuesday, June 2, CVCC celebrated the final day of school for our high school juniors with our cherished annual picnic. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and a strong sense of community as students and staff came together to wrap up another successful school year. We wish everyone in the CVCC community a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. Thank you to our students and staff for making the 2025–2026 school year such a memorable one—we're excited for all that the year ahead will bring!

## Staff Member of the Year

A very special congratulations to Julie Jakubczak, Social Studies Instructor, on being named CVCC's 2025–2026 Staff Member of the Year! In addition to her role in the classroom, Julie serves as CVCC's SkillsUSA Coordinator and continually goes above and beyond for our students, colleagues, and the entire school community. From leading SkillsUSA to organizing the annual CVCC Craft Show and countless other initiatives, her dedication, leadership, and commitment make a lasting impact on our organization. Congratulations, Julie, on this well-deserved recognition!

## Celebrating our Retirees

As we close out another school year, we're also celebrating an incredible group of retirees whose dedication has helped shape CVCC for years to come.

- Josephine Everhart, Education Professions
- Melissa Munro, Digital Design
- Patty Valukievic, Health Careers
- Tim Moore, Networking & Cybersecurity
- Carol Williams, Treasurer's Assistant/Accounts Receivable

Thank you for the knowledge, care, leadership, and support you've shared with countless students and colleagues throughout your careers. Your impact will be felt for years to come. Wishing all of our 2026 retirees the very best in this next chapter!



## Practical Nursing Candlelighting Ceremony

On Thursday, June 4, CVCC held a Candlelighting Ceremony to honor the Adult Education Practical Nursing Part-Time Class of 2027. This meaningful tradition celebrates the completion of the Basic Nursing Program and marks the halfway point of the students' journey toward becoming licensed practical nurses. Inspired by Florence Nightingale—the founder of modern nursing and the originator of this tradition—the ceremony brought together students, families, and friends for an evening of recognition and reflection. A special thank you to the entire nursing faculty and staff for their dedication and support. It was a memorable and inspiring evening!

## Practical Nursing Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday, June 11, CVCC proudly celebrated the graduation of the Adult Education Practical Nursing Class of 2026. After successfully completing the Practical Nursing Program, graduates are eligible to sit for the State of Ohio Board of Nursing NCLEX Licensure Exam. The ceremony was a joyful occasion attended by students, faculty, family, and friends—all gathered to honor this significant milestone. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported these students throughout their journey. Your encouragement played a vital role in their success. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

**Thinking about a future in nursing? Learn more about our program here:**

<https://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-programs/nursing/>



## Hear from CVCC on the OTC Podcast

In case you missed it, CVCC's Adult Education Director, Terri Lynn Brosseau, was featured on the Ohio Technical Center (OTC) Podcast Series earlier this spring! In Season 2, Episode 4, Terri Lynn joins host Rachael Mann to discuss how Adult Education at CVCC is helping learners gain in-demand skills, explore new career pathways, and connect with opportunities in fields like tower technician training, multi-craft maintenance, and nursing. The episode also highlights inspiring student success stories and the impact career technical education has on strengthening Ohio's workforce and communities.

### Take a listen and learn more about the life-changing opportunities available through Adult Education at CVCC:

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The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a dark background. In the top left, the OTC logo is displayed with the text "Ohio Technical Centers" and the tagline "your fast track to success". Below this, the title "THE OTC PODCAST SERIES" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the title, "Season 2, Episode 4" is written in a smaller, red font, followed by "Diverse Opportunities at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" in a larger, bold, red font. To the right of this text is a circular portrait of Terri Lynn Brosseau, a woman with blonde hair, smiling. Below the portrait, the text "Tune in to hear from Terri Lynn Brosseau on how CVCC is transforming adult education through flexible training, industry partnerships, and real-world workforce pathways." is written in white. At the bottom left, there is a red button with the text "Listen Here" in white. At the bottom right, there is a small globe icon, the text "Learn More About OTCs", and the website "www.ohtechcenters.com" in white.

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## Revere Students Explore Careers Through Hands-On Experiences and Internships

As the 2025–2026 school year came to a close, students across Revere Local Schools participated in a variety of annual career education experiences designed to inspire exploration and real-world learning. On May 15, first-grade students at Richfield Elementary School took part in the newly reimagined Careers on Wheels Day. Formerly known as Vehicle Day, the event was renamed to better highlight the professionals who use specialized vehicles in their daily work. Students explored 12 different careers, including electrical lineman, farmer, firefighter, excavator operator, arborist, and police officer. Among the most popular attractions were the Humane Society of Summit County's Mobile Adoption Center, the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Bookmobile, and Metro Summit's electric bus. As students rotated through each station, they enthusiastically learned about the many career opportunities represented.

At Revere High School, the majority of seniors completed a 20-hour Senior Internship during the final two weeks of the school year. Students gained valuable workplace experience with organizations including Cleveland Clinic, NASA, Great Lakes Science Center, Crystal Clinic, Leaf Home, Plumbing Tech, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and many others. Before graduating in late May, seniors shared presentations with Revere staff reflecting on the knowledge and skills they gained through their internship experiences.

Looking ahead to summer, many underclassmen also took steps toward exploring future careers by arranging job shadowing experiences and participating in career camps with the support of Revere Career Specialist Nancy Vondrak. She encourages students to use the summer months as an opportunity to discover potential career paths and gain meaningful hands-on experience.



## North Royalton Elementary Inspires Future Success During Career Week

North Royalton Elementary School wrapped up the 2025–2026 school year with an exciting and engaging Career Week, providing students with meaningful opportunities to explore the world of work and begin thinking about their future career paths. Coordinated by Career Specialist Jill Larson, Career Week was made possible through the support of dedicated educators, school counselors, parents, guardians, and community volunteers. The week's activities were designed to help students recognize the connection between the effort they invest in their education today and the opportunities available to them in the future. Throughout the week, third-grade students participated in career exploration activities and discussions led by school counselors, while daily career readiness announcements encouraged all students to think about future possibilities. Parent and guardian volunteers also visited classrooms to share insights into their professions, educational journeys, and workplace experiences. One of the week's highlights was Career Vehicle Day, where students explored a variety of vehicles and learned about the careers connected to them. Students also enjoyed dressing up as their favorite careers, bringing their future aspirations to life in a fun and creative way. Career Week provided valuable exposure to a wide range of occupations while helping students develop a greater understanding of the skills, education, and work habits needed for future success. It was an inspiring and memorable way to conclude the school year.



## Twinsburg Students Showcase Career Growth Through Capstone Presentations

Career exploration and professional readiness took center stage as approximately 80 students in the Twinsburg Connections program completed their Capstone Presentations over two days, highlighting a year of growth, reflection, and real-world learning. The year-long Connections curriculum places a strong emphasis on professional development and aligns closely with the core competencies required for the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal. Throughout the school year, students developed essential workplace skills before applying them during career shadowing experiences in their fields of interest.

During their presentations, students reflected on what they learned through these experiences and evaluated whether their chosen career paths aligned with their interests and goals. While many confirmed they had found a career that was the right fit, others discovered that their original choice was not the path they wanted to pursue. Within career-technical education, this type of realization is considered a valuable outcome, allowing students to refine their plans before entering college or the workforce. Students also discussed the professional skills they strengthened throughout the process, including communication, accountability, and workplace readiness. Curriculum Supervisor Alex Popovich and Career Specialist Toni Cluse evaluated the presentations and assessed students' connections to the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal competencies. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 Connections students for delivering polished, thoughtful presentations and demonstrating the lasting impact of early career exploration and experiential learning.



## Twinsburg Eighth Graders Explore Career Pathways at Summit Metro Parks

A select group of Twinsburg eighth-grade students participated in a specialized Middle School Career Fair at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, gaining firsthand exposure to a variety of career opportunities within park operations and management. Led by Dean of Students Dominique Sanders, Career Explorations Teacher Kathleen Yates, and Career Specialist Toni Cluse, the field trip recognized students who have gone above and beyond in their career development efforts throughout the school year. These motivated students actively completed career readiness benchmarks and independently explored career cluster activities beyond the standard Career Explorations curriculum.

During the event, students rotated through interactive industry stations that highlighted the many roles involved in operating and maintaining Summit Metro Parks. Featured areas included Education & Conservation, Facility & Grounds Maintenance, Finance, Marketing, and Law Enforcement, giving students insight into careers ranging from natural resource management and skilled trades to business operations, public relations, and public safety. The immersive experience was made possible through a strong community partnership. Summit Metro Parks generously provided lunch for attendees, while transportation costs were covered by the Friends of Summit Metro Parks. By introducing students to a wide range of career pathways at an early age, experiences like this help inspire future educational and workforce goals while reinforcing the value of career exploration and hands-on learning.





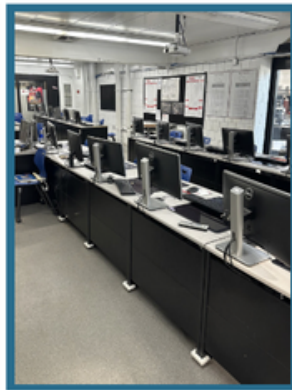
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SUMMER 2026

# BAKING CLASSES



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June 17 - June 18  
July 22 - July 23

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Cost: \$99.00  
\*Non-refundable



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# *Important Dates*



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## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Friday, July 3:** Independence Day (Observed) - Building Closed
- **Monday, August 17 & Tuesday, August 18:** CVCC Staff In-Service (No Students)
- **Wednesday, August 19:** First Day of School for High School Students
- **Thursday, August 27:** CVCC Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.