# GRANT CAREER CENTER
# Community Connector

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50 YEARS and counting

**Empowering futures for 50 years - celebrating a legacy of career excellence!**

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

**50th Anniversary Celebration & Community Appreciation Dinner**

Thursday, April 16
5:00-7:00 p. m.



*More details on page 5*

**Future-Focused**

## Grant Career Center Opens New Facility for Metal Fabrication and Manufacturing Programs

Grant Career Center is proud to announce the completion of its brand-new 15,000-square-foot building, a state-of-the-art facility designed to elevate its Metal Fabrication and Manufacturing programs to new heights. This significant expansion, which was primarily funded by an $8.5 million CTE Facilities Expansion Grant, reflects Grant's continued commitment to providing students with industry-aligned training, hands-on experience, and career-ready skills.

The new building offers substantial additional workspace, enhanced safety features, and room for industry-standard equipment that mirrors modern manufacturing environments. With higher ceilings, 36 welding bays, expanded fabrication floors, and upgraded power and ventilation systems, students will now have access to facilities that match the expectations of the region's top employers.



Metal Fabrication instructor Matt Crump expressed his excitement about the opportunities the new space will bring.

“This facility is a game-changer for our students,” Crump shared. “We now have the room and the resources to run equipment that simply wouldn’t fit in our old shop. Students will be training on the same types of machines and technology they’ll use in the field, and that puts them at a tremendous advantage as they enter the workforce.”



*Dedicated classroom space allows for flexible learning environments.*

He also emphasized that the new building will help the program grow.

“We’ve seen increasing interest in manufacturing careers, and this expansion allows us to welcome more students while maintaining a high-quality, hands-on learning environment,” Crump added.

Students have already expressed enthusiasm about the new facility.

“It feels like stepping onto a real manufacturing floor,” said second-year student Nate Walters. “The new equipment, organized layout, and open space make it easier to work efficiently, stay safe, and learn new skills.”

Fellow student Isaac Beckley echoed that sentiment, emphasizing both the size and functionality of the new building.

“I wasn’t expecting the size compared to what we had before,” Beckley said. “We have better equipment, more room to accomplish projects at the same time, and a more professional workspace. It really feels like a real shop floor.”

The building will support training in welding, machining, CNC technology, metal fabrication, blueprint reading, and advanced manufacturing processes—skills that remain in high demand across Ohio and the nation.

As Grant Career Center looks to the future, this investment stands as a powerful affirmation of its mission: preparing students for meaningful, well-paying careers in thriving industries.



*The building includes 36 new welding booths along with six downdraft tables.*

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Community

# Grant Career Center Programs Give Back to the Community

Grant Career Center students and staff continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to service through a variety of community-focused events. On Saturday, December 13, the Early Childhood Education program hosted a Community Closet event, providing clothing and essential items to families in need. The event reflected the program's dedication to supporting children and families both inside and outside the classroom.



*Isabella Pollitt organizes clothing during the Community Closet event.*



*Rylee Harris and Leah Vanwinkle volunteer their time helping families in need.*

Community outreach continued on January 23, when the Veterinary Science program hosted a low-cost pet vaccine clinic. Community members were able to have their pets vaccinated at cost, while students gained valuable hands-on experience in a real-world setting.

In addition to program-led initiatives, Grant Career Center's Student Council organized several impactful service projects. A school-wide food drive collected nearly 2,000 canned food items, with the Veterinary Science program donating the most items. These efforts helped provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for 34 families, along with donations that supplied Christmas gifts for families in need. As a thank-you for their generosity, The Gallery provided a reward meal for participating students. All Student Council members played a role in making these initiatives successful, highlighting the collective spirit of service at Grant Career Center.



*Students vaccinate a cat under the guidance of a veterinarian.*

**Future-Focused**

# Career Exploration Comes Alive for 6th and 10th Graders at Grant Career Center

Grant Career Center recently welcomed students to campus through two hands-on events designed to spark interest in career-technical education and expose learners to future career pathways.

In November, Grant Career Center hosted a series of Sophomore Visit Days on Thursday, November 20, 2025, and Friday, November 21, 2025. During these visits, prospective students explored three different career-technical labs, allowing them to experience the hands-on learning environments firsthand. Students interacted with instructors, observed equipment in use, and learned more about the wide range of career opportunities available through Grant's programs.



*Landen Osborn works with a sixth-grade student in the Construction Technology Lab during Girls with Goggles.*

In December, Grant Career Center welcomed sixth-grade students for Girls with Goggles on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, and Guys and Gears on Thursday, December 18, 2025. During these events, students participated in a variety of interactive activities designed to introduce them to different career-technical programs. The experiences encouraged curiosity, exploration, and early awareness of career options in a fun and engaging setting.



Together, these events highlight Grant Career Center's commitment to early career exploration and prepare students for future success through hands-on, real-world learning opportunities.

*Automotive Technology students John Hopper and Bronson Fehn give a sophomore student a look into their lab.*

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## Future-Focused

# Board of Education Recognition

We are grateful for the dedicated leadership of the Grant Career Center Board of Education: President Tim DuFau (New Richmond), Vice President Tiffiany Riddle (Bethel-Tate), Andy Ninichuck (Felicity-Franklin), Jeff Cummins (Williamsburg), and Sam Cribbet (Williamsburg).




*Grant Career Center Board members Andy Ninichuck, Tim DuFau, Jeff Cummins, Sam Cribbet, and Tiffiany Riddle*

Their governance-level leadership, steadfast support, and deep commitment to their communities ensure that Grant Career Center continues to serve students with purpose and excellence. We applaud their service and thank them for championing opportunities that positively impact our students' futures.

## Community

# Celebrating 50 Years

Grant Career Center is excited to invite the community to a very special milestone event—its 50th Anniversary Celebration, taking place on Thursday, April 16. This commemorative evening will honor the school's rich history, the people who built its legacy, and the community that has supported it for five decades.

For past employees and former board members, the festivities begin with a social gathering from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This hour provides an opportunity for colleagues and friends to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the school's lasting impact.

Following the reunion hour, Grant Career Center will host a Community Appreciation Dinner from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Open to all, the dinner is a gesture of gratitude to the students, families, partners, and neighbors who have contributed to the school's growth and success over the years.

Guests are invited to explore the school throughout the evening. The building will be open for self-guided walk-throughs, allowing visitors to see today's programs in action while reflecting on how far the Center has come. Photo galleries and historical displays will showcase memorable moments, achievements, and the evolution of Grant's mission over the past 50 years.

**Students First**

## Featured Program: Allied Health

Grant Career Center's Allied Health program is excited to showcase its newly renovated Allied Health Science Lab, giving students an updated, industry-driven space to learn and practice essential healthcare skills. The lab now features modern patient-care stations, updated medical equipment, and more room for students to practice—making the experience more realistic and engaging.



*First-year Allied Health student Bronson Mallott takes vitals for Serenity Smith as Jennifer Butler charts the information in the renovated lab space.*

Students gain real-world experience through clinical simulations using a high-fidelity manikin and equipment they will encounter in healthcare settings, including a favorite tool—the bladder scanner. "Grant Career Center provides hands-on experiences and allows students to practice skills in authentic ways," shared student Madelyn Milliner.

Led by instructors Amy Moe and Richelle Baker, the program also offers valuable opportunities such as clinical placements, job shadows, college visits, and even viewing livestreamed surgeries moderated by a surgeon. Student Adrianna Talbott added, "I appreciate the teachers at Grant; they are always looking to help and support students." These experiences help prepare students for successful futures in healthcare while strengthening connections within the community.

**Students First**

## Grant Hosts HOSA Regional Competition

Grant Career Center hosted the HOSA Regional Competition on January 30th, welcoming more than 450 students from 11 area schools. HOSA—Future Health Professionals—is a career-technical student organization focused on preparing students for health science careers through competitive events and leadership development.

hosa future health professionals

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Students competed in a wide range of events that tested their medical knowledge, technical skills, and professionalism. Grant Career Center was well represented, with 103 students participating in the competition. Of those, 41 students earned the opportunity to advance to the HOSA State Competition, which will be held April 15–17 in Toledo, Ohio. Hosting this regional event and the success of Grant Career Center students highlights the strength of the participating programs and their commitment to developing future healthcare professionals.

**Greatness**

## Alumni Spotlight: Ryan Terrell

Ryan Terrell's journey is a testament to curiosity, resilience, and hard work. A graduate of the Engineering Design program at Grant Career Center, Ryan chose the program for its hands-on approach and broad exposure to engineering disciplines. That early experience helped him explore design principles, think critically, and confidently chart his future.

After graduating from Grant and Williamsburg High School in 2020, Ryan enrolled at the University of Dayton, earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering with an Industrial Engineering minor. He graduated in 2024 with a job already secured as a Mechanical Design Engineer, where he led R&D design work on components supplied to major automotive manufacturers.

Today, Ryan serves as a Manufacturing Engineer and Testing Specialist at GE Aerospace's Peebles Test Operation. He credits Grant instructors with shaping his methodical problem-solving mindset and adaptability—skills he relies on daily in a fast-paced, highly technical environment.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Ryan is especially proud of independently building his career, paying off student loans, and investing in land with plans for a sustainable livestock operation. His story reflects both technical excellence and a grounded, long-term vision—qualities that continue to define his success.



**Ryan Terrell**
Class of 2020
*Engineering Design*
*Williamsburg High School*

**Grant Alumni:**
**We want to hear your story!**

Scan the QR code and complete the form to tell us about your time at Grant Career Center.

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## Students First

# Application & Enrollment



Bethel-Tate - 66
Felicity-Franklin - 42
New Richmond - 90
Williamsburg - 47
Grant Career Center - 21
Other - 73

For 2026–2027, Grant Career Center has received 349 applications, reflecting strong regional demand. Of those, 316 students have been admitted so far, demonstrating high interest and competitive enrollment. Admissions follow the Board-approved priority structure: current GCC students, associate district applicants, out-of-area public-school students, and homeschooled students. These numbers reflect GCC's growing regional impact and families' confidence in workforce-aligned career pathways.

### Application Hierarchy

**Priority 1:**
Current Grant Career Center students who would like to change programs.

**Priority 2:**
Students applying from one of our four associate districts (Bethel-Tate LSD, Felicity-Franklin LSD, New Richmond EVSD, Williamsburg LSD)

**Priority 3:**
Public-school-enrolled students whose district of residence are outside of our typical enrollment area.*

**Priority 4:**
Homeschooled students

**Note: these students should obtain permission from their district before applying to Grant.*

**Still Accepting Applications!**

## Lunch & Learn

You're invited to our Lunch & Learn session, where you can enjoy a light lunch and learn about the great things that are happening at Grant Career Center. The next date for this event is:

- **Wednesday, March 18**
  *Beginning at 11:30 a. m.*

**Scan the QR code or call 513-734-6222 to RSVP!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NTHS Induction Ceremony**
  March 12, 2026
- **CTE Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
  April 2, 2026
- **Spring Community Appreciation Dinner & 50th Anniversary Celebration**
  April 16, 2026
- **Completion Ceremony**
  May 13, 2026

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**Trust & Openness**

## Grant Earns Auditor of State Award for Financial Reporting

In February, Grant Career Center received the Ohio Auditor of State Award for its clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. This distinction is received by only 13% of governmental entities in Ohio. The District has received this award every year since the award's inception in 2014. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional work of our Treasurer's Office and their commitment to strong financial management and compliance. The Treasurer's Office team includes Treasurer Kelly Sininger and assistants Jackie Schmidt and Lori Wood.




*Jackie Schmidt, Kelly Sininger, and Lori Wood receiving their award for financial reporting.*

**Greatness**

## Grant Presents at National CTE Conference

Grant Career Center recently attended the ACTE CareerTech VISION Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, held December 9–12. This national conference brings together career and technical education leaders from across the country to share best practices, innovative strategies, and emerging trends in CTE.

During the conference, Grant Career Center had the opportunity to present on two important instructional approaches: service learning and mastery-based learning. The presentations highlighted how these strategies are used to engage students, connect learning to real-world experiences, and ensure students demonstrate true mastery of skills essential for career success.



*Ms. Cadwallader, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Parry present on Grant's approach to service learning: The Grant Give Back.*

In addition to presenting, staff members participated in professional learning sessions and networked with educators from other career centers nationwide. These experiences provided valuable insights and ideas that will help strengthen programs and support student success.

**Students First**

## Legislative Seminar Student Showcase

On February 4th, Veterinary Science students Callee Deavers and Jaisie Gessendorf had the opportunity to visit the Ohio State House as part of the 2026 Career Technical Education (CTE) Showcase. The event brought together students from across Ohio to highlight the innovative and impactful learning taking place in career-tech programs statewide.



*Rep. Adam Bird visited Callee and Jaisie at the showcase and provided them with a tour of the House Chamber.*

During the showcase, Callee and Jaisie shared how veterinary science education prepares students with hands-on skills, real-world experience, and a strong foundation for future careers. Legislators were able to see firsthand how CTE programs connect classroom learning with workforce needs and student passions.

Their participation helped demonstrate the value of career technical education and the important role it plays in developing Ohio's next generation of skilled professionals.

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## Learning from Grant: A Model for Career Education

Grant Career Center was proud to welcome approximately 30 Career Technical Education leaders from across Ohio as part of the ACTE Shoemaker Institute Leadership Fellowship. These educators visited our campus to learn how smaller, rural career tech schools deliver high-quality programs that prepare students for success.

While many fellows have toured large, state-of-the-art career centers, they were excited to see how Grant Career Center reflects the reality of many communities across Ohio—focused on strong teaching, meaningful partnerships with local employers, and hands-on learning experiences.

Conversations centered on leadership, innovation, and sustainability in CTE, reinforcing that career education is defined not by building size, but by dedicated educators and strong outcomes for students. We were honored to share our story and showcase the impact of career education in our community.

**Trust & Openness**

## Superintendent's Notes

Grant Career Center continues to experience strong momentum as we advance our mission of preparing students for success beyond high school. We are pleased to share that applications for the 2026–2027 school year have reached a record-setting level, reflecting growing interest from students and families and continued confidence in the quality and relevance of our programs.

Student leadership and engagement remain a hallmark of the GCC experience. Our students are actively participating in Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), including SkillsUSA, FFA, Educators Rising, FCCLA, and HOSA, where they are developing technical skills, leadership capacity, and professionalism. This year, Grant Career Center was proud to host the Southwest Regional HOSA Competition, welcoming students, advisors, and judges from across the region and showcasing our campus as a hub for career-connected learning.

Our staff continues to lead and learn at the national level. GCC educators presented innovative practices, including service-learning and mastery-based learning, at the National ACTE Vision Conference, contributing to national conversations about high-quality career technical education and continuous improvement.

In addition, Grant Career Center recently hosted the Shoemaker Leadership Fellows, welcoming 25 career technical professionals from across the state of Ohio. Fellows spent the day learning about GCC's best practices, leadership approach, and culture of innovation, reinforcing our role as a model for CTE excellence.

These accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of our students, staff, Board, and partners. Together, we are building meaningful opportunities that make a lasting impact on students and the communities we serve.

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# CTSO Competition Results

Grant Career Center offers Career and Technical Student Organizations that build leadership and career skills. Educators Rising, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA give students opportunities to compete, serve their communities, and gain real-world experience. Listed are the some of the accomplishments of students in each CTSO.

**Ag Biotech Competition**
**5th Place**
**(Out of 50 Teams)**
Norah Stark
Layah Combs
Paislee Cherryholmes
Samantha Johns

**Animal Management Team**
Addyson Baker
Paislee Cherryholmes
Layah Combs
Norah Stark

**State Degree Approval**
Serena Padgett

**American Degree Approval**
Lance Cornwell
Courtney Donovan

**State Qualifiers**

Lillian Anter
Chloe Anderson
Annalyn Baker
Bethany Bennett
Patience Brierly
Jaykin Brinson
Jennifer Butler
Alysa Carnahan
Keira Costello
Khloe Dean
Callee Deavers
Jaden Dick
Jace Dockery
Shelby Ebright
Becky Erhart
Autumn Everman
Sterling Fields
Chaya Florence
Carol Foster
Makenna Gray
Olivia Hargett
Jayden Jacobs
Ayla Jodrey
Addison Klotter
Skylor Lacey
Alyssa Landis
Tyler Lanning
Maddy Moore
Heidi Moorhead
Makenna Morris
Allison Mutters
Morgan Ousley
Emily Packard
Kylie Penn
Aleeah Richmond
Zoey Sandker
Shae Sheldon
Paeton Smith
Serenity Smith
Laycie Swaynie
Anna Thompson
Hazel Warren
Natalie Williamson
Gracie Wright
Taylor York

**State Qualifiers**

Candace Baily
Rylin Collins
Kaylin Dincler
Jayden Donathan
Brody Duncan
Levi Eling
Camrin Hall
MyKenah Lawson
Jordayn Marois
Charlotte Moell
Owen Murray
Emilia Oakes
Jayden Sayre
Brody Sons
Leah Vanwinkle
Jaxon Vining
Nathan Walker

**State Competitors**

Emersyn Carter
Aiden Cartwright
Grace Catron
Elizabeth Henderson
Pyper Huebner
Kate Isbell
Megan Maley
Bella Pollitt
Kenzie Shoemake
Brooklynn Thall

**Regional Competeitors**

Ria Burns
Clayton Hency
Jaimie Hudson
Lillian Knapp
Georgia Stark

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