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Upcoming Job Fair at CVCC

CVCC is hosting a public Job Fair on Thursday, March 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CVCC invites job seekers aged 14 and older to attend and explore a variety of employment opportunities. This free event will be held at CVCC, and no registration is required. Local businesses and non-profit organizations will be on site, offering interviews for full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally, bring multiple copies of their resume, and be ready to complete applications and interview with potential employers. For more information, contact Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal, at JHayes@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8260. We can't wait to see you there!

Student Parent Information Night Recap

On January 15, CVCC hosted its annual Student Parent Information Night for all students and their parents/guardians to explore the many high school programs offered. What an excellent turnout as more than 1,000 people attended. CVCC thanks all the staff members involved in making this event possible, as well as all those who came out to see the great opportunities CVCC has to offer!

Bring Your Parent to School Day

On February 3, CVCC was thrilled to welcome families for Bring Your Parent to School Day in celebration of Career & Technical Education (CTE) Week! Parents got a firsthand look at the hands-on learning, industry-standard equipment, and career-focused opportunities that make CTE education so valuable. The morning was all about showcasing the amazing experiences our students participate in every day! A huge thank you to all the families who joined us—we loved having you!

CVCC Team Earns Third at SkillsUSA Regional TeamWorks Competition

On Friday, January 30, two CVCC Construction Trades teams showcased their skills at the SkillsUSA Northeast Regional TeamWorks Competition, held during the Great Big Home and Garden Show at the I-X Center.

Left to right: Anthony Marino, Will Bernatovicz, Anthony Grissman, and Joe Rozak

The competition challenges teams of four to collaborate on building a detailed project, demonstrating expertise in carpentry, roofing, electrical work, plumbing, and masonry. Teams must interpret a complex blueprint, follow special instructions from a pre-competition orientation, and develop a project completion plan to present to the judges. Judging criteria include presentation skills, adherence to building codes, jobsite safety and cleanliness, material organization, tool management, and overall project completion.

Our senior Construction Trades team—Anthony Grissman (Cuyahoga Heights High School), Anthony Marino (TRECA), Will Bernatovicz (Revere High School), and Joe Rozak (Revere High School)—earned third place and will advance to the state competition in Columbus this May. Congratulations gentlemen, and best of luck!

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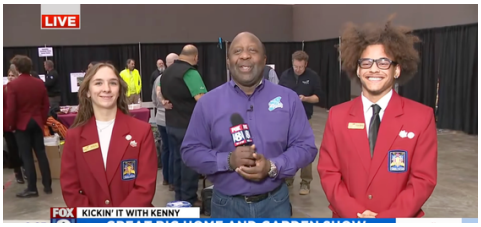
Our SkillsUSA students Ella McCabe (Power Equipment Technology; Nordonia High School) and Dontae Wilkerson (Construction Trades; Garfield Heights High School) were featured in an interview with Kenny Crumpton for Fox 8's Kickin' It with Kenny at the Great Big Home and Garden Show just before the TeamWorks competition kicked off!



Check out their feature here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04YbAw8HkJw

For more information on SkillsUSA visit:
https://www.skillsusa.org

BPA Regionals

On January 21, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) hosted the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Competition. As a result of strong performances, 32 CVCC students have qualified to advance to the BPA State Competition, which was held February 23–24 in Columbus.

Advancing to BPA State Competition

Digital Design (7 students)

Juniors
- Zachary Mueller, Nordonia High School — Fundamental Desktop Publishing, 3rd place
- Alexandra Polcar, Independence High School — Advanced Desktop Publishing, 3rd place
- Sabrina Nanne, Nordonia High School — Fundamental Desktop Publishing, 4th place

Seniors
- Alyssa Abram, Nordonia High School — Computer Animation Team, 1st place
- Nicole Nisenbaum, Twinsburg High School — Advanced Desktop Publishing
- Cassandra Petras, Brecksville–Broadview Heights High School — Computer Animation Team, 1st place
- Jeremiah Wiggins, Nordonia High School — Computer Animation Team, 1st place

Medical Administrative Specialist (5 students)

Juniors
- Ryan Davis, Nordonia High School — Health Administration Procedures, 1st place
- Haylee Yates, Brecksville–Broadview Heights High School — Health Administration Procedures, 2nd place

Seniors
- Taylor Andrews, Independence High School — Business Law and Ethics, 1st place
- Madison Stutin, Twinsburg High School — Medical Coding, 1st place
- Lizzie Walker, Nordonia High School — Health Insurance and Medical Billing, 4th place

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BPA Regionals

Networking & Cybersecurity (9 students)

Juniors

- Rashpreet Grewal, Twinsburg High School — Computer Modeling, 1st place
- Liam Schad, Nordonia High School — Computer Network Technology, 1st place
- Isaiah Hankerson, Nordonia High School — Linux Operating System Fundamentals, 3rd place

Seniors

- Owen Coss, Twinsburg High School — Network Design Team, 1st place
- Paul Cunningham, Twinsburg High School — Network Administration Using Cisco, 1st place
- Jonah Gambert, Independence High School — Network Design Team, 1st place
- Xavier Shumay, Independence High School — Digital Media Production, 1st place
- Dakota Shump, North Royalton High School — Network Design Team, 1st place
- Christian Artim, Twinsburg High School — Device Configuration and Troubleshooting, 2nd place

Programming & Software Development (11 students)

Juniors

- Santino Taylor, Brecksville–Broadview Heights High School — Python Programming, 2nd place
- Matthew Schuster, Brecksville–Broadview Heights High School — Java Programming, 3rd place

Seniors

- Jacob Gruszewski, Nordonia High School — Web Site Design Team, 1st place
- Jackson Philips, Twinsburg High School — C# Programming, 1st place
- Denny Rushing, Nordonia High School — Web Site Design Team, 1st place
- Evan Schaus, Twinsburg High School — Web Site Design Team, 1st place
- Kelvin Wallace, Revere High School — Database Applications, 1st place
- Mackenzie Horton, Twinsburg High School — Web Site Design Team, 2nd place
- Abigail Smith, Nordonia High School — Fundamentals of Web Design, 2nd place
- Davyd Yendrys, North Royalton High School — Database Applications, 3rd place
- A'Niya Tugard, Garfield Heights High School — SQL Database Fundamentals, 7th place

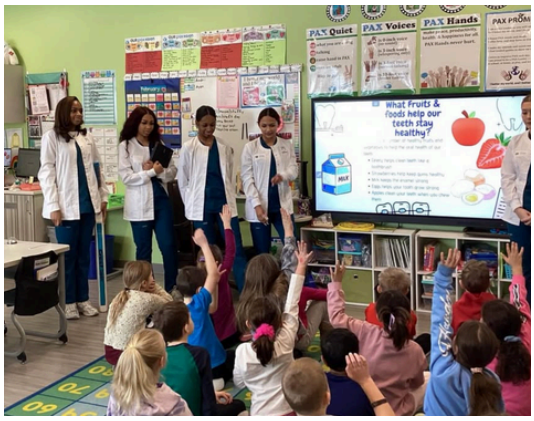
Congratulations to all of CVCC's BPA Regional winners!

CVCC Hosted SkillsUSA CNC Programming Competition

On February 13, CVCC hosted the SkillsUSA CNC Programming Competition, highlighting the impressive talent of students, the strength of community partnerships, and the dedication of its instructors. The competition pushed students to demonstrate both technical precision and stamina as they worked from blueprints, transformed raw materials, operated machinery, and managed the pressure of strict time limits. Not every participant completed the project—but that was part of the challenge.

Twelve students will advance to the SkillsUSA State Conference in Columbus this May, where they will compete for a chance to move on to Nationals. In total, 37 students from 12 school districts across Northeast Ohio participated, showcasing their skills and determination. Congratulations to our outstanding Machine Technology students!

Dental Assisting Students Promote Healthy Smiles



Our Dental Assisting students have been hard at work spreading the magic of dental health to students! As part of their HOSA Community Awareness competition, they led an oral health awareness campaign that reached 115 second-grade students across five classrooms. Through engaging, hands-on presentations, they taught proper brushing techniques, the importance of daily oral hygiene, and how nutrition plays a key role in building strong, healthy teeth. By pairing education with interaction, our students have been helping to encourage lifelong healthy habits within our local school community. Little learners, big impact!

Programming & Software Development Program Host Computer Science Student Panel

CVCC's Programming & Software Development program, led by Jami Little, recently hosted a student panel in partnership with Dr. Stefan Andrei, department chair of the Department of Computer Science and the executive director of the Cleveland State University (CSU) Center for Computing Education and Instruction (CCEI), featuring CSU students and panelists David and Hannah.

High school students interested in computing and higher education had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about:

- Careers and pathways in Computer Science
- CSU's Computer Science program and student experience
- College preparation and decision-making
- Internships, projects, and skill-building opportunities

Panelists shared their experiences and insights to help students explore what a future in computer science could look like. Experiences like these highlight the value of early exposure and mentorship in shaping career paths. CVCC thanks our CSU panelists for helping inspire the next generation of technology leaders!

Professional Designer Visits Digital Design Program

A Graphic Designer from American Greetings visited our Digital Design program this month as part of Career Technical Education Month! Amanda shared examples of greeting cards she's designed and provided thoughtful feedback on students' own card designs created this week. Way to go, Digital Design—and thank you, Amanda, for taking the time to inspire our students!

Adult Education Cosmetology Students Spread Kindness, One Manicure at a Time

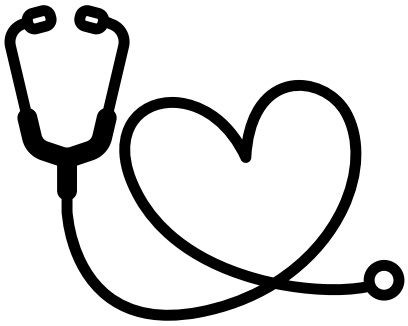
CVCC Adult Education Cosmetology students spent time at Jennings at Brecksville, this month providing gentle manicures to senior residents. These thoughtful services supported relaxation, personal hygiene, and emotional well-being while fostering meaningful connections through kindness and conversation. Way to go, Cosmetology!

Upcoming Practical Nursing Open House at CVCC

Ready to start your nursing journey? Come see what CVCC's Practical Nursing program is all about at our Open House on Tuesday, April 14!

Choose a session that works for you:
- 12 PM – 2 PM
- 4 PM – 6 PM

Learn more about CVCC's Practical Nursing program here:
https://cvccworks.edu/.../adult-education-programs/nursing/



CVCC Alum Takes on American Idol

A huge congratulations to Vincent Fondale, 2018 CVCC Digital Design and North Royalton High School alum and lead singer of the synth-pop band Recess, for earning his Golden Ticket to Hollywood on American Idol! Vincent impressed judges Carrie Underwood and Lionel Richie with the band's original song, "The Sound of Giving Up," during the third audition episode, which aired on February 9. He kicked off Hollywood Week in Nashville on February 23. CVCC is cheering you on every step of the way, Vincent — we're so proud of you and wish you the best of luck!

View his American Idol audition here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdu39xOvByY

Follow Recess here:
https://linktr.ee/RecessOfficial?utm_source=ig&utm_medium=social&utm_content=link_in_bio&fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQMMjU2MjgxMDQwNTU4AAGn6yRui6Y_tX3RUOx3f5QNf_rKOmLRa3ejmZ9_h9YUbXJ-EM2WI0xAI4MLP68_aem_zUwy1rzDR-ftVDwv5igkjg

Pictures from @recessofficial on Instagram

CVCC Seeking Candidates for Distinguished Alumni Award

CVCC is seeking candidates for its Distinguished Alumni Award for exemplary accomplishment in and contribution to industry, community and education!

Candidates should have completed a one or two-year CVCC high school program or an entire adult education workforce development program in 2016 or earlier. This award recognizes the outstanding career achievements in a profession that is closely related to the training received at CVCC.

The nomination form is available here:
https://cvccworks.edu/distinguished-alumni-nominations/

Nominations are due no later than Friday, March 13 to be considered for the May 2026 award. CVCC will be honoring the recipients of this award at the Senior Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 7 or on Friday, May 8.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY INFORMATION

CLASS OF 2026

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The **Senior Recognition Ceremony** will take place at CVCC on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM in the Commons. Students will receive an invitation closer to the event date.

During the ceremony, each student will be presented with a CVCC Portfolio. The Outstanding Student from each program will be recognized with a plaque. Program completer certificates will be mailed to students' homes in June and should be placed in the portfolios.

Rehearsal will be on Monday, May 4th following Signing Day at 1:15 PM.

Thursday, May 7th

Business & Administrative Services/Information Technology
Medical Administrative Specialist
Networking & Cybersecurity
Programming & Software Development

Construction
Building & Property Maintenance
Construction Trades
Electrical Systems
Heating & Air Conditioning

Arts & Communication
Digital Design
Media Arts
Print Production

Hospitality/Human Services/Education & Training
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management
Education Professions
Hospitality & Food Preparation

Friday, May 8th

Transportation
Auto Body Repair & Refinishing
Automotive Technology
Power Equipment Technology
Transportation Systems

Health Science/Law & Public Safety
Dental Assisting
Fire & EMS Academy
Health Careers
Sports Medicine Exercise Science

Manufacturing
Architectural & Mechanical Design
Engineering Technology
Machine Technology

Special Services
Job Training
Transition to Work A & B

The **Outstanding Senior Reception** will be held prior to the Senior Recognition Ceremony from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM in The Valley Inn. *This event is by invitation only.*

Important Dates

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, March 3 – Wednesday, March 4:** Educator's Rising State Conference
- **Thursday, March 5:** Job Fair at CVCC – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 18:** NTHS Induction Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 19:** DECA Diamonds Competition
- **Thursday, March 26:** Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 30 – Monday, April 6:** Spring Break (No School for High School)