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Medina County Career Center

Halloween Spirit Excites



Staff and students had fun getting into the spirit of Halloween. The Math Department set Star Wars as the theme for staff members for this year's Halloween celebration. Teachers were encouraged to dress up as characters from any of the Star Wars films. While the halls were packed with the epic characters, a wide variety of costumes from teachers and students graced the halls.



Early Childhood Education students were also in the spirit as they welcomed 21 preschool families to the annual Family Fall Festival.

High school students, preschool students, and their families enjoyed a variety of activities including pumpkin carving, Halloween Twister, ghost bowling, face painting and several different craft seasonal projects. "At the end of the festival, we put all the jack-o-lanterns in the center of the commons, turned off the lights and sang Halloween songs," Preschool instructor Carla Keller said.

MCCC's furry friends were in the spirit too. As a community service initiative, students in the Animal Management and Care program held a Trunk-or-Treat event. Students and their dogs dressed up for the event and passed out candy and dog treats to members of the community.

"This activity provided a safe and friendly environment for families to bring their children to trick or treat," High School Principal Tresa Goodwin said. "It gave families the opportunity to interact with our students and their furry friends."



Cosmetology instructor Becky Hambley dressed up as Cruella De Vil from Disney's 101 Dalmatians, while many of her students dressed up as the spotted puppies. Several Disney princesses could be found, with the most popular being Snow White.

Each day the Center Café was open during the week of Halloween, the student servers were outfitted to a different theme. On Wednesday, students dressed up as characters from The Breakfast Club, Thursday's theme was Scooby Doo, and students finished the week as the cast from Disney.

"It's one of our favorite weeks for restaurant service," Chef and Restaurant Management instructor Chef Tony Stanislo said. "You can feel the energy and sense the excitement in the Café!"



INNOVATION APPARENT IN RENOVATIONS

By: Amber Forsythe

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new Cosmetology salon this fall. Guests toured both the Cosmetology and Automotive Collision labs which were renovated over the summer.

"The entire lab was gutted as soon as school was out. All furniture was relocated, walls were knocked down, the plumbing was repositioned, and all new electrical installed," explained Cosmetology instructor Becky Hambley. "The improvements created a better learning environment and brought the lab up to the latest industry standards ensuring that students are 'salon ready' upon graduation."

The new lab has created a more efficient environment for the students with its open concept layout. New classroom technology was added, giving the instructors the ability to record their demonstrations and save them for future viewing. "This will prove extremely beneficial for students who are absent or if a student needs to see a demo again themselves," Hambley said. "Having the overall lab look more like a high-end salon definitely has a positive impact on the program."

The Auto Collision Technology lab also received a "face lift" and benefited from the addition of new state-of-the-art equipment.

"The lab was completely repainted with a modernized color palette of white ceiling, grey walls, and red trim. All lighting was replaced with LED lights with sunlight corrected temperature of 5000 Kelvin. All of the wiring, sockets, and circuit breaker panels were replaced," Automotive Technology instructor Adam Rick explained. "A fire suppression sprinkler system was added throughout the lab and the floors were repaired and epoxied. A Garmat downdraft spray booth was added, along with a Garmat paint mixing room with the latest



ventilation and lighting. All the compressor air lines were replaced and 24 Grade D fresh air outlets were installed in the spray booths with CO monitoring," Rick continued. The improvements in the lab have generated a better learning environment for students.

Students Place in International Competition

By: Jacob Roden

Seven students from the Medina County Career Center finished in the top 10 at the International HOSA Competition over the summer.



HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, is a student-led worldwide competitive organization for future healthcare professionals. MCCC took 12 students to the 40th annual competition in Nashville, Tennessee. The students took part in the Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy, Health Education, HOSA Bowl and CPR/First Aid competitions.

Three MCCC programs are a part of HOSA and include Sports Medicine and Exercise Science, Optical Technology, and Diversified Medical Technologies. The students were first required to take a written test to determine their knowledge of the field. The top scorers then moved on to the skills tests,

in which they got to demonstrate their level of expertise in the field.

Alec Uttech placed sixth for Sports Medicine; **Daniela Parks** placed fifth for Physical Therapy. **Kelly Szczepaniak**, **Alyssa Zuber** and **Sarah Wallon** placed sixth for Health Education, while **Kevin Love** and **Brendan Young** placed fifth in CPR/First Aid.

"It was a great experience and, at the same time, was very humbling," **Tyler Key** of DMT said. "It was intimidating at first when you're walking into the opening ceremony and realize there are 9,000 people who have also competed at the conference, but with the help of our advisers and my fellow classmates, I persevered and ranked in the top 40 in the world in CPR/First Aid."

HOSA offers 56 competitive events that are aligned with the National Healthcare Foundation, following criteria outlined by the National Consortium for Health and Science Education.

"HOSA is an exceptional educational experience for our students," DMT II instructor Karen Hritz said. "We love watching them grow as they prepare for their competitions and are very proud of all of their accomplishments."



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MANUFACTURING and *Advisory Councils* Share the Night

By: *Jeremy Doolittle*

MCCC welcomed business leaders to our campus on October 11th for two important events. The first featured tours in support of Manufacturing, its vital role in the economy, and the significant opportunities for employment in the industry.

"October is manufacturing month. Medina County Economic Development planned company tours throughout the day and the Career Center invited community leaders to tour our Engineering Technologies and Design and Precision Machining Technology programs in the evening," Lorah Meech, Engineering Technologies instructor, explained.

"We showcased former students who currently work in the industry and had them explain what they learned in the class and how it benefited them in their career path," Precision Machining Technology instructor Frank Baluch said. "Representatives from NASA also came in and explained how they have worked with our school by having us build flight hardware for the International Space Station."

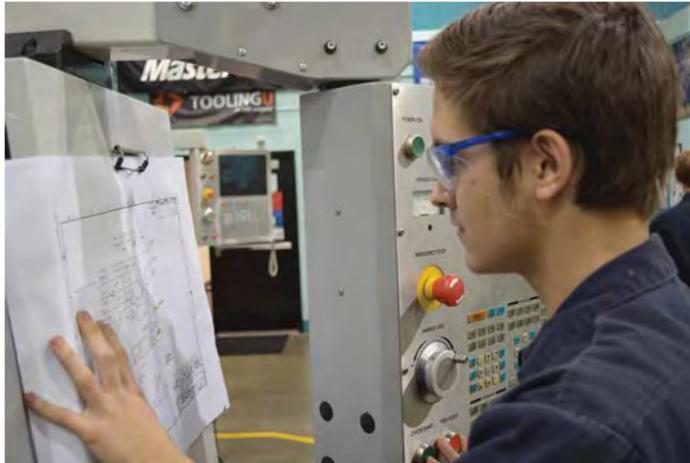
"It's great for people outside our school to learn what we offer and how our programs support business and industry," Assistant Principal Jeff Hicks said. "Company representatives gained a greater understanding about what we do and how we can build relationships with them for students through internships, future employment opportunities and to involve them on Advisory Councils."

The Medina County Career Center's school-wide annual Advisory Council Meeting followed the manufacturing tours that evening. Prior to the official opening of business, guests dined on an array of hors d'oeuvres specially prepared by Chef Tony and the Chef and Restaurant Management students.

The Advisory Council meetings opened with the introduction of Superintendent Steven Chrisman, who gave his state of the school address. Over the course of the evening, Mr. Chrisman accepted a check from the Gene Haas Foundation. "The check, in the amount of \$12,000, is designated for student scholarships in Manufacturing Education," explained High School Principal Tresa Goodwin.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the district's Award of Excellence. "This year's recipients, Jackie Schulte from SFS Intec and Hal Wagoner from F.I.T. International were recognized as leaders in education, applauded for their community impact, and cited for consistently going over-and-above in support of the Medina County Career Center's mission," Goodwin said.

"The purpose of the Advisory Council for each program is to ensure that every one of our 24 programs remain cutting edge in the industry," Goodwin continued. "Each program has a council made up of industry professionals, as well as current and past students, parents and post-secondary representatives, who provide industry-appropriate recommendations for the continuous improvement of career-technical education."



Nikolas Deal explains CNC programming during Made in Medina Manufacturing Open House.

Students Bond through

LEADERSHIP

By: *Jacob Roden*

Students in the Animal Management and Care and Horticultural Science and Design programs recently joined over 300 peers from across the state for the three-day Annual Fall Orientation at FFA Camp Muskingum in Carrollton, Ohio.

During the camp, students had the opportunity to meet and bond with others from different districts. They learned about friendship, what it takes to be a successful leader and participated in team building activities.

"This is about taking pride in yourself, your school, and finding a way to lead," Animal Management and Care instructor Tonya Underwood explained. "This is also a team-building experience between the junior and senior classes."

The goal of the camp is to offer tools to help students work effectively with others through activities and speakers.

"In your free time, you can canoe, go to the shooting range, participate in archery, go on a pontoon boat, play volleyball, basketball, and a host of other outdoor activities," Animal Management and Care II student **Kristen West** said. The camp also featured hiking, swimming, and both low and high ropes courses, along with a paintball course.

This year, all campers were involved in a reenactment of the historical Underground Railroad. In the early 1800's, the Underground Railroad was a network of meeting places, special routes, passageways, and safe houses used by slaves to escape to the northern states and Canada. "The Underground Railroad simulation, where we were being chased and somewhat felt a sense of desperation, was my most memorable experience there," Animal Management and Care II student **Lauren Gilliland** said.



CULTURAL SHARING

Teachers and students from three international schools had the opportunity to visit the Medina County Career Center as part of the World Academic Summit.

Seven teachers and 60 students from La Salle San Ildefonso High School in Spain, Lycee Prive Jean Cassaigne High School in France and Nanwu High School in China arrived on September 30 and were welcomed by families in the Highland School Districts. The exchange students attended classes at Highland High School and had the opportunity to experience career-technical work-based learning at the Medina County Career Center.

In addition to visiting all the labs at the Career Center, the international visitors worked with Graphic Arts and Digital Design students to create souvenirs, experienced the rigors of Public Safety, were pampered in Today's Image Salon, and dined in the Center Café on a meal specially prepared for them by our Chef and Restaurant Management students.

See next page for more photos.



"Bonjour" – Special guests from France.

Graduate Back in the Classroom

By: *Colin Wurgler*

A former Diversified Medical Technologies student has returned to the Medina County Career Center to pursue a career as an English teacher.

Ashley Deka, a 2012 graduate, is completing her student teaching field study with cooperating English instructor Shawn Fitzgerald.

After completing two years in the DMT program and earning her State Tested Nursing Assistant License, Deka attended Notre Dame College in Cleveland for a nursing degree, but quickly realized a different path was in her future.

"In college, they threw me right into the medical field and had me doing clinicals," Deka said. "I realized that I got too emotionally involved caring for patients. I had a very difficult time separating myself from my work environment of sick and dying people. It really took a heavy toll on me."

Deka said when she made the decision to get her Bachelor's degree in education, she knew immediately what subject area she wanted to focus on. She was always passionate about English and Literature.

"English was always my strongest subject, and I love to read and write," she said. "Even when I was four, I would write short stories and give them to my parents for the holidays." At first Deka was not sure which age group would be the best fit for her, but after her field work with MCCC English Instructor John Skarl, it was clear. "I discovered that I loved the high school curriculum because it is a lot more literature based," Deka said.

During her two years as a student at MCCC, Deka was part of the school's leadership group Presidents Council, where she served as the council president her senior year. It was here that Deka met her future cooperating teacher, Mr. Shawn Fitzgerald.

"Even though I never had Mr. Fitzgerald as an instructor, he was one of the faculty advisors for Presidents Council," Deka said. "I always thought he had a positive presence and had a lot of charisma, energy and passion for what he was doing."

"I'm honored to work with Ms. Deka. It is inspiring to spend my day with someone as dedicated to our noble craft as she is and who sees teaching for what it needs to be," Fitzgerald said. "She can bring out the best in this classroom and has a very helpful connection with the students."

"I get to see how the building works on both sides, which gives me an advantage," Deka said. "I understand what students are going through because I have gone through it myself."

Deka will student teach through the end of December and then begin her own teaching career. Deka hopes to stay in the Medina County area. "I have loved my time here as a high school student and as a student teacher" Deka said. "If there was ever a chance for me to come back here, without a doubt I would!"





Summer Interns Celebrated

By: Amber Forsythe

Students and employers who participated in the MCCC Internship Program this summer were recognized at a recent celebration dinner.

“The celebration dinner provides a venue for thanking our employers and business partners for their willingness to hire and work with our interns and provide them with this valuable growth opportunity,” Christine Kurth, Internship Advisor. “It is also a time to recognize our interns for going over-and-above by dedicating themselves to learning in their career field over the course of the summer.”

Chef and Restaurant students prepared food for the celebration dinner. Parents, student interns, job coaches, and employers were invited to attend.

Students have the opportunity to participate in the Internship Program the summer between their junior and senior year. “The student searches, interviews, and hopefully gets hired in a position related to his/her career field,” Kurth said. “The student’s career technical instructor works with the employer to elevate the job to an internship by setting various learning goals aligned with academic learning, career development, skill development, and personal development.” Over the course of the internship, students work with an on-the-job mentor, log their hours, and complete a short weekly reflection.

“Students gain first-hand industry knowledge, actually taking the basics they learned in their lab and building upon those skills in a real world environment,” Kurth said. “Internships give students the opportunity to network in their career field, allowing them to make critical professional contacts that can prove beneficial in the future.”

Here is what a few of the students who took part in the 2016 Internship Program had to say about the experience:

“I learned how to work with clients and produce regular episodic video content for local television. I developed stronger interpersonal skills and improved my location filming abilities. I had the chance to go out to various locations and events around Medina and film them.”

Miles Howell, Video Production II
Medina County Auditor’s Office

“I learned how to do x-rays, take blood and urine samples, how to properly train an animal and other ways to take care of animals.”

Halle Baker, Animal Management and Care II
Animal Medical Centre of Medina

“I learned different skills from employees to assist in being successful in classroom and in the workplace. The internship helped me become more efficient in my work. I also had to learn to be outgoing and to ask questions if I was unsure about something. I loved being able to help customers and make them feel good about their experience.”

Amber Forsythe, Auto Collision Technology II
Centerline Carstar

“I learned a lot of networking skills and complex electrical engineering circuitry. The internship gave me real life experience that no class can teach. My favorite part of the job was constructing a final prototype of our own design.”

Rick Takacs, Engineering II
The University of Akron

“My internship prepared me for my future by giving me a feel for what it is like to work in a real salon. And, I learned a lot of different techniques for coloring hair.”

Kaitlyn Roman, Cosmetology II
Magnificuts (Hired)



“Ni Hǎo” – Meet our guests from China.



“I learned how to TIG weld, take inventory, and set up pieces to be welded. The internship forced me to be on time and to put forth my best effort.”

Keaton Sandor, Precision Machining II
Automation Tool and Die

“I learned how to use CNC machinery and I better understand how things work in a workplace environment. I also had to clock in and out and work with deadlines.”

Ian Jacquemain, Precision Machining II
NASA Glenn Research Center

“I learned many new techniques, products, career-related knowledge, gained job experience and strengthened my soft skills. After the internship, I feel more prepared for a job and know how to deal with clients. One of my favorite experiences was when a client remembered me from her previous appointment and requested me to shampoo her hair. I was able to make a lasting impression on someone in ten minutes.”

Jamie Brown, Cosmetology II
esbi International Salon

“My favorite experience was watching how the stylists interacted with their clients and learning new things I have not yet learned. And I learned different hair-cutting technique and better communication skills.”

Delilah Farris, Cosmetology II
Great Clips (Hired)

“I learned how to communicate better with residents in order to meet their wants and needs while improving my STNA skills.”

Alexis Tecco, Diversified
Medical Technologies II
Plum Creek Assisted Living



“¡Hola!” – Our friends from Spain.



MCCC OFFERS A NEW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE – By: Colin Wurgler

MCCC has implemented a new type of class, the first of its kind in the nation, to help better equip students for their future college and career paths.

Introduced this year, the Workplace Success course is an interactive online course that all MCCC students are required to take that focuses on 21st century skills.

“Through Workplace Success, we will be teaching the relevant hard and soft skills needed by students to be successful,” Career Development Coordinator Chris Kalina said. “Students will begin by learning appropriate online behaviors and interactions with other individuals. They will then discover why people work and how much money one needs for basic living expenses. In addition, students will learn new ways to research careers and how to create a career plan.”

Recent data collected by MCCC showed soft skill weaknesses among students ages 14 -18 years of age. These skills are used daily in the workplace environment.

“We run on 85 percent soft skills and 15 percent hard skills,” said Kalina. “Hard skills are technical skills needed to do a job. Soft skills are things like social graces, communication, interpersonal skills, work attitudes, professionalism, and teamwork. There is no common curriculum for these skills and only limited time to incorporate them into the career-tech curriculum.”

The online Workplace Success course is 20 percent of a student’s career-technical program final grade and allows for a flexible schedule for students to complete assignments.

“The online class works around the student’s schedule, helps them learn how to resolve conflicts at work, and it helps in creating their personal career plan,” Kalina said. “This class can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

The new software is built in the open-source learning platform Moodle, which allows for online teaching and learning experiences in a variety of environments.

“We are the first school in the nation to figure out a way to get this down and perfect it for student use,” Kalina said.

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“The wall and floor colors, along with the lighting, offer better visibility for the students. The heating tube heats in such a way that ensures students are not breathing dust-mixed air,” Rick said.

Nearly 100 guests attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, including State Representative Stephen Hambley, and showcased before, during, and after pictures of the labs.

To show their appreciation, Cosmetology’s staff and students made a special presentation at the October Board of Education meeting to Superintendent Steven Chrisman and the Board of Education members. “Students wrote and read thank you letters, and presented Mr. Chrisman with a signed collage of photographs,” High School Principal Tresa Goodwin said. Two more labs are scheduled to be renovated during the Summer of 2017.

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FALL/WINTER 2016

October Students of the Month

Corrinne Phillips is president of her Optical Technology Class and serves as Chair Leader of her lab's Social Committee. She is also a member of the MCCC Key Club and has been a member of the Buckeye varsity soccer team for four years, lettering all four years. Corrinne was a Scholar Athlete for three years, Gazette Honorable Mention as a junior, PAC Second Team and won the Outstanding Athletic Award her sophomore year. Academically, she was awarded an Academic Letter three years, Special Recognition in Biology last year, and was on the Honor Roll the last three years. She has taken College Credit Plus classes in English Composition, Political Science, and Medical Terminology. Corrinne is the daughter of Dan and Lisa Phillips. She plans to obtain a degree in nursing, then continue her education in optometry school.



Jacob Schmidt is ranked 3rd out of his class of 191 and serves as treasurer of the IT Academy. He has volunteered his time with the Knights of Columbus, the Autism Society, the IT Academy, and the Buckeye boys' soccer team. Jacob has volunteered as both a teacher's aide and a custodial aide. He was a member of the Art Club and the varsity soccer team for two years and won an Athletic Boosters Top Scholar Award and the PAC Conference Academic Award. Academically, Jacob won an Academic Letter the last three years and has been inducted into National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. Jacob is the son of Tom and Jeanne Schmidt and plans to attend college to obtain a Bachelor's degree in finance, followed by earning his MBA.

Mark Your Calendars

- December 6 Blood Drive
- December 21 Winter Break to January 3
- January 13..... Teacher In-Service / No Classes
- January 16..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day / No Classes
- January 26..... Open House 6–8pm
- February 1 Open House 6–8pm
- February 9 Prom Fashion Show
- February 18 *From The Heart* Scholarship Dinner
- February 20 Presidents Day / No Classes

Taste of Medina County

By: *Jeremy Doolittle*

Competition was hot at this year's Taste of Medina event with MCCC's Center Café taking home two trophies in the People's Choice categories. Weymouth Country Club hosted more than 20 restaurants in the 26th annual event, sponsored by the United Way of Medina County.

This year, the Taste of Medina committee reinstated the People's Choice Awards. This allowed guests to try all the restaurant samplings and vote in three different categories: Best Appetizer, Best Entrée, and Best Dessert.

The student-run Center Café, led by instructor Chef Tony Stanislo, walked away with the honors for Best Appetizer and Best Entree.

"I felt very proud," senior Chef and Restaurant Management student **Emily Stoskopf** exclaimed. "The Chef and Restaurant program does not have a traditional classroom, we actually learn culinary techniques in a commercial kitchen and restaurant environment. Through events like this, we are rewarded for our efforts."

The winning items prepared by MCCC students were scallops and pierogis. The students also wowed with tuxedo-dipped strawberries and mini apple fritters for their desserts.

"My favorite restaurant, of course, is the Medina County Career Center's

Center Café because nothing is better than watching up-and-coming chefs do their job," Event Director Carrie Parks said. "Being a chef can be an isolating experience. You do not always get to see the look on the customer's face when they are served or hear their rave reviews about what you made."

The Center Café offers a sit-down lunch and is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All foods are prepared and served by the students in the Chef and Restaurant Management Program. Visit www.mcjvs.edu for the current menu selection.



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