

# TODAY

Medina County Career Center

## MCCC Shows Gratitude for Freedom

*MCCC continued a long and proud tradition this past Veterans Day*

by: Nicole Horstman



Every November 11, the Medina County Career Center students and faculty host a Veterans Day Assembly. Students, staff and guests are chosen to be part of this assembly commemorating and honoring the duties and responsibilities of all members of the United States Military, both current members and veterans.

Christine Kurth, coordinator of the program, chose 11 students from the Medina County Career Center, along with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), a Color Guard from Garfield High School, and a bagpipe player, Bryan Logan, to

participate in the assembly. The selected students included: **Jaden Stormer, Eric Sens, Sarah Calvin, Kaci Dobbins, Angelina Centa, Caroline Kennedy, Ciara Hottle, Brian Trogdon, Kurtie Tolley, Julia Johnson, and Alex Reinhart.** They sang, played an instrument, presented a speech, or were recognized for joining the United States Military.

For fifteen years, Kurth has coordinated the Veterans Day assembly. Each year, Kurth incorporates different elements and performances into the assembly. "Any of our student talent can come forward and volunteer as singers or play musical instruments. As far as the speakers are concerned, the selection process is random, according to Kurth.

"If they are willing to work hard to perfect it, it is going to be great," she said.

Each year, MCCC students join the military, parents of students and staff veterans, and many of our teachers have children who have gone into the armed forces.

"My dad is a veteran. He was in the Navy," **Caroline Kennedy**, a singer in the assembly said. "My grandfather was a veteran, my great grandfather served in World War II and his father before him, so it is a tradition in our family. It is a big deal."



## MCCC Bi-Annual Blood Drive



MCCC held its bi-annual American Red Cross blood drive this past December. The event was hosted by staff and students of Diversified Medical Technologies (DMT) and Public Safety programs.

"The DMT and Public Safety students always go above and beyond, and truly shine at the blood drive!" explained DMT Instructor Karen Hritz. "It is always a blessing to see our students giving of themselves to serve our community."

Hundreds of students, staff and community members donated their time and blood for the cause.

"Medina County Career Center students are an amazing group of young adults," Hritz said. "The Red Cross kept complimenting all of our

students. They were so impressed with how caring, polite and professional all of our students are."

The next blood drive will be held April 22 and Hritz feels it is an important practice to continue.

"I love watching our students grow and develop, and being involved with service projects like the Red Cross Blood Drive," she said.

DMT junior students were also out in the community visiting nursing homes in the area this holiday season.

"We delivered over 450 holiday cards to six different nursing homes," explained DMT Instructor Ellie Byrd. The students also sang Christmas carols to the residents.



## Here's a Key for Your Club

by: Zach Gentry

MCCC's Key Club members have been busy giving back to the community this school year by volunteering to assist with fundraisers and events.

Key Club members started the year off by partnering with the Medina County Board of Disabilities Achievement Center for a Halloween themed dance for adults. According to Key Club Co-Advisor Jody Toddy, students were split into two shifts and helped with decorating, socializing and serving food.

Key Club members partner with the Achievement Center twice a year for dances. The next dance is a Valentine's Day themed dance on February 14.

During the holiday season, students were busy helping decorate Medina City Public Square. They also volunteered for their largest event of the year, the annual "Lunch with Santa," that was held at MCCC. More than 70 families came out to enjoy a hot meal, gifts, crafts, activities and to meet Santa Claus.

Each child was given a wrapped package of two books. Parents were also able to pick up toys, clothes and outerwear that were prepared and donated by sponsors from throughout the community.

"Sandridge Food Corporation donated the meal for guests," explained Toddy.

Students were also able to attend Key Club's Annual Ohio Fall Rally.

Students traveled to the Ohio State University Student Union in Columbus. They participated in a variety of breakout sessions, contests and a talent show. It was also an opportunity for students



to learn about Key Club at the international level, especially the work with Project Eliminate. This project partners Kiwanis International and UNICEF to work together to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

"The Key Club's main objective is to promote community involvement and build leadership skills in high school students," said Toddy.

The students were also able to participate in a team building experience by visiting the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The trip was sponsored by a local community member.

MCCC has approximately 25 students who are involved in Key Club. The organization is the oldest and largest service program for high school students with chapters worldwide.

# Students of the Month

## November 2014



**Holly Ritter** – Holly is a senior in the Digital Design program. She currently serves as vice president of her class. Holly was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society as a junior, and she has been on the honor roll throughout high school. Her academics include dual credit classes in English Composition through Lorain County Community College. Holly won a Scholastic Art and Writing Award and a Silver Key in Art Award from Highland High School. At competition, Holly placed third at regionals in advertising design, and fifth at state. She also won first place at the Medina County Fair as an Art Exhibitor. Holly volunteers for MCCC for the Road Show and also donates annually to the blood drive. At her home school, Holly participates in both marching band and concert band. Following graduation, Holly plans to attend Cuyahoga Community College for two years and then go to Kent State University for advertising art.

**Benjamin Wittenauer** – Benjamin is a senior in the Public Safety program. He is a Life Scout with Troop #501 and has achieved the Order of the Arrow Award. Benjamin also assists Cub Scout Troop #3501 with set up, clean up and running their Blue and Gold ceremony. His community involvement through scouting includes State Route 42 road side clean up. At his home school, Benjamin is involved in football, track and field, Debate Club, and band. He won the Cum Laude Award at his home school and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society as a junior. Following graduation, Benjamin plans to become a firefighter.



## December 2014



**Kristen Perkins** – Kristen is a senior in the Animal Management and Care program. She has served as a Leader's Assistant for Girl Scouts since 2001. She won the Girl Scout Leadership Award in 2011. Kristen was awarded the Girl Scout Silver Award in 2012, after earning the Bronze Award in 2009. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society, and has been on the honor roll throughout high school. Kristen is active in her Church youth group and also serves as an usher at church. She has donated hair twice to Locks of Love and is planning to donate again in May. Kristen's awards include Volunteer of the Year from the Knights of Columbus, the Presidential Gold Award, and the Summa Cum Laude Award from her home school. Kristen is active in Spanish Club and Treble Choir at her home school. Following graduation, Kristen plans to further her education in the animal care field.

**Nathan Stallard** – Nathan is a senior in the Engineering Technologies and Design program. Nathan became an Eagle Scout in 2011 and has served as a Senior Patrol Leader and instructor in Boy Scouts. He currently serves as a Junior Assistant Scout Master of Troop #454. At MCCC, Nathan serves as president of his class and as treasurer of Presidents Council. He has volunteered for four years for the Medina County Red Cross Youth Services, receiving the Exceptional Youth Service Volunteer Award in 2011 and 2012. Nathan went on two mission trips with the Jerusalem Lutheran Church. At his home school, Nathan is involved with Ski Club and Robotics Club. The last two years, Nathan won first place for his robotics project at the Medina County Fair and was named Grand Champion at the Ohio State Fair. This past summer, Nathan was crowned Medina County Fair King. Following graduation, Nathan plans to obtain a degree in mechanical engineering.



## January 2015



**Marissa Fabrizi** – Marissa is a senior in the Sports Medicine and Exercise Science program. She served as secretary of her class the last two years. Her academics include dual credit classes in English Composition and Political Science through Lorain County Community College. At her home school, Marissa was a member of Homecoming Court this year. She played four years of varsity soccer, receiving the Scholar Athlete award all four years and the NOC All Conference Award her junior and senior years. Marissa also played travel and club soccer for four years, and ran track for one year. She won the Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude Awards her freshman, junior and senior years. Marissa's volunteer activities include helping at the Medina County Achievement Center, Safety Town, and coaching young soccer players. Marissa is certified in both CPR and First Aid. Following graduation, Marissa plans to attend either Baldwin Wallace College or Alfred University to obtain a degree in athletic training.

**Thomas Matheis** – Thomas is a senior in the Video Production program. He served as president of his class last year. His academics include dual credit classes in English Composition and Political Science through Lorain County Community College. Thomas was inducted to both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society as a junior. He was a group leader for his home school's Academic Challenge Team, and served on the Teen Court. He was a model for the MCCC Fashion Show as a junior. Thomas has accumulated many hours of community service through scouting, including serving at a pancake breakfast, working at a canned food drive, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and working at the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree for two weeks. He achieved his Eagle Scout Award in 2014, and is certified in life saving through Boy Scouts. At his home school, Thomas was in concert band, symphonic band, jazz band, the Pit Orchestra, and the Medina County Honors Band. He is involved in Music Ministry at his church. Thomas earned the Summa Cum Laude Award from his home school. Following graduation, Thomas plans to pursue a degree in film.



## Easter Seals "Fill the Truck" Campaign

by: *Andrea Peck*

This past November, MCCC's Presidents Council partnered with Easter Seals of Northern Ohio to help not only student families, but those throughout Ohio.

Staff and students diligently donated to the Easter Seals "Fill the Truck" campaign that took place November 20 - 21.

Presidents Council members encouraged everyone to gather items such as old clothing, blankets, fabric or purses to donate and fill the truck.

For every pound of donated goods, Presidents Council received 20 cents which was donated to students and their families in need attending the Career Center over the holiday season. Presidents Council had a goal to reach 7,500 pounds of goods which would allow them to donate to 10 students.

According to co-advisor Katie Howard, donations met and exceeded this goal by 900 pounds and raised over \$1,800 for families in need.

Each year Presidents Council hosts a variety of fundraisers and the "Fill the Truck" campaign may become an annual event. Co-advisor Devon O'Brien said she hopes "to continue the partnership for years to come."

Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that provides services such as education, outreach, and advocacy for people with disabilities, mental or physical, and their families. The organization has relied on the generosity of others for more than 90 years. The program started in Elyria and expanded throughout the whole country. Easter Seals currently has a network of approximately 550 sites throughout the U.S.

## Birdhouses Benefit the Community

Students in the Construction Trades lab have been donating their time and talent to benefit people in the community.

Students partnered with the National Association of the Modeling Industry (NARI) of the Greater Cleveland Mentorship Program and built custom birdhouses to be put on display and raffled off at the 2015 NARI Home Improvement Show at the IX Center in Cleveland.

Construction Trades Instructor Todd Mason explained students usually focus on home construction, but this opportunity "was a fun project and the kids were able to show off their creativity."

Students built 19 custom birdhouses and "proceeds go directly to benefit the Cleveland Animal Protective League," said Mason.

The auction is also in conjunction with the *NARI Cares Program*. This program helps low income, elderly or physically disabled homeowners with household repairs they otherwise could not afford. NARI has 58 chapters throughout the country.

In other news, Construction Trades senior students **Mike Lukic** and **Jason Milby** received a certificate of appreciation from the Medina County Sheriff's Department for a job well done. Last year, the lab was approached by the Sheriff's Department to make repairs on its communications building at the base of a Lodi cell tower. Repairs were made to the floor, entry door and exhaust fan opening.

"Not only did they do an excellent job, they saved the county money," said Construction Trades aide Dana Porter. "These two young men exemplify who we are and the work we do in teaching young men and women."





## AUTO COLLISION TECHNOLOGY TRAINS AT PPG FOR THEIR FUTURE

by: *Andrea Peck*

This past fall, MCCC's Automotive Collision Technology students traveled to Columbus, Ohio for water base training at Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG). This state-of-the-art training gives students a distinct advantage in the professional auto collision technology industry.

Adam Rick, Automotive Collision Technology instructor, explained, "We went on a field trip to the PPG Center so my students can go above and beyond what I teach them in the lab on water base training."

There they became certified to work with new water based latex paint which allows water to thin the paint instead of a solvent. Each student earned a Level Blue PPG Certificate that will be included in their career passport at the end of senior year. They were given a PPG number, which identifies their training level. Every two years, the students must advance to the next level. The PPG Levels include Blue, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Master.

This skill is in demand because water base paint has been proven to be safer for the environment, easier to clean up, less hazardous for the painter, and eliminates heavy metals in paints such as zincs and chromates.

Students who attended the PPG field trip gained a lot of experience according to **Tristan Zatezalo, Chas Hoffman** and **Anthony Melendez**. **Zatezalo** said, "It's definitely going to help us in the field. It's more experience than a normal person walking into a body shop would have."

PPG was founded in 1883 by John Ford and John Pitcairn. It was the first commercially successful plate glass factory in the United States, located in Creighton, Pennsylvania. Plate glass is a thick fine-quality glass, typically used on doors and windows. PPG products, known for their great innovation and quality, are still being used in the U.S. 130 years later. In 1899, PPG expanded to Ohio and throughout the U.S.



## MCCC Goes to Hollywood

By: *Austin Dearth*

It's "lights, camera, action" for two senior students in the Video Production program. Brothers **Andrew** and **Jack Arehart**, along with their younger brother Matt, a freshman at Medina High School, worked on a short film that won them a spot in Hollywood's International Family Film Festival. This past November, the brothers traveled to Hollywood for the 19th annual festival where their short film "Jessie" took first place in the Drama category during YouthFest!

The winning 12-minute story depicts a tomboy by the name of Jessie, who picks on a new student who turns out to be deaf. Soon after she realizes her actions, Jessie tries to change her ways by embracing their differences. All of the films at the festival centered on the concept of family values.

The film was cast and created last spring. Through the help of the Video Production program and Children's Play Theater, more than 40 kids auditioned from the county.

"Our mom wrote the story in her college years. We took a small portion of the story and changed it into the screenplay," **Jack Arehart** said.

The brothers are going to take some time this summer to create the full-length version of the film, according to **Andrew Arehart**.

When asked if his students were ready for these ambitious goals, Video Production instructor Frank Weiwandt replied, "I believe that this class has helped many to progress to the point where they are now able to take on such projects."

The International Family Film Festival was held at Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. The festival screened 88 films and featured 14 screenplays from across the United States and 16 foreign countries.



## A Message of Vision

by: *Nicole Horstman*

Senior students in MCCC's Optical Technology lab are conveying an important message to the community and hope to take it to the national level.

**Macie Hollopeter, Nicole Horstman, and Sara Sanek** are competing this March in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state competition for Community Awareness. Their message focuses on the "Importance of Vision Care," especially for infants and children.

The students chose this topic due to the numerous vision disorders associated with children. "Children need to be able to have clear, sharp vision in order to learn. Having their vision checked can help them excel in academic achievement because they will be able to focus in school," explained Horstman.

"Being in the Optical Technology program, these students are passionate about vision care and want to spread awareness to Medina County residents," Amanda Hamm, Instructor for the Optical Technology lab, explained. "They know a lot of people don't realize how important it is, especially for school-aged children."

"They presented to the Medina Lions Club, will be presenting at a PTO meeting, and will display a board at a preschool," said Hamm.

If students place in the top three during the state competition, they will carry their message to the national level by competing in Anaheim, California.



## Save the DATE

Career Awareness Expo '15.....	March 1
St. Baldrick Fundraiser .....	March 20
Spring Break .....	March 30 - April 3
Blood Drive .....	April 22
NTHS Induction Ceremony .....	April 23
Mother's Day Flower Sale .....	May 8 & 9
Senior Awards Ceremony .....	May 20
Last Day of School .....	May 28

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## More than 1200 Students Visit MCCC

The Medina County Career Center recently opened its doors to 10th grade students from around the county to show them how the school can help them reach their goals for the future.

This January, MCCC welcomed more than 1,200 sophomores from six Medina County school districts. Over a two-day period, students learned about the school and its 25 career technical programs.

Program presentations were led by MCCC students and introduced sophomores to the various elements of their different labs.

These are just a few reasons current students enjoy MCCC:

"I love that I wake up every day and I get to go do what I've always wanted. I'm getting a head start on my long-term career." *Sydney Sherry, Diversified Medical Technologies II*

"I like the job opportunities I am given from my lab, the skills that I learn, and the certifications I receive." *Richie Spence, Construction Trades II*

"I really love the learning environment. It is very hands on and a fun experience." *Kristen Perkins, Animal Care and Management II*

"I love the mature environment, everyone is treated as adults and the school has a 'college-like' feel to it." *Cory Gould, Business and Marketing II*

"I like that I get to get up every morning and go do something that I love." *Deja Williams, Animal Care and Management II*

"It gives me a chance to prepare for college." *Brenden Malloy, Computer Science and Forensics I*

"I like how we can all come from different schools, with one goal in mind, to do what we love." *Katie Cochran, Graphic Arts II*

"I like the fact that I get to wake up in the morning and do what I love to do." *Jonathan Sykes, Auto Collision II*

"I love all the new people and teachers I've met. I feel very independent and mature." *Theresa Lanaban, Diversified Medical Technologies I*

During MCCC's Career Awareness Expo '15 on March 1, an admission and application station will be open to high school students for the 2015-2016 school year.

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**2015 Weights and Measures Seal Designs Awards Ceremony**  
 Seated L-R: Dinah Sammon (3rd Place, Video Production), Britt Piorkowski (1st Place, Digital Design), and Mary Lenk (Honorable Mention, Digital Design).  
 Standing L-R: Ben Saplak (2nd Place, Graphic Arts), Holly Ritter (Honorable Mention, Digital Design), Greg Campbell (1st Place Graphic Arts), and Alyssa Parsons (Honorable Mention, Graphic Arts).