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Meet two successful completers

Power couple puts construction knowledge to work in area

Michael and Mallory Rogers Danks, both Six District Educational Compact completers, are a power couple on the move. Parents of “very active,” six-month-old **Archer**, they both work as construction managers overseeing all details of planning and building schools, parking garages and other large projects.



Mike, a 2004 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, is a Construction Technologies completer and Project Superintendent for CSS Construction Support Solutions, which is currently overseeing the \$40 million construction of a new middle and elementary school in Tallmadge.

Mallory, a 2003 Woodridge graduate and Engineering Academy completer, is a project engineer at Thomarios handling proposals and bids, as well as managing her own assigned projects. The two met at The University of Akron where they graduated with bachelor’s degrees in Construction Engineering Technology. They have been married for five years.

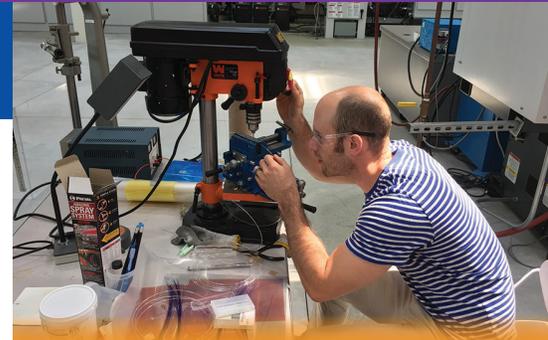
While working for The Ruhlin Company, Mike worked as construction manager for Buchtel High School and projects at NEOMED. In 2016, he spent a year in downtown Chicago supervising the renovation of the ninth floor of a federal office building for CSS. Most recently, he oversaw the building of the new architecture, art and aeronautics buildings on the Kent State University campus, serving as liaison between the construction company and KSU architects and the Board of Trustees.

Mike credits Construction instructor **Don Titko** for showing him the importance of attention to detail and choosing the right tools. “Don also taught us that this is a relationship business and why it is important to create a reputation for yourself as someone with integrity and who does a job correctly.”

Always excelling in math and science, Mallory says the Engineering Academy was a stepping stone for her. “Coming from a small school like Woodridge, I appreciated having different hands-on experiences and trying something new,” she says. Initially interested in architecture, Mallory spent a year at The Ohio State University and another year at Kent State University before transferring to The University of Akron.

She interned at Thomarios and found that “Construction management was much more my speed” and has been there for 13 years. Now a Project Engineer, Mallory puts together complex proposals and bids for huge parking garages, a Thomarios niche.

Her advice? “Take advantage of opportunities and have an open mind,” Mallory says. “Don’t be discouraged if what you think you want to do in high school changes.”



David Helmick uses a drill press to drill pilot holes into a polycarbonate 3D printer filament.

Engineering Academy teacher does cutting-edge polymer research

As part of an eight-week Research Experience for Teachers (RET) hosted by The University of Akron’s Global Polymer Academy Outreach program, Stow-Munroe Falls Engineering Academy teacher **David Helmick** spent the summer researching 3D printing filament flow.

“My experience has been nothing short of spectacular,” Helmick says. “The professionalism of the professors, graduate students and outreach coordinators helped me obtain new knowledge of polymers and the cutting-edge technologies being used in the industry.”

Helmick teaches polymers and physics to Engineering Academy students and also teaches chemistry at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. He was one of 10 area high school teachers selected to take part in the program funded by the National Science Foundation.

“This program offers an amazing opportunity for teachers to gain valuable hands-on learning to bring back to their classroom and share to their students,” he explains. “It allows me to bring the latest innovations in the world of polymers back into my high school classroom to share with our soon-to-be young engineers.”



Construction Technologies instructor Don Titko talks about his program with administrators from the Ohio Department of Education.

Ohio CTE officials tour Compact programs

In May, seven administrators from the Office of Career-Technical Education at the Ohio Department of Education, toured Compact programs at Roosevelt and Stow-Munroe Falls High School, including Construction Technologies, Forestry and Landscape Management and Electronics, Robotics and Programming, as well as the Engineering Academy and Aeronautics Careers Academy.

The state department officials wanted to learn about academics embedded in the programs and to hear about the many links these programs have to business and industry.

Josh Dujanovic, owner of a local remodeling company, talked with the group about his experiences as a 2004 Stow-Munroe Falls Construction Technologies completer. Dujanovic received an associate's degree in Electrical Engineering from Stark State College before starting his own business.



Early Childhood completers place at FCCLA

Sarah Copperman and Amanda Herring

Early Childhood Education students **Amanda Herring**,

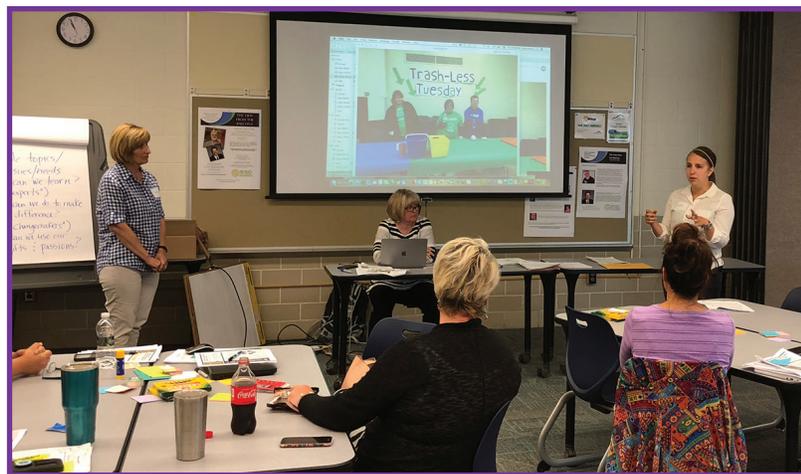
2018 Stow-Munroe Falls completer, received a Gold Place in Language and Literacy at the 2018 FCCLA Regional Competition in March and a Gold Rating at the State Career Development Event in April. **Sarah Copperman**, 2018 Hudson completer, received a Gold Place in Curriculum Unit Development at the Regional Competition.



From left, Pat Covey, Davey Tree President and CEO; Brian Bachtel, Kent Schools Director of Career-Technical Education; and Mary Jane Stanchina, Executive Director, Six District Educational Compact; talk with Forestry and Landscape Management students.

Davey Tree donates \$10,000 to Forestry program

Davey Tree recently donated \$10,000 to the Forestry and Landscape Management program. **Pat Covey**, Davey president and CEO, presented the check, which was combined with a \$5,000 grant from the International Association of Arboriculture's Tree Fund. Fifteen sets of climbing gear, including ropes, harnesses, and lanyards with giant carabiners, will upgrade equipment used in the class. Davey Tree has been a longtime partner of the Forestry program and a number of program completers work for the company.



From left, Upper Arlington High School teachers Sally MacGregor-Martin and Kim Wilson discuss their "Tracking the Iditarod Together" project.

COMPACT COMPASS grant enters Phase II with summer workshop for special ed

In July, special education teachers and intervention specialists from the Compact and other area districts participated in a two-day summer workshop focused on ways to link academic content standards through service learning.

This initiative is part of an additional \$49,999 Innovative Strategies Grant for Phase II, which follows the success of the 2016-17 COMPACT COMPASS: THE FOUR E'S INITIATIVE. This funding allowed the Six District Educational Compact to focus on career development opportunities and secondary transition services for students with disabilities, as well as projects to introduce teams of middle school students to career development.

Led by consultants **Kathy Myer** and **Ellen Erlanger**, the summer workshop provided a planning model in which high school students with multiple disabilities partnered with first graders to study the Iditarod race.



Touring Delta Systems

Engineering Academy students toured Delta Systems in Streetsboro last spring. Delta is a designer and manufacturer of switches, displays and electronic controls, which primarily serves the outdoor power industry.

Welcome new personnel

Welcome to new personnel in the Compact schools, as well as new assignments to others in the districts.

- Cuyahoga Falls:** **Rob Slone**, Associate Principal, High School
Ramsey Inman, Associate Principal, High School
Kris Gaijer, Principal, Roberts Middle School
Rachael Seifert, Gifted and Talented Coordinator
Chris Nauer, School Counselor, High School
Barbara Donohue, Treasurer
Hillary Freitag, Principal, Silver Lake Elementary
Holly Merkle, CARE Coordinator
- Hudson:** **Steve Marlow**, Director of Operations
Doug Winton, School Counselor, High School
Michael Chuppa, Athletic Director
- Kent:** **Ted Karam**, Electronics, Robotics and Programming instructor
Jen Sepi, School Counselor, High School
- Stow-Munroe Falls:** **Rob Gress**, Director of Operations
Angelo Caputo, Transportation Supervisor
Mark Manley, Assistant Superintendent
Shawn Stratton, Career Based Intervention Instructor
Todd Remenaric, Aeronautics Academy Instructor
Dave Helmick, Engineering Academy Instructor
- Tallmadge:** **Tim Mosher**, Assistant Principal, High School
Roy Zeman, Director of Student Services
Alan Miller, Project Lead the Way Coordinator
- Woodridge:** **Terry Heard**, Transportation Supervisor
- Compact:** **Ken Subak**, Work Study Coordinator



From left, Tallmadge students Sam Seeker, Jake Reifsnnyder and Christian Sickler won first place in a business idea generation competition.

Tallmadge business students learn about entrepreneurship at KSU

Entrepreneurship students from **Joni Giles'** Entrepreneurship class at Tallmadge High School visited the Kent State University campus last spring and took part in an entrepreneurial workshop designed to increase the students' awareness and knowledge of the venture formation process, hosted by LaunchNET.

Lynn Buchinsky, a LaunchNET Venture Advisor, facilitated multiple hands-on activities for the students, igniting their innovative mindset with challenges, idea generation, brainstorming techniques, and opportunities to pitch their ideas.

Partnering with Conxus-NEO on 'signing day'

As one of the educational partners involved in ConxusNEO, a group dedicated to cultivating a network of manufacturers, educators, economic development professionals and public sector leaders throughout Summit County, the Compact participated in "Signing Day."

Two completers of the Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (CADET) College Tech Prep, **Ian Cramer**, Roosevelt, and **Dylan Gatian**, Cuyahoga Falls, were recognized for obtaining employment with manufacturers directly after graduation. Cramer is working at Ron-AI Mold in Kent and Gatian is employed at Kyocera SGS Precision Tool in Cuyahoga Falls.

News from around the Compact...

Diane Burbick set for November 3

Eighth grade girls and their parents will be special guests at the Diane Burbick Math and Science Conference, which will be held on Saturday, November 3, at Akron City Hospital. The Burbick conference features interactive sessions with professional women, a panel of fathers discussing parenting issues and discussions with guidance counselors from each school. **Betsy Kling**, chief meteorologist for WKYC, will be the keynote speaker.



Hudson Auto Tech planning new building

Construction of the new Automotive Technologies building in Hudson is scheduled to start in the spring of 2019. It will be located near the Hudson High School athletic complex.

2018 Hudson completer **Alex Whipple** is employed at O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Streetsboro. **Austin Knapp** and **Chris Moneypenny**, both 2018 Roosevelt graduates, are working at Monroe Muffler and Brake in Stow.



Lorraine Washington, Senior Vice President at Summa Health, and Carol Sayre, Project SEARCH Coordinator

Project SEARCH completers working at Summa Health

At the Project SEARCH Celebration held in May nearly 50 Summa Health employees, who supervised and supported student interns were recognized

and treated to lunch. Five students who completed the program last year are working at competitive jobs at Summa Health, according to Coordinator **Carol Sayre**. Project SEARCH is a collaborative, site-based initiative located at Summa Health.

Criminal Justice completers at college

Completers of the Criminal Justice program at Cuyahoga Falls are continuing their education in college. They include **Austin Enos**, Cuyahoga Falls, attending the University of Cincinnati, and **Tyler Shrout**, Stow-Munroe Falls, attending Ashland University. Those attending The University of Akron include **Joe Gibbs**, Stow-Munroe Falls, **Garrett Fleming**, Tallmadge, and **Daniel Werner**, Cuyahoga Falls.



Students say that taking a flight over Portage County is always their favorite experience of the A.C.E. Academy week.

A.C.E. Academy students fly planes at KSU airport

In the 17th year for the A.C.E., Aeronautics Career Education, Academy, participants flew an orientation flight with pilots from the Kent

State University airport and saw the Goodyear Aerospace airship. Other highlights included tours of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and the MAPS Museum and time spent in KSU's new air traffic control simulation lab, building and launching rockets and learning about helicopters from the Ohio National Guard.

Student Ambassador training October 23

Representatives from all Six District Educational Compact College Tech Prep initiatives will take part in Student Ambassador Leadership training on Tuesday, October 23.

Leslie Ungar, President of Electric Impulse, Inc. will conduct the interactive seminar, held for the fifteenth year. Compact Ambassadors present at sophomore orientations and visitation days. The morning session will be held at the Davey Tree Institute in Kent.



Angela Delaney

Culinary completer manager at Dairy Queen

Angela Delaney Klier a Roosevelt student who completed the Culinary Arts program in 2014, is working as the manager of the Dairy Queen in Stow. Previously she served as Assistant Manager at Delciello's Ristorante and Lounge in Aurora.

Collision Repair completers working

Kevin Oliver, Stow-Munroe Falls completer, is working at Flynn's Tire and Auto Service. **Brevin Helmick**, Woodridge, is employed by Tallmadge Collision Center as a paint tech. **Quin Michalec**, Tallmadge, is working at Bob's Paint and Body Collision Center in Akron. **Alex Hershberger**, Tallmadge, is a paint tech at Alexander Body and Fender in Akron. **Brad Gross**, Cuyahoga Falls, is working at Lube Stop in Kent and **Tessa Baker**, Cuyahoga Falls, is working at Car-Tech Collision in Green. **Christian Wilcox**, Stow-Munroe Falls, is working at Montrose Ford. **Zach Francis**, Tallmadge, is employed at Walmart Tire Lube Express.

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