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## Standing working in Hollywood

After relocating to the Los Angeles area just over a year ago, **JC Standing** says, "I'm optimistic and gainfully employed. I have an apartment, friends and a life in sunny California." And, he is quick to point out, "I'm paying back my student loans."

A 2011 completer of the Theater Arts Academy at Tallmadge High School, JC attended The University of Akron for a year, where he accessed nine hours of articulated credit. After connecting with theater classmate **Eric Vanderpool**, JC transferred to the Savannah College of Art and Design, where he graduated with a degree in film and a minor in acting in 2015.

Currently, JC is an editor at Tastemade, a wildly successful company that produces food and travel videos for the web, Apple TV, Facebook and Snapchat. He also acts in film projects and does freelance editing.

After two years at Cuyahoga Falls High School, JC attended Schnee Learning Center, "where the staff made me feel at home. But I wouldn't be where I am today without the Theater Arts Academy," he says. "**David Obney** has been a mentor and continues to be a supportive figure in my life, and **Keith Bee** was a fantastic teacher and role model."

## NEW! Girls Geared for Engineering camp at KSU

Current seventh and eighth grade girls interested in exploring aerospace engineering and mechatronics are invited to be a part of a tuition-based, day camp on the Kent State University campus from June 12 through 16.

As part of the experience, girls will take part in fun and challenging hands-on engineering projects and activities, such as flying mini-drones and launching a rocket. KSU faculty members will work with the girls as they learn about aeronautics, robotics and renewable energies. Two site visits to area, high-tech engineering companies are planned.

Offered for the first time this summer, the multi-disciplinary camp is sponsored by Kent State University's College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology and the Six District Educational Compact. Cost for the weeklong camp for girls enrolled in Compact schools is \$175. For more information, visit [www.sixdistrict.com](http://www.sixdistrict.com) or call the Compact office at 330-655-2247.

### Kent State University Girls Geared for Engineering



**COMPACT COMPASS:  
THE FOUR E's INITIATIVE**

## Four E's Initiative highlighted at state presentation

Representatives involved in the year-long COMPACT COMPASS: THE FOUR E's INITIATIVE project funded by an Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children grant recently presented at a statewide Showcase in Columbus.

The group included Compact Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina**, **Bryan Harvey**, Job Training Coordinator, **Dr. Rachel McMahan-Queen** and **Jennifer Miller** of Kent State University, and **Mark Welfley**, Welfley Technologies.

The FOUR E's grant focuses on career development opportunities and secondary transition services for students with disabilities, as well as involving teams of middle school students with career development through service-learning and project-based learning.

As part of the EXPLORE segment, career development will be initiated at an earlier age. The ENGAGE segment involved identified "gap" students and potential opportunities for their success and the ENACT segment collaborates with the Kent State Transition Collaborative and KENnexT for grades 11 and 12. The EMPOWER segment has developed a software package called Empower2Employ, which allows all stakeholders access to information about transition and employment needs.

In late April, teams of middle school educators met to share their Service-Learning/Project-Based Learning success stories and plans for 2017-18.

## Tallmadge hosts annual job fair

Tallmadge students enrolled in Management Principles and Finance Foundations worked together to plan and execute the annual Tallmadge High School Job Fair. Local employers are invited to meet Tallmadge students who are looking for employment.

For the third year, the two groups also delivered "Hometown Heroes" economics lessons to all third graders in the district as part of a partnership with Junior Achievement. **Kim Brendell** is the instructor.

## STW Programming students headed to BPA nationals



**Noah Tranbarger** and **Fox Noland**, both Stow-Munroe Falls students, took first and second places at the State Business Professionals of America contest and will compete at BPA Nationals later this month in Orlando.

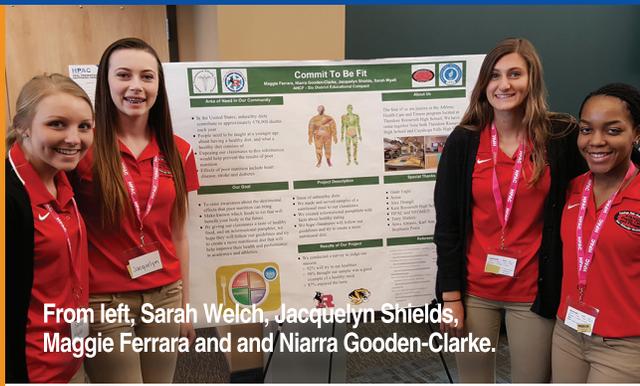
The duo competed in both Java and C+ Programming. The Programming and Software Development College Tech Prep Initiative is taught by **Terri Whitmer**.



## International Business student crowned JA Titan Champs

Stow-Munroe Falls International Business Academy students **Dominic Bruner**, **Brett Rhodes** and **Evan Stone** were named Junior Achievement Titan Champions in March. Each won a \$400 scholarship and engraved crystal trophy.

Another team comprised of **Jack Miller**, **Ryan Stone** and **Mohammed Silmi** won third place and \$50 each. All students are from Stow-Munroe Falls, and **Carrie Harris** and **Lisa Mowls** are their instructors.



From left, Sarah Welch, Jacquelyn Shields, Maggie Ferrara and Niarra Gooden-Clarke.

Presentation was the "Commit to be Fit" group including **Sarah Welch**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Jacquelyn Shields**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Maggie Ferrara**, Roosevelt; and **Niarra Gooden-Clarke**, Roosevelt.

## Roosevelt DECA student places first

**Meredith Hartsook**, Roosevelt, took first place in the Start-Up Business Plan Event at the International DECA Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA. Competing against more than 170 individuals, she wrote a business plan and delivered a 15-minute presentation.

Placing in the Top 10 out of 180 teams were **Aidan Daly**, Hudson; **Maddie Gordon**, Roosevelt; and **Zach Wight**, Roosevelt. In the Franchise Business Plan Event, they submitted a business plan that included a detailed lending package put together with a loan officer at Home-town Bank in Kent, a corporate partner of Roosevelt's Marketing Management program.



From left, Brittany Nasea, Madeline Fink, Mark Beeson, Christine DeMarino and Megan Fragola.

## SMF DECA compete at Nationals

Two teams of International Business Academy students, who are from Stow-Munroe Falls and DECA members, traveled to Anaheim, CA, to compete at the International Career Development Conference.

Placing first in Travel and Tourism at the state level were **Christine DeMarino** and **Madeline Fink**. Placing fourth in Hospitality Services at the state level were **Megan Fragola** and **Mark Beeson**. Acting as an Ohio Voting Delegate was **Brittany Nasea**.

**Dominic Bruner** and **Ryan Stone**, Financial Services Team, placed at State.

## Health Careers Tech students ready for STNA exams

Thirty-three senior students enrolled in Health Careers Technologies College Tech Prep successfully completed 78 hours of coursework, received an 80 percent or higher score on skills and exams and completed a 16-hour clinical experience at Kent Healthcare Center.

Thanks to a partnership with Fortis College in Ravenna, instructor **Monica Lewis** taught the course and helped prepare students to take the Ohio STNA (State Tested Nurse Assistants) assessment. Funding from the Career Technical Education department at Roosevelt paid for the training, which also includes the cost of the STNA exams.

Students who pass the Ohio Department of Health competency assessment will enter the workforce as certified State Tested Nurse Assistants and can work in the critical role of delivering critical basic care to patients in long-term care facilities. This industry-recognized credential satisfies one part of the new ODE graduation requirements.



## Districts recognize C.A.R.E. awards

In April, the Six District Educational Compact C.A.R.E. Committee held its annual awards ceremony to honor individuals, as well as schools, businesses and community organizations, working to combat substance abuse.

Each year, the Compact C.A.R.E. Committee selects a person, group or organization to honor with the C.A.R.E. Community Award of Appreciation. This year, the Committee chose the Bath and Copley Police Departments for the "Hidden in Plain Sight" awareness program. A number of Compact districts have benefitted from the free, interactive exhibit and program, which alerts adults to the dangerous or risky behaviors found in a teenager's bedroom.

Others honored by district include:

In Cuyahoga Falls, high school teacher **Yvonne Federonick**

In Hudson, high school counselor **Nicole Carmichael** and high school students

**Alison Chilcott, Madison Graham and Isabelle Mawby**

In Kent, Roosevelt High School teacher **Pam Harr**

In Stow-Munroe Falls, Corner Cup Coffeehouse owner **Heather Ciranna**

In Tallmadge, middle school teacher **Ann Hagedorn**

In Woodridge, high school principal **Joel Morgan**



**From Cuyahoga Falls:**  
Rachael Muster,  
Yvonne Federonick  
and Todd Nichols



**From Woodridge:**  
Robert Sykes, Joel Morgan,  
Walter Davis



**From Stow-Munroe Falls:**  
Tina Burdette,  
Heather Ciranna,  
Tom Bratten



**From Kent:**  
George Joseph,  
Pam Harr  
and Jacquie  
Peoples



**Copley Police Chief Michael Meyer, Bath Police Department Communications Specialist Lisa Baker, Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina and Copley Detective Paul Weber**



**From Tallmadge:**  
Heather Prazer, Ann Hagedorn  
and Jeff Ferguson



**From Hudson:**  
Alison Chilcott,  
Kelsey Haggerty,  
Isabelle Mawby,  
Madison Graham,  
Nicole Carmichael  
and Jen Chadima



## Teaching Professions' students take Google Educator exam

For the first time, Teaching Professions students are part of a Google Educator training taught by **Jenn Flaherty**, Media Specialist at Roosevelt High School. Flaherty instructs the students in various areas of Google, Google Classroom, and Google Docs in preparation for the Google Educator Certificate exam.



## CADET team competes in Model Home contest

A team from Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies took third place at the Student Model Home Design Contest. Competitors from left, **Derek Radcliff**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Leo Rieger**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Izaiah Tupa**, Roosevelt; instructor **Jeff Bee**; **Jessica Stefanko**, Roosevelt; **Bailey Lund-Goldstein**, Roosevelt. Not pictured: **Erik Kingsley** and **Sean Lahman**, both from Roosevelt.

## SMF advisors awarded hotel software package

**Carrie Harris** and **Lisa Mowls**, DECA advisors at Stow-Munroe Falls, were two of 33 advisors receiving a virtual business hotel software site license from the Marriott Foundation valued at \$1,700.

The software simulation package uses Marriott industry experts to model the inner workings of a hotel and give students virtual experience in key roles.

## News around the Compact...



From left, Biomed students Mwquka Kazadi, Roosevelt and Josh Golden, Stow-Munroe Falls, pose with Sam Elliott from The University of Akron.

### UA student teaching MATLAB at Biomed

As part of an opportunity provided by the Six District Educational Compact, **Sam Elliott**, a biomedical engineering student from The University of Akron, volunteered to teach MATLAB to students in the Biomedical Science and Technology Academy headquartered at Woodridge.

MATLAB, a matrix-based language used in the world of technical computing, is used by millions of engineers and scientists around the world and is a vital skill for college engineering students.

**Scott Horvath**, Cuyahoga Falls, says, "MATLAB gives us a solid foundation for coding languages, and I can already use it for basic things like solving for math equations."

### \$1000 scholarship created in memory of Culinary Arts completer from Hudson

In memory of **Mitchell Kyle Cellars**, a \$1,000 memorial scholarship has been created in his name for a promising young adult pursuing a degree in the culinary field, according to Mitchell's aunt, **Judy Montecalvo**, retired Hudson school counselor.

Cellars, a 2011 Hudson graduate and Culinary Arts College Tech Prep completer, died in April 2016 from a heroin overdose. He earned an associate's degree in culinary science from Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky and was just beginning a career as a chef.

"Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must be a Hudson High School graduate or Culinary Arts completer planning to pursue a major in the culinary field," Montecalvo says. "Additional consideration will be given to applicants who best describe their passion for cooking as well as their passion for spreading kindness to others - a trait that Mitchell always displayed." See the Hudson High School website for an application.

### Register now for Aeronautics Academy

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in learning more about aeronautics can spend from June 12 to 16 at the tuition-based A.C.E. Academy. The weeklong opportunity includes a "flyover" at the KSU airport, hands-on experiences at KSU's aeronautics labs and worksite visits at area airports and Cleveland Hopkins Control Tower and Radar Center.

A.C.E. Academy is sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact and Kent State University's College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology. For more information, call the Six District Educational Compact office at 330-650-2247 or visit [www.sixdistrict.com](http://www.sixdistrict.com).



### FCS students win 11 Gold Awards

Family & Consumer Sciences teams from Tallmadge and Woodridge were named National Qualifiers at the Ohio FCCLA State Conference. In addition, other Compact teams from Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge and Woodridge, won 11 Gold Awards and one Silver Award.

Tallmadge students **Lauren Bradshaw** and **Melissa Sincel** were elected to the Regional Council and **Kimberly Tran** to the Ohio Executive Council.

Tallmadge student **Hannah Moats** qualified in Interior design and she and **Kimberly Tran** qualified for Chapter Display. Woodridge student **Leah Stanfield** was a national qualifier in Life Event Planning and **Julia Beattie**, **Kaela Folatko** and **Caitlyn Gerdes** in Interpersonal Communications.

### Tallmadge students take first place at BPA

Thirteen Tallmadge Software Tech II students competed at the Business Professionals of America regional competition in March.

Taking first place were **Daphnie Neal** in Legal Office Procedures; **Sam Kirkbaumer** in Administrative Support and **Jacob Severns** in Business Meeting Management.

### Summer school, OGT tests offered

Current twelfth grade students, who have not passed a component of the Ohio Graduation Test, should register to take the test(s) this summer. OGT and summer school brochures are available in high school counselor's offices or call the Compact office at 330-655-2247.

### Woodridge students reach out as mentors

Woodridge high school students were recognized this spring for their volunteer work as Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentors. Created by **Robert Sykes**, C.A.R.E. Coordinator at Woodridge High School, the program matches students from second through sixth grades with mentors in eighth through twelfth grades.

According to students who spoke at the event, mentors meet with students periodically during the school year and form a real bond. Many of the younger students read to their mentors, while others play sports and games together.



Woodridge senior boys distribute programs.

