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Meet a successful completer

Brianna-Marie Bell onstage at Playhouse Square



Brianna-Marie Bell, 2013 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and Theater Arts Career Academy completer, made her Broadway debut in *A Bronx Tale Musical*.

Since October, she has starred in the lead role in the nine-month national tour and will be on stage in the Playhouse Square production from April 23 to May 12. Brianna shared her experiences with current Theater Arts students during her Cleveland run.

According to reviews, “A Bronx Tale is bursting with high-energy dance numbers and doo-wop tunes and takes you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s.” Brianna-Marie’s credits include performing in the national tours of *Flashdance the Musical* and *Beautiful the Carole King Musical*. She also appeared as Cinderella in a regional Rogers and Hammerstein’s production.

According to Theater Arts Career Academy teacher **David Obney**, “Brianna has been working nonstop as a professional actor including a number of national tours and as a vocalist and dancer on a cruise ship.”

While Brianna-Marie was a senior in the Tallmadge College Tech Prep program, she appeared on ABC’s American Idol. She also performed with the ETC Show Choir for eight years. She graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

Programming student Vonn Wheatley earns two first places at state BPA

Programming and Software Development student **Vonn Wheatley**, Roosevelt, took first place in the state Business Professionals Association competition in C+ Programming. Wheatley also won first place in Digital Communication and Design and second in C-Sharp Programming at regionals. **Adrienne Shartle**, who took first at regionals in web design, also competed at state BPA.

Others placing at regionals included **Vincent Carbone**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Alex Ely**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Kyle Sommer**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Liam Goldstein**, Hudson; **John Bowersock**, Hudson; and **Emily Rediger**, Hudson.



From left, **Catie Milton**, HCT Club Advisor; **Jan Pluck**, Haven of Rest Volunteer Coordinator; **Kylee McCracken**, Tallmadge; **Katie Bunday**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Isabelle Garrett**, Tallmadge; and **Paige Lever**, Stow-Munroe Falls.

HCT Club raises \$1,000 in Change War competition

Health Careers Technologies Club at Roosevelt recently presented volunteer coordinator **Jan Pluck** of Haven of Rest Ministries in Akron a check for \$1,000. In December, students created Christmas cards for the residents at Haven of Rest in Akron and while dropping off the cards, they saw fliers which showed a need for basic clothing, including socks, underwear and toiletries.

Club officers **Natalie Frank**, Roosevelt; **Nina Ricchiuto**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Katie Bunday**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Lexie Hamp**, Roosevelt; **Enas Abu-Khalad**, Roosevelt; **Aubrey Richardson**, Tallmadge; **Kylee McCracken**, Tallmadge; and **Paige Lever**, Stow-Munroe Falls, organized a “Change Wars” competition between Roosevelt’s 11 career programs with the money targeted to Haven of Rest. Level I Construction Technologies class won the “prize” of breakfast served by club members.

21 Marketing Management students head to DECA Nationals

Twenty-one Marketing Management students representing five of the Six District Educational Compact schools will compete at the International DECA Career Development Conference in Orlando.

Placing second in Franchise Business Plan were Roosevelt students **Zach Holman, Alex Smigel** and **Casey Troyer**. Roosevelt students **Stanley Keith** and **Nathan Montanari** placed second in Independent Business Plan, while **Gavin Markham** and **Carter Troyer** placed second in Business Services Research.

Roosevelt students **Gabe Rossi** placed second in Start-Up Business Plan; **Lauren Wallis** placed second in Integrated Marketing and **Abby Camara** placed third in Financial Literacy Promotion. **Mayhugh Cebula**, Cuyahoga Falls, and **Chloe Zofchak**, Stow-Munroe Falls, placed third in Community Service Project. **Maria Clymer**, Cuyahoga Falls, placed third in International Business Plan. Roosevelt students **Drew Ferrell** and **Jon Touma** placed third in Finance Services Research.

Woodridge student **Marvin Montgomery** placed third in Business Growth Plan and Roosevelt students **Theresa Bailey** and **Logan Pfeiffer** placed fourth in Franchise Business Plan. Hudson's **Amanda Capen** took fourth place in Business Growth Plan and Woodridge's **Jad El-Ghazal** and **Alex Elia** placed fourth in Start-Up Business Plan.

Equipment donated to polymers

A piece of testing equipment called an Oscillating Disc Rheometer (ODR) was recently donated to the polymers rotation of the Engineering Academy at Stow-Munroe Falls by Firestone Polymers with special help from **Terry Hogan**, General Manager, Product Development.

According to Engineering Academy instructor **Dave Helmick**, "Firestone Polymers, part of Bridgestone Americas Inc., is an awesome supporter helping us reach our educational goals."



Biomed students tour Great Lakes Science Center

Biomedical Science and Technology Academy students and teacher **Matt Milosovic** toured the Museum to see exhibits about biotechnology and physics, as well as space travel.



Cuyahoga Falls Auto Tech students attend Auto-Rama at I-X Center

Students in the Cuyahoga Falls Automotive Technologies class attended the Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Power Auto-Rama on March 15. The show featured classic custom cars, motorcycles and vintage airplanes.

Middle School counselors tour CTE programs



Middle School counselors hear about Automotive Technologies at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

In order to help students focus on career opportunities, middle school counselors from the six Compact school districts recently toured College Tech Prep programs at Cuyahoga Falls and Roosevelt.

"It's fabulous to hear instructors talk about what they do," says **Michelle Perrow** of Woodridge Middle School.

Tallmadge students place at BPA

Joni Giles' Entrepreneurship class from Tallmadge High School recently participated in Business Professionals of America competitions. **Brooke Santomauro** took first place in Accounting and second place in Banking and Finance, while **Brayden Hopkins** took first place in Management, Marketing and Human Resources. Brooke then placed in the Top 10 at the state BPA competition.



Early Childhood students take gold

Early Childhood Professions students were gold winners at the FCCLA regional competition and will compete at the state level. From left, **Audriannah Johnson**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Cassidy Shaffer**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Amanda Herring**, Stow-Munroe Falls; and **Danielle Maurer**, Hudson.

\$10,000 grant awarded for CADET program

Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (CADET) instructors **Troy Spear** and **Jeff Bee** at Roosevelt High School were recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation. Funds will be used for scholarships.

Districts recognize C.A.R.E. award winners, superintendents

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

The six superintendents of the Six District Educational Compact school districts were honored C.A.R.E. Community Award of Appreciation for their innumerable contributions to support the work of the C.A.R.E. Committee and the students in their districts.

Specifically, **Dr. Todd Nichols**, Cuyahoga Falls City Schools; **Phil Herman**, Hudson City Schools; **George Joseph**, Kent City Schools; **Dr. Thomas Bratten**, Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools; **Jeffrey Ferguson**, Tallmadge City Schools; and **Walter Davis**, Woodridge Local Schools, were recognized for their support of mental health, including the Saturday Family Workshop initiative, professional development, student clubs, and outside speakers and programs for students and families.

Others honored by districts include:

In Cuyahoga Falls, **Julie Winston**, Child Guidance and Family Solutions Counselor

In Hudson, Hudson High School math teacher **Joe Schuch** and Hudson High School senior **Katherine Roegner**

In Kent, **Jen Flaherty** and **Lisa Keller**, Roosevelt High School Media Center

In Stow-Munroe Falls, N.O.P.E. (Narcotic Overdose Prevention and Education) Task Force

In Tallmadge, **Jen Stewart**, school counselor

In Woodridge, Woodridge business teacher **Johnna Vineyard** and senior **Rachel Lauck**



From Hudson, Superintendent Phil Herman, Joe Schuch and C.A.R.E. Coordinator Kelsey Haggerty.



From Woodridge, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Robert Sykes, Johnna Vineyard, Rachel Lauck and Superintendent Walter Davis.



From Kent, Superintendent George Joseph, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Jacquie Peoples Dukes, Jen Flaherty and Lisa Keller.



From Cuyahoga Falls, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Holly Merkle, Superintendent Dr. Todd Nichols and Julie Winston.



From Tallmadge, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Heather Prazer, Jennifer Stewart and Superintendent Jeff Ferguson.



From Stow-Munroe Falls. Richard Hughes, Superintendent Dr. Tom Bratten, Capt. Bryan Snavely, C.A.R.E. Coordinator Tina Burdette, Principal Dr. Jeff Hartmann, Amanda Carlyon, Susan Carlyon and Officer Barry Smith.



Compact Superintendents from left, George Joseph, Kent; Phil Herman, Hudson; Jeff Ferguson, Tallmadge; Mary Jane Stanchina, Compact Executive Director; Dr. Todd Nichols, Cuyahoga Falls; Walter Davis, Woodridge; and Dr. Tom Bratten, Stow-Munroe Falls.



Teaching Professions student headed to national competition

Senior **Gracie Wyckoff**, Roosevelt, placed in the Top 5 in the job interview category in the state competition for Educators Rising held at Capital University. Selected on the basis of her cover letter and resume, she interviewed with a panel of professionals and will compete at the national level in Dallas Texas.

Seniors who competed at the Educators Rising Conference held at Capital University from left, Jacy Kupfer, Roosevelt; Kiersten Hilliard, Stow-Munroe Falls; Brooke Britton, Stow-Munroe Falls; Gracie Wyckoff, Roosevelt; Bill Wolford, Roosevelt; Miranda Shovestull, Roosevelt; Lindsey Ryan, Stow-Munroe Falls; and Paige Paxton, Stow-Munroe Falls.



Placing in the Model Home Design contest

Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies students who placed in the annual Student Model Home Design Contest include from left, **Noah Lovas**, Roosevelt; **Max Meeker**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Mark Montgomery**, Stow-Munroe Falls; and **Jarod Shumaker**, Tallmadge. Also competing was **Tristan Grant**, Tallmadge. The teams designed a multi-unit townhouse.

Business and Sports Management students score at BPA

Roosevelt Business and Sports Management students competed at the Business Professionals of America contests. **Brian Alexander** placed seventh at the state BPA in Extemporaneous Speech after placing first at regionals. **Derek Combs**, **Sam Whitmore** and **Stephen Gruber**, placed eighth in Small Business Management at state BPA after placing first at regionals.



Brian Alexander

Aeronautics Academy includes flyover at KSU

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors, who are interested in learning more about aeronautics, can spend from June 10 to 14 at the tuition-based A.C.E. Academy. The week-long opportunity includes a “flyover” at the KSU airport, hands-on experiences at KSU’s aeronautics and engineering labs and worksite visits at area airports and a control tower.

A.C.E. Academy is sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact and Kent State University’s College of Aeronautics and Engineering. For more information, call the Six District Educational Compact office at 330-650-2247 or register and pay online at www.kent.edu/cae/ACEcamp.



Screening and Placement days involve instructors

Instructors of the Compact’s College Tech Prep programs met with school counselors from all the high schools, as well as the Compact team, to successfully place

prospective students in programs for the 2019-2020 school year. From left, Compact Administrative Assistant **Susan Howiler**, Compact consultant **Nancy Fluke** and Compact Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina**.

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News from around the Compact...

AHCF students donate

From left, Roosevelt students **Kylie Hudson**, **Bea Hanna** and **Gwen Anderson** deliver their HPAC project “Baby Bundles” baskets to the Center of Hope in Ravenna and Miller House in Kent. These baskets will be used to support the needs of families with infants. HPAC, Health Professions Affinity Community, is a student-led program that empowers youth to become community health entrepreneurs.



Hudson Auto construction to start soon

Construction is planned to begin soon on a new building on the Hudson High School campus for the Hudson Automotive Technologies program with completion scheduled by the start of the 2020 school year. The current facility is located on the Hudson Middle School campus.

IT Academy students advance to states

IT Academy with CompTIA and CISCO students from left, **Kamden Watts**, Tallmadge, and **Zachary Jenkins**, Roosevelt, competed in the BPA state competition.



Zachary Jenkins and Kamden Watts

Empower in math workshops held

Thanks to a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Compact administrators and teachers are participating in workshops and other activities led by **Dr. Kim Yoak**. The collaborative sessions involving elementary to high school math curriculum include a book study and video conferences. The group will also meet in August for two days.

Summer school classes offered

Summer school brochures are available in high school guidance offices or call the Compact office at 330-655-2247.

Meet a completer

Early Childhood program leads to preschool position

Gabriella Mitchell, a 2018 graduate of Stow-Munroe Falls and an Early Childhood Professions completer, transformed her internship experience with Summit County Educational Service Center’s Preschool into an assistant teaching position. Gabby says, “I love working in an integrated preschool classroom where I can nurture children and promote their development.”

