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## Meet a successful completer



Colin Doolittle

### Polymers program changed his life

**Colin Doolittle**, a 1996 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, says, "I've been working in plastics since I was 16 years old—all based on my experiences in the Compact's polymers program with teachers **Ed Borsuk** and **Melanie Stewart**." The polymers program at Stow-Munroe Falls High School preceded today's Engineering Academy, which includes a 9-week polymer rotation.

Now a professor of Engineering at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, OH, Colin heads the Plastics Engineering Technology associate's degree program. He teaches five classes a semester. "I like helping people and molding lives," he explains. "Our graduates can earn \$45,000 a year with a two-year degree."

Last fall, Colin and a team of six students built a customized, mechanical hand for a three-year-old boy from Toledo. In just a month, the students used a 3D printing machine and a model of a technical hand they found on the Internet to create three prototypes and built the hand. "It was one of the coolest things I have been involved in," Colin explains, "and an amazing opportunity for the engineering students."

Colin started his career pathway while in high school when he worked in a chemical lab at a small company in Hudson, which produced roof coatings and sealants. After graduation, he joined the Army Reserve and then started working at Ferro Corp. in Cleveland as a lab technician. After moving to Northwest Ohio, Colin was a Technical Engineer for Ferro troubleshooting with customers around the U.S. He earned his associate's degree at Northwest State and his bachelor's at Bowling Green State University.

According to Borsuk, "As a Polymer student, Colin was always willing to learn more. He wasn't just satisfied with completing assignments but would inquire about the results and how the results related to products in the real world."

"I would not be where I am today without the polymers program," Colin explains. "That one decision changed the course of my life."



**Emily Clark, Stow-Munroe Falls, and Chandi Patel, RN, a 2012 completer from Roosevelt**

### Health Careers students participate in UHCMC program

As part of the UHCMC (University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center) observation program, **Emily Clark**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Lauren Karaffa**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Becca Haught**, Tallmadge; and **Savanna Ansley**, Tallmadge, spent four days at MacDonal Hospital for Women's Newborn Nursery, Rainbow Babies and Children's NICU Transitional Care Center and Rainbow 6, pediatric nursing unit.

Emily and Lauren shadowed former Health Careers Technologies completer **Chandi Patel**, RN, Roosevelt, who told the students HCT helped prepare her for classes for her nursing degree at Kent State University.

According to instructor **Catie Milton**, RN, Level II students shadow health care professionals from 24 to 30 hours. "Last semester, I had students who shadowed a podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, ultrasonographer, dental hygienist, dentist, intake specialist, billing coder, infusionist and ambulance transporter."

## CADET instructors recognized

CAD and Engineering Technologies instructors **Troy Spear** and **Jeff Bee** received the “2017 Manufacturing & Education Workforce Collaboration Award” from the Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce in January. The award recognizes the collaborative efforts of Anderson International Corp., Esterle Mold & Machine, Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, NMG Aerospace and the Six District Educational Compact’s CADET program at Roosevelt High School.

## Criminal Justice students make worksite visits

Level I Criminal Justice students at Cuyahoga Falls attended a seminar at the Summit County Juvenile Court where they engaged in a question and answer session with professionals.

As part of the experience of touring Oriana House’s Glenwood campus, some Level II students volunteered to wear ankle electronic monitoring devices, which are used for those under house arrest. According to instructor **Shane Parker**, “Not only was this a great look into the probation and electronic monitoring system, it was also an interesting sociological experience for the students as they experienced a wide array of reactions from people just because they were wearing the ankle bracelets.”



From left, **Sarah Wyatt**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Jacquelyn Shields**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Maggie Ferrara**, Roosevelt; and **Niarra Gooden-Clarke**, Roosevelt.

## Level II students present research at national conference

**Maggie Ferrara**, Roosevelt; **Sarah Wyatt**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Jacquelyn Shields**, Cuyahoga Falls; and **Niarra Gooden-Clarke**, Roosevelt, presented their poster research project, “Commit to Be Fit” at the FMEC (Family Medicine Educational Conference) in Cleveland in November. Their project was selected from over 1,000 students who presented at NEOMED HPAC Scholars Day last April, including all Level I AHCF students.



**Charde McCraney**, above



Pictured left, **Dan Worthington** and **Culinary Arts instructor Tracey Lee**

## Guest chefs share expertise as part of Capstone Project

Teams of Culinary Arts Level II students worked with professional guest chefs to prepare and serve special lunches in December giving them the unique opportunity to work one-on-one with an industry-level chef and learn restaurant management skills.

Professional chefs **Dan Worthington**, a 2011 completer from Stow-Munroe Falls, and **Charde McCraney** volunteered their time to offer advice and demonstrate technical expertise. This Capstone Project integrates the course standards contained in Hospitality Management, Introduction to Food Production, Dining Room Services Management and Baking Pastry.



Bottom row from left, **Laruen Malaska**, Hudson; **Marie Comi**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Hannah Seckinger**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Gabrielle Filing**, Stow-Munroe Falls; and **Rishma Subba**, Cuyahoga Falls. Top row from left, **Michael Gaffney**, President, Junior Achievement; **Dylan McDonough**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Jerrid Atkinson**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Garrett Ansley**, Tallmadge; **Jared Seal**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Heather Ciranna**, Owner, Corner Cup Coffeehouse; and **Leandra Schindler**, Flowering Financial Services.

## International Business hosts entrepreneurs

International Business Academy students hosted Entrepreneurship Day with Junior Achievement and invited eight local entrepreneurs to speak about their experiences. The experts offered ideas, talked about roadblocks and risks and gave suggestions.

# Meet our successful completers

## From Biomedical Engineering and Technology Academy

**Clay Ralston**, a 2015 Woodridge graduate and Biomedical Engineering completer, is majoring in Chemical Engineering at The University of Dayton. He interned last summer at Hohman Plating and Manufacturing in Dayton, where he used skills learned in the Academy to write lab reports and develop new operating parameters to streamline production in his department. "Recruiters I have interviewed with are impressed with my exposure to advanced techniques. As part of my Capstone Project, I got a leg up on 3D design, Excel and technical writing skills," Clay says.



Clay Ralston

## From Marketing Management

**Paige Pfeiffer**, a 2017 Roosevelt Marketing Management completer and a four-year International DECA Career Development Conference competitor, has been awarded a \$2,500 Fred DeLuca Scholarship administered by the Franchise Education and Research Foundation. Paige is a freshman at John Carroll University studying marketing and entrepreneurship. She is the third Roosevelt completer to receive national recognition from the IFA.



Paige Pfeiffer

As part of the scholarship, Paige receives a travel stipend up to \$1,500 which includes airfare and expenses to attend the International Franchise Association's (IFA) annual convention in Phoenix, AZ.

## From Teaching Professions

**Marisa Manocchio**, a Teaching Professions completer from Roosevelt is now in her fourth year of teaching Introduction to Engineering Design at Bio-Med Science Academy in Rootstown. She received a bachelor's degree from Kent State University in Integrated Mathematics. Marisa has made presentations at state conferences.



Marisa Manocchio

## From the Engineering Academy

**Megan Keleman**, a 2016 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and Engineering Academy completer, shared her experiences as a computer science and math major in the Washkewicz College of Engineering at Cleveland State University.

Keleman received scholarships from the University and currently has three jobs, including recruiting for the College of Engineering. She belongs to a sorority, serves as a Student Senator, works as a teaching assistant in the English department and writes for an online magazine.



Megan Keleman



Caleb Schjeldahl and Tyler Simpkins

## From Culinary Arts

**Shannon McGrath**, a 2014 completer from Cuyahoga Falls, graduated from Culinary Arts at Columbus Culinary Institute Columbus, Ohio in March 2017. While she was at Columbus Culinary, she was part of a CCI Hot Food Competition team that made it to the New York competition. Shannon is currently a chef at Mustard Seed Market & Café in Akron.



Shannon McGrath

**Trey Thom**, a 2013 Culinary Arts completer from Hudson, graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC, in May 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Foodservice Management. He is currently employed at Coastal Kitchen and Bar at the Hilton Uptown in Charlotte, NC.



Trey Thom

**Sarah Hamrick**, a Stow-Munroe Falls High School graduate and a 2014 Culinary Arts completer, graduated with her bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC in May 2017. She majored in Baking and Pastry Arts and Food Service Entrepreneurship. She is a pastry chef at Amelie's French Bakery in Charlotte, NC.



Sarah Hamrick

## From Athletic Health Care

Two completers of Athletic Health Care and Fitness are full-time firefighter/paramedics for the Kent Fire Department. **Caleb Schjeldahl**, a 2006 Roosevelt graduate, and **Tyler Simpkins**, a 2012 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, joined KFD last year. Both did shadowing at the fire department while in the program.

**Kevin Burroughs**, a 2010 completer from Roosevelt, recently completed his Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine degree at Logan University and is now working as a Sports Chiropractor at Ohio Sports Chiropractic and Rehab in Northfield.

## From Hudson Auto Technologies

**Alex Redd**, a 2013 Tallmadge completer of Auto Technologies College Tech Prep, is on the Auto Technologies Advisory Board. Redd is a graduate of WyoTech in Blairsville, PA. He was recently promoted to a internal sales position at Summit Racing.

# News from around the Compact...

## Sophomores visit Compact programs

Sophomores from the six Compact high schools will have the opportunity to see College Tech Prep programs during February.

Visitations to College Tech Prep programs are scheduled January 29 through February 15. A designated counselor at each high school arranges for interested students to visit the programs. Every sophomore receives a color copy of the 2018-2019 Career Catalog.

## C.A.R.E. Banquet set for April 5

On Thursday, April 5, the C.A.R.E. Committee will honor individuals and school and community organizations working to combat drug and alcohol abuse. More details are available from your district's C.A.R.E. Coordinator.

## Celebrate Career Tech Month

"Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow" is the theme for the 2018 National Career and Technical Education Month. Boards of Education in all six districts passed proclamations marking the month. Students and teachers planned special programs during the month of February.

## Fly a plane during A.C.E. Academy

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in learning more about aeronautics can take part in a week-long opportunity this summer.

Held from June 11 to 15, the A.C.E. Academy is a tuition-based experience sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact and Kent State University. The experience includes a "flyover" at the KSU airport, worksite visits to area airports, hands-on experiences at KSU's aeronautics labs and a behind-the-scenes tour of Cleveland Hopkins airport.

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31<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary

Reading & Writing  
FESTIVAL 2018

## Reading and Writing Festival features author Patrick Carman

Author **Patrick Carman** will speak at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Reading and Writing Festival on Tuesday, May 1, at Kent State University.

Seventh and eighth grade students from the Six District Educational Compact and other middle schools will participate. The Festival encourages students to read and write while enhancing their communication skills.



## Programming and Software Development students slide to code

In December, Programming and Software Development students toured Hyland Software in Westlake, and saw a company where hard work is rewarded with a fun environment, including collaboration activities and an emphasis on fitness and personal wellness. Students received Javascript coding lessons at Hyland OnBase.



Finance students tour the Cleveland Federal Reserve.

## Tallmadge students learn about banking

In order to learn more about historical hyperinflation, **Kim Brendel's** Finance class visited the Cleveland Federal Reserve for a tour in October. The information they heard about finance, banking and economics helped the students gain a better understanding of how the monetary supply works in the United States.

## Collision Repair students getting experience

**Brevin Helmick**, Woodridge, and **Alex Hershberger**, Tallmadge, Level II students in Collision Repair and Refinishing, are working in the field. Brevin is at Tallmadge Collision in the paint department and Alex is working at Alexander Body and Fender in Akron after school in the detail department. **Tyler Stadden**, 2016 Stow-Munroe Falls completer, also works at Alexander's, and 2017 Cuyahoga Falls completer **Shawn Hurr** is the lead painter at Falls Auto Body in Cuyahoga Falls.

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