



Construction Technologies

News about a College Tech Prep Program from the Six District Educational Compact



Constructing a storage shed

Construction Technologies Level I students recently completed a storage building for Davey Elementary School in Kent. The shed will be used to store playground equipment.

Class members learned many skills, such as floor construction, wall framing, roof construction, shingling, exterior finish painting and installing scaffolding.



Construction Tech student Aaron Duff earns Eagle Scout rank

Aaron Duff, Hudson, earned his Eagle Scout rank last spring. Aaron planned and led a construction project to benefit Gennesaret, a non-profit organization that feeds the poor in Akron, Ohio. He has volunteered at Gennesaret since middle school through his church, First Congregational

Church in Hudson. "I have always felt a strong desire to give back to my community through service," Aaron says.

Aaron's project helped to complete a space which will be used as a chapel. Instructor **Don Titko** advised Aaron on his plans. According to Aaron, his favorite merit badges are archery, swimming, camping and emergency preparedness. More than anything, he says he loves "sleeping under the stars at summer camp."

Meet a completer



Michael Danks puts construction knowledge to work

Michael Danks, 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.

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, who does a job correctly."

Mike met his wife **Mallory Rogers Danks** at The University of Akron where they graduated with bachelor's degrees in Construction Engineering Technology. They have been married for five years and have a young son. 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.



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Interning at Hammond Construction

Kai Klempf, Level II student from Roosevelt, is interning this school year at Hammond Construction, one of the largest professional management and contracting companies in Northeast Ohio.

Kai is training in a managerial position as a project engineer for Hammond Construction and working on a three-story, 239,000-square-foot high school called the Ellet Community Learning Center in Akron.

According to instructor **Don Titko**, "Kai has been given a fantastic opportunity. Construction managers are currently in very high demand and have great potential for financial well-being."

Kai worked all summer as a carpenter for Hammond Construction and impressed his supervisors with his personal and professional skills. He was given the chance to see a different side of the industry when he was promoted to an office position to learn what goes on behind the scenes in the building process. Kai plans to enroll in the bachelor's degree construction management/engineering program at The University of Akron next year.

Kai says, "I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have to obtain great experience for potential future career work."

Completer gets college credit at Kent State

Conner Ball, a 2017 Roosevelt graduate and Construction Technologies completer, is currently attending Kent State University and is enrolled in the Construction Management Program. Conner used the CTAGS he earned in the program and received credit for Construction Safety and Construction Technology courses.

Students who successfully complete specified technical programs are eligible to have technical credit transfer to public colleges and universities. This transfer of credit is described in Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAG). CTAGs are advising tools that assist students moving from Ohio secondary and adult career-technical institutions to Ohio public institutions of higher education.

Making a worksite visit to Hartville Hardware

By **Tiffany Wilson**, Cuyahoga Falls

On November 16, students in the Construction Technologies College Tech Prep program ventured out of the lab to learn more about the world of construction at Hartville Hardware. Throughout the day, students interacted with vendors, who offered endless amounts of educational and insightful information. They saw demonstrations, including a saw stop, chisel work, wood carving and wood burning.

Walking through the beautiful house and showcase area consisting of a variety of models of bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, and living rooms was inspirational. Students received a parting gift consisting of a variety of generously donated items from different vendors before having lunch at nearby Hartville Kitchen.

In memory of Scott Hershiser

Scott Hershiser, a 1980 Roosevelt graduate and completer of the Construction Technologies program, died in August. His family requested that donations in his name be given to the Construction Technologies Program. A number of donations have been made and instructor **Don Titko** is working with the Hershiser family to create a memorial at Roosevelt High School.



Meet Tiffany Wilson, President's Volunteer Service Award winner

Tiffany Wilson, Cuyahoga Falls, recently earned The President's Volunteer Service award signed by President **Donald J. Trump**.

The premier volunteer awards program, The President's Volunteer Service Award encourages citizens to live a life of service

through presidential gratitude and national recognition. It recognizes United States citizens who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

Tiffany earned the award after volunteering at a pet shelter called Paws and Prayers, a foster-based animal shelter in Akron. According to Tiffany, "I have done a multitude of activities that added up to 50 hours within a month, which earned me the bronze level award."

Her volunteer activities including cleaning dozens of cages of rescue cats and kittens, safely socializing a combination of 10 dogs and puppies in the Paws and Prayers yard and leading a 2-mile "Wag 'n Walk" event.

Filling the 'R' with donated canned goods

Students in Level I Construction Technologies created and built a large "R" bookshelf to fill with

canned goods as part of the annual canned good drive at Roosevelt High School. The Leadership Retreat Planning Committees of 2017 and 2018 took their ideas to the program and Construction Tech students put their ideas and tools to work.

During the "off-season," the bookshelf will be housed in the high school media center and will display books that promote the character traits of the Roosevelt Way.

