

## Student Learner Success Service supports students with test preparation and more

The purpose of the Six District Educational Compact's Student Learner Success Service (SLSS) is to provide academic supports to any student enrolled in a CTE program. Since the SLSS was established, one hundred percent of Compact students have passed their high stakes state graduation tests. During the 2021-2022 school year, the SLSS specialists, **Audrey Bodnar** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Lisa Emmett** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Eva Frank** (Roosevelt) and **Deb Rutzky** (Roosevelt) have serviced approximately 200 students within the Six District Educational Compact.

The SLSS specialists are available for a wide-range of academic assistance while supporting all aspects of Compact students' diverse needs. This assistance includes tutoring for academic and career classes, standardized test preparation, providing testing accommodations for eligible students and support with resume building, credit recovery, and capstone projects.

## Work-Study/Transition programming delivers employability skill development to students

The Work-Study/Transition program provides a continuum of services to promote positive transition from the school environment to the world of work. Students with disabilities who receive special education services may be eligible to participate in the Work-Study or the Transition to Work program under the direction of coordinator, **Ken Subak**.

Eighteen students from Tallmadge High School and nine students from Cuyahoga Falls High School participated in the Work-Study program during the 2021-2022 school year. The students were employed within the community and earned a high school credit for this successful employment.

The Transition to Work program is designed to provide students with life skills training that promotes employment and career skill acquisition. Topics covered include career goal identification, finance and budgeting, employability skills and independent living. Six students from Tallmadge High School and 40 students from Cuyahoga Falls High School participated in the Transition to Work program during the 2021-2022 school year.

## Project SEARCH completers finding employment

Project SEARCH is a workforce development program at Summa Hospital that provides employability skills training and career exploration for students with disabilities in the Six District Educational Compact. The 2021-2022 school year served as **Michael Dodson's** first year as the Project SEARCH Coordinator.

During the 2021-2022 school year, nine students were enrolled in Project SEARCH: four from Cuyahoga Falls High School, two from Hudson High School, one from Stow-Munroe Falls High School and two from Woodridge High School.

Students participated in rotations with various departments within the hospital where they were paired with a mentor, assisted by job coaches and received regular evaluations. Students are involved in every aspect of the job and are treated as regular employees.

Upon completion of the program, eight of the nine students were gainfully employed in competitive positions. Four completers are employed at the hospital, two within the DMT department and two within the laundry department. One student is employed within a skilled nursing facility and is working towards obtaining her STNA license. Another student is employed at Hope Early Care and Education Center, one student is employed at the Kohl Family YMCA and another student is employed at Goodwill.



**Grant Buzzelli (Woodridge) is pictured working as an intern in shipping and receiving.**