



Athletic Health Care and Fitness

News about a Career-Technical Education Program from the Six District Educational Compact



AHCF Class of 2020-2021

Front row from left, **Sofia Gage**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Amelia Ruffer**, Hudson; **Jordan Lyle**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Kylie Hutchins**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Hayley Kohler**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Kaylee Lott**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Elizabeth Valetta**, Roosevelt; **Rachel Rhodes**, Stow-Munroe Falls.

Center row from left, **Madison Pflug**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Grace Pontius**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Leah Beseda**, Hudson; **Ava Paolucci**, Roosevelt; **Mallory Gallagher**, Roosevelt; **Alexis Genovese**, Roosevelt; **Meghan Huelsman**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Eliza Schoonover**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Gabriella Finelli**, Roosevelt; **Madison Wade**, Roosevelt.

Back row from left, **Alyssa Szekely**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Josh Thompson**, Roosevelt; **Brian Beck**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Riley Cesnak**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Brian Friedt**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Sean Sarkisian**, Hudson; **Jonah Karnofel**, Hudson; **Nathan Hilton**, Roosevelt; **Kayla McHale**, Stow-Munroe Falls.

Touring the Mount Union campus

In October, Level I students were invited to the Health Professions information and campus tour at the University of Mount Union. Faculty and students discussed and led tours of the following professional education programs, including Exercise Science, Physician Assistant, Nursing, Physical Therapy and Pre-Healthcare majors.

This was the second year that AHCF students attended the event. **Eva Paoloni**, a 2010 graduate of Roosevelt and AHCF completer, is a Mount Union graduate of the Physician Assistant program and works at Aultman Hospital.



Mount Union classroom visit.



From left, Katie Kulis and Asia Hawthorne

Level I students place first at HPAC Scholars Day

Last spring, **Katie Kulis** and **Asia Hawthorne**, Roosevelt, were first place sector winners in Oral Research Presentation at the Health Care Affinity Community (HPAC) Scholars Day program at Baldwin Wallace University.

The two researched the impact of proper hygiene on middle school students and demonstrated an awareness of this issue by presenting information and making "Personal Packs" of donated hygiene products that Stanton teachers and counselors distributed as needed.



Athletic Trainers on the job

Athletic trainers **Terry Slattery** and **Angela Textor** assist Roosevelt football player **Gabe Rossi**.



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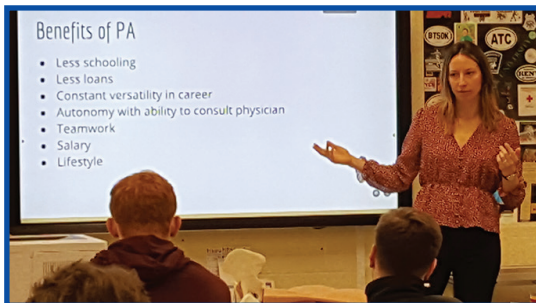


Lori Ferrara, MSN, RN

Children's Hospital nursing educator supports students

Nursing educator **Lori Ferrara, MSN, RN**, spoke recently to students in Athletic Health Care and Fitness. Over the years, Lori has provided and supported seniors with their professional shadowing experiences.

Lori is a nurse educator at Akron Children's Hospital and works in the Austen Simulation Center. She sponsored student attendance at professional conferences and allowed students to volunteer as patient models for nurse and physician simulation evaluations. Programmable simulated mannikins are used to help train doctors and staff in the Simulation Center.



Colleen Bonacci-Fairhurst

Completer talks about career as Physician Assistant

Colleen Bonacci-Fairhurst, a 2010 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and Athletic Health Care and Fitness completer, spoke to the Level I students about the educational path and career responsibilities of a Physician Assistant.

Colleen is a Physician Assistant, who now works for The Cleveland Clinic. She started out in the Emergency Room and is now working in Dermatology.

Colleen attended Baldwin Wallace University and earned her undergraduate degree in Exercise Science in 2014. She was accepted into the BWU graduate Physician Assistant program, where she completed her studies in 2017. Colleen also played volleyball for BWU.

According to instructor **Terry Slattery**, "Colleen serves as a mentor and has hosted Level II students interested in becoming Physician Assistants. Students were able to shadow her on the job to learn more about the day-to-day aspects of the profession."

AHCF students are members of National Honor Society

Many Level I and II students enrolled in Athletic Health Care and Fitness, a Career-Technical Education program, are also members of the National Honor Society at their home schools.

National Honor Society members include:

At Roosevelt High School: **Haley Brenner, Jordan Carlton, Matt Dile, Gabby Finelli, Elizabeth Gavriloff, Bea Hanna, Asia Hawthorne, Nathan Hilton, Kylie Hudson, Katie Kulis, Cade McDougal, Marek Seaholts, Carley Wolfgang, Emma Piccicio, Collin Schumm and Josh Thompson**

At Woodridge High School: **Andrew Mekeal and Kyle Mottice**

At Cuyahoga Falls: **Vann Strausser**

At Stow-Munroe Falls High School: **Rachel Pitcovich**



Kent Paramedic/Firefighter talks about his career field

Brad McDougal is a Kent Fire Department Paramedic/Firefighter and also a SWAT medic. The father of AHCF senior **Cade McDougal**, he talked with students about the career options and opportunities

available in the field of Paramedic/Fire Fighting.

Brad also talked about being a SWAT medic and showed the students medical and technical operational gear used by a SWAT medic and officer. He brought a Bearcat armored response vehicle to Roosevelt. The SWAT team uses this when deployed on an incident.

Cade says he also wants to be a paramedic/firefighter and is currently volunteering and participating in training. Cade will attend The University of Akron next year and major in Fire Science.



Athletic Health Care and Fitness is now active and posting on Twitter. Follow us: @Ahcfli

With over 100 followers, our goal is to keep current students, future students, parents, alumni, advisory members, health care organizations and others up to date and informed on our current student and class activities.