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**Cameron Lantz (Tallmadge) and Brandon Melin (Kent) at awards ceremony**

## Marketing students awarded Portage Youth Initiative Award for DECA project

Level II Marketing students, **Cameron Lantz** (Tallmadge) and **Brandon Melin** (Kent) were nominated for the Celebrate Portage! Youth Initiative Award and were recognized at the awards ceremony in September at NEOMED. Coleman Health Services nominated the pair for their DECA project, Mission: Hope and Housing, which raised more than \$5,000 and an awareness for area homeless who are transitioning out of foster care due to

their age. Instructor **Brent Pfeiffer** states, "It is very humbling to see that the community recognized them for their work and both students were beyond grateful for the recognition."



**Ana Reichert at the HOSA International Competition this summer**

## HCT students make the most of their summer break

Our motivated Health Careers Technologies students took advantage of a wealth of opportunities over the summer months. Level II senior **Lizzie McGarry** (Tallmadge) attended the pharmacy camp at NEOMED University and **Sidney Sheppert** (Stow-Munroe Falls) attended Case Western Reserve University's summer research internship program.

Additionally, students participated in the HOSA International Competition held in Nashville, Tennessee and **Ana Reichert** (Cuyahoga Falls), placed in the top ten in her chosen event, Family Medicine.

## Success Stories



## Criminal Justice completer working for Columbus PD

**Austin Enos** is a 2017 Cuyahoga Falls graduate and completer of the Criminal Justice program. Austin graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's

of Science in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Psychology, as well as a certificate in Forensic Populations. Austin currently works as a police officer for the City of Columbus Police Department. Austin shares that the CJ program provided him with both college credits and valuable resources related to his career field.



## ERP program opens doors for a career in electronics

**Quinn Schmidt**, a 2022 Cuyahoga Falls graduate and completer of the Electronics, Robotics and Programming program is currently working as a camera operator at Cedar

Point. Upon graduating, Quinn began working at Cedar Point as a technician and quickly earned a promotion to camera operator. Quinn shares that the ERP program prepared her for the professional world by assisting her with resume building and by providing her with a vast knowledge of electronics. Additionally, she states that earning her Certified Electronics Technician credential while in the program really helped propel her past other candidates for the job.

## Polymer instructor engaged in university research and education development



**Dave Helmick**, Engineering Academy and Modern Manufacturing for Employment instructor, participated in The University of Akron's Assured Digital Micro-electronics Education

and Training Ecosystem program over the summer. Dave worked in the Global Polymers Academy where he conducted research related to conductive polymers. He also worked in the lab to develop age appropriate laboratory exercises related to conductive polymers for high school students. This important work will be published on Teach Engineering, a leading teacher resource website for Engineering-related content, and was supported by the Air Force Research Lab.



## EntrepreNEW instructor honored by Disney as an exceptional teacher

EntrepreNEW instructor **Emily Kilgore-Knight** was one of 50 instructors nationwide who was awarded a one-of-a-kind educator trip to Walt Disney World in Spring 2022. In honor of Disney's 50th anniversary celebration, Disney recognized 50 exceptional teachers who are passionate about using the tool of imagination in their classrooms. Emily was humbled and excited for this recognition and is truly deserving as she works tirelessly to inspire her students through hands-on experiences and deeply rooted partnerships with businesses in the region.

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## Construction students create a new addition for SMF Safety Town

The Stow-Munroe Falls Safety Town, located off of Fishcreek Road, is a favorite among Stow families and surrounding communities. During the 2007-2008 school year, students in the Construction Technologies program constructed all of the existing scaled models to create what stands today. Fifteen years later, officials from the city of Stow contacted instructor **Don Titko** to see if his students would collaborate once again on a new addition. Seniors **Sylvester Freeman** (Kent), **Owen Snyder** (Woodridge), **Gavin Nesbitt** (Woodridge), **JT Hill** (Stow-Munroe Falls) **Nate McCollum** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **AJ Kline** (Stow-Munroe Falls) were tasked with planning the construction of a scaled model of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to represent the structure at a small scale. Titko feels that, "we met the task with this beautiful building highlighting all of the important architectural characteristics of the library, focusing on the front entryway."



**Sylvester Freeman (Kent)** alongside completed model



**2022 Inspiring Entrepreneur Impact Award recipients** alongside their nominating seniors

## Business mentors are the foundation of EntrepreNEW Pathways

Each year, EntrepreNEW students have the unique opportunity to be matched with a business mentor, meeting regularly to engage in guided conversations and experiences related to the

professions that interest them. At the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year, each senior student was asked to select the mentor that made the greatest impact on them throughout the EntrepreNEW Pathways program. As these students had the opportunity to meet nearly 100 individuals, being named the most impactful entrepreneur deserved to be acknowledged. At the 2022 Celebration of Success and Student Exhibition, these individuals were awarded the Inspiring Entrepreneur Impact Award. Congratulations to the inaugural recipients!

## Western Reserve Hospital Charting Careers partnership

During the 2021-22 school year, the Compact partnered with Western Reserve Hospital to establish the Charting Careers program. Students from six Compact programs, including the Academy of Medical Office and Business Management, Athletic Health Care and Fitness, Biotechnology Academy, Construction Technologies, Culinary Arts, and Health Careers Technologies had the opportunity to access internship and/or employment opportunities as well as career development at various departments within the hospital. Eleven students within these programs interned during the school year and all landed paid employment over the summer. **Glynis Palmisano**, the Academy of Medical Office and Business Management instructor, stated, "students were provided a better understanding of the workforce, professional behavior, and hands-on experience in the health care and office management industry." We look forward to the opportunities for our students for the 2022-23 school year!



**Bhawana Biswa (Cuyahoga Falls '22 completer)** interning in the Pain Management department. Bhawana is currently studying Pre-Med at Kent State University, while she continues to work as a medical office associate at Western Reserve Hospital.



From L-R: Linda Hughes (Cuyahoga Falls), Samjana Bhandari (Cuyahoga Falls), Sarah Dick (Cuyahoga Falls), Shelby Ellsworth (Kent), Jessica Vaught (Stow-Munroe Falls), Sydney Costa (Stow-Munroe Falls)



Alexis Starnes (Stow-Munroe Falls), pictured center, holding her 2nd place trophy from the state FCCLA competition

## Early Childhood students excel in FCCLA competitions

Students in the Early Childhood Professions program earned several impressive accolades recognizing their hard work and professional skills at various FCCLA spring and summer 2022 competitions. Level II students, **Linda Hughes** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Samjana Bhandari** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Sarah Dick** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Shelby Ellsworth** (Kent), **Jessica Vaught** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Sydney Costa** (Stow-Munroe Falls), were awarded the FACTS Award Grant from the Ohio FCCLA and the Ohio Department of Public Safety for their implementation of the Distracted Driving and School Safety Zone Project. Their project included educating preschool students of safety and traffic issues by reading books and writing and performing a song. Additionally, students created a family walk-through event to inform families of school safety zone concerns and the harmful effects of distracted driving.

Additionally, **Alexis Starnes** (Stow-Munroe Falls) received a Silver place rating in Early Childhood Education at Regionals, a Gold place rating at the State Competition and was awarded a second-place trophy for her event in the State of Ohio!

## Programming students research computer programming languages

Level I students in Programming and Software Development took a deep dive into researching computer programming languages to start the school year. Students learned that there are over 700 computer programming



Penelope Covey (Stow-Munroe Falls) presenting her research topic

languages in existence and selected some of the most impactful languages to research. Students presented on the creators of the language, their history and purpose, as well as a sample of the code and its meaning.



22-23 interns with completer Sarah Platt  
Back Row (L-R): Mavrick Mazzei (Tallmadge), Adam Bauer (Woodridge), Miracle Wright-Ford (Tallmadge), Javier Delgado (Cuyahoga Falls)  
Front Row: Sean Knott (Cuyahoga Falls), Sarah Platt (Hudson), Emilee Gerstenslager (Cuyahoga Falls)

## Project SEARCH and Summa Health welcome interns and guest speakers

The 2022-2023 Project SEARCH interns have begun their work at Summa Health for the school year. To kick things off, these interns gained valuable insight and understanding of their work from guest speakers and Project SEARCH completers **Clay Modic** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Sarah Platt** (Hudson) who are now gainfully employed at Summa.

## Hudson Auto completers finding success post graduation

Congratulations to 2022 Hudson Auto Technologies completers who have successfully transitioned to their post-secondary educations and/or lucrative careers!

- **Alan Badillo** (Hudson), is employed by Gearheads and attending Stark State University for Automotive Technology.
- **Hunter Hanning** (Hudson) is currently attending Stark State University for Automotive Technology and cashing in on the College Credit Plus credits he earned from the program.
- **Gage Feller** (Kent-Roosevelt) is employed full time with benefits at Tri-Mor Corp.
- **Isaiah Hypes** (Tallmadge) is employed with Firestone Tire & Service Center.
- **Gavin Parker** (Kent-Roosevelt) is employed with PARTA Transportation Authority.
- **Devin Richter** (Tallmadge) is employed with Park Ford.
- **Jeffrey Stubbs** (Kent-Roosevelt) is employed with Tire Source.

## ERP and Engineering Academy students learn the future of manufacturing

This fall, students in Electronics, Robotics and Programming and the Engineering Academy are learning about industrial automation and robotics with the new Universal Robotics unit. Mechatronics is a relatively new engineering option combining mechanical and electrical engineering principals and is part of Industry 4.0 or Smart Manufacturing of today. Level II ERP



seniors pictured are **Lamir Thompson** (Kent) planning on going into the Air Force for Cyber Security and **Owen Pavlock** (Tallmadge) planning on going to The University of Akron for Electrical Engineering.

## News from around the Compact...

### The Compact welcomes new superintendents



Dr. Andrea Celico



Dana Addis

The Compact is pleased to welcome two new superintendents for the 2022-2023 school year: **Dr. Andrea Celico** as the Cuyahoga Falls City School District superintendent and **Dana Addis** as the Hudson City Schools superintendent.

Dr. Celico served as superintendent for Bedford City Schools from August 2015 to January 2022 and prior to that served as the assistant superintendent of educational services in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District. Dr. Celico also spent 17 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent in the Euclid City School District.

Dana Addis served as superintendent for Norton City Schools for five years and previously served as Principal at Highland High School in Medina for six years, Assistant Principal at Strongsville High School, and Athletic Director in Copley. He began his career as an English teacher at Copley High School.



MCTMP students, alongside Hudson Yearbook and Journalism students, in L.A.

### Modern Communication students travel to Los Angeles for convention

In early April 2022, students from the Modern Communication through Media Production program traveled to southern California to attend the 2022 *Journalism Education Association/ National Scholastic Press Association's National High School Journalism Convention* in Los Angeles, the largest gathering of high school journalists in the country. Along with over 2,500 students from 46 states, the MCTMP students were able to select from hundreds of practical and professional learning sessions, from high-profile keynotes to specific, problem-solving breakouts and hands-on workshops. Hudson High School teacher **Stefanie Crecelius** accompanied students on this trip. Plans for this year's convention in San Francisco are already underway!



Engineering students with the finished Terrarium Stands. From left front row: **Andrew Kriska (Stow-Munroe Falls)**, **Ricky Legg (Kent)**, **Logan Watson (Tallmadge)**, **Matt Keleman (Stow-Munroe Falls)**. From left back row: **Max White (Stow-Munroe Falls)**, **Isaiah Ulrich (Tallmadge)**

### Engineering students create terrarium stands and install solar panels for new atrium

A new atrium at Stow-Munroe Falls High School is providing students and staff with an inviting space to relax, study and work. Engineering Academy students in **Dave Helmick's** Polymers rotation class contributed to the space by creating terrarium stands and installing solar panels. The Engineering students came up with the idea to repurpose old computer carts for the terrarium stands, demonstrating both an environmentally and budget friendly approach. A terrarium is an enclosed glass box or container that is usually used to hold and grow plants. Grow towers will be added to the terrariums to grow herbs for the Culinary Arts program, and students will be able to study the habitats and plants within the terrariums. Students spent almost a month working through the planning and execution of the terrarium stands, including tackling specifics such as making them handicap accessible, securing them to shelving and locking them up for safety purposes. Additionally, students worked together to plan, gather supplies, and execute the installation of five solar panels that will be used to provide power to the atrium space. The off-grid solar panels are estimated to generate 2.08kW of power that will provide electricity to six outlets to be installed around the atrium space.

### CF Cosmetology students making connections while applying skills learned

Every Friday, students in the Cuyahoga Falls Cosmetology program get a chance to practice the skills they are learning in class with their peers. Instructor **Kayleigh Thomas** initiated "Friendship



Fridays" where students are randomly paired with another member of class to hone in on their cosmetology skills, all while strengthening connections among the class.

From left, **Gabby Crews (Stow-Munroe Falls)** and **Josie Hutchins (Hudson)** strengthening bonds and practicing skills during Friendship Friday

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