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*Meet a successful completer*

## Tallmadge grad takes skills to Broadway

**Derric Nolte**, a 2006 Tallmadge graduate, says he uses skills he learned in his Business Pathway classes in his career as a Lighting Technician and now as a Stage Manager on Broadway and in television productions.

Derric studied Theater Design and Production at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). After graduating, he moved to New York City and became the Production Assistant for various Broadway shows, including *Evita*, *Annie* and *Bullets Over Broadway*. In 2014, he was the Production Stage Manager at Porthouse Theatre and then joined as Assistant Stage Manager with *The Book of Mormon* National Tour.

In addition, he worked on *The Prom*; *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*; *Footloose*; *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical*; *Rock of Ages*; and *Frozen*. In the last year as Broadway shows were shuttered by the pandemic, Derric worked on the television show *New Amsterdam* and is Set Production Assistant on *Power Book II: Ghost*.

According to his teacher **Joni Giles**, "I knew Derric was destined to be successful as he worked endless hours in high school at local theaters and still made good grades and was an excellent student. He often tells me how much he uses the skills he obtained in my class to manage the paperwork and portfolios needed to manage cast and crew."

"Ms. Giles's classes taught me so much and also gave me a safe place to try new things," Derric explains.

Derric's input and suggestions were important when the Theater Arts Academy opened at Tallmadge High School. He met with Compact Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina** and instructor **David Obney**. In addition, he spoke at Tallmadge's Spotlight on Success program.



## Hope Blooms in EntrepreNEW Academy project in Cuyahoga Falls

As a Capstone project, EntrepreNEW Academy students brought a large scale, innovative outdoor display called Hope Blooms to downtown Cuyahoga Falls. The massive inflatable flowers were installed in different Northeast Ohio communities this spring.

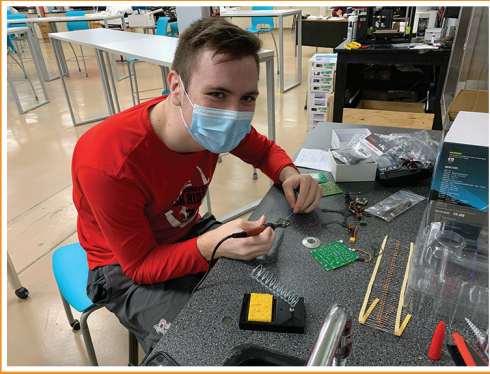
EntrepreNEW Academy students, along with Beachwood High School marketing students, collaborated with partners from the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Downtown Cuyahoga Falls Partnership, Hope Blooms Ohio and Inflatable Images of Brunswick. Students incorporated social media and traditional marketing techniques to promote public access to art and interest in local businesses.

EntrepreNEW Academy was developed by Woodridge Local Schools in partnership with the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Burton D. Morgan Foundation and the Six District Educational Compact.

## Grants received for Engineering Academy project at SMFHS

Engineering Academy students at Stow-Munroe Falls High School continue to work on funding for the multifunctional atrium project designed to create a place for students to destress in a quiet environment surrounded by hydroponic plants cared for by special needs students.

The project received a \$16,790 grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. A \$904 grant from Stow-Munroe Falls Neighborhood Improvement Community Enrichment helped purchase flexible sensory seating and tables. Ten terrariums on movable stands will allow Environmental students to conduct studies. Solar panels will provide electricity and projects for Engineering physics students.



AJ Powers, Roosevelt, solders his flight controller for his FPV drone build.

## Engineering students building drones

Level II Engineering Academy students at Stow-Munroe Falls are immersed in a drone building project. After researching, the class heard three presentations from Aeronautics Careers Academy students about drone safety, regulations, FAA rules, drone design and uses of drones.

Students then created a parts list and incorporated budgeting and itemization skills to place orders for components. They 3D printed drone parts, soldered the electronics and then programmed the drone to fly.



Khoah Le

## Tallmadge Business students compete at BPA

Tallmadge business students under the direction of **Kim Brendel** competed virtually in BPA

regional competitions. Placing first in Global Marketing Team was Team Captain **Khoah Le**, **Nick Lambacher** and **Ethan Taylor**. Khoah, who arrived from Vietnam in March 2020, and his team developed a comprehensive marketing plan to introduce a hydroponics company to Vietnam which relies heavily on imported produce.

**Hallie Caruso** took second in Prepared Speech. In the Fundamental Spreadsheets (Excel) category, **Logan Duncan** took first place, followed by **Jake Berkey**, **Ethan Haralson** and **Michael Davis**.

# Meet our completers

## Construction completer now an electrical apprentice

**Riley Moore**, a 2020 Roosevelt graduate and Construction Technologies completer, is currently an apprentice with the Akron Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. The group works with the IBEW Local 306 and the North Central Ohio chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Riley reports that he has been working with Speelman Electric in Tallmadge, including jobs at Revere's new high school and a parking lot expansion at The Davey Tree Expert Company headquarters. Currently, he is onsite at a building expansion for a company in Tallmadge.



Riley Moore

Riley continues, "I had the opportunity to go work with Speelman's Telecommunications Division, so I spent a month traveling all over Ohio building cell towers! The apprenticeship is an amazing opportunity, and it really goes hand in hand with the lessons our teacher **Don Titko** taught all of us."

## CF Interactive Marketing & Design program partners with Riverfront Family YMCA

Interactive Marketing & Design Level II students partnered with the Riverfront Family YMCA in Cuyahoga Falls to create two designs for t-shirts and sweatshirts. These items will raise money for both the class and the YMCA while promoting the YMCA.

**Grace Lowe**, Cuyahoga Falls and **Riley Oster**, Cuyahoga Falls, designed the images using the Adobe creative suite students learn in the program. Level II students print the shirts in class.

According to teacher **Craig Worgowsky**, "Students worked with a professional organization and that encouraged them to see the real-world value in the partnership."



Cuyahoga Falls students from left: AJ Brown, Riley Oster, Isabella Adams and Brennen Guerin



From left, Kent Schools Superintendent George Joseph, Senator Jerry Cirino and Davey Tree Expert Company CEO Pat Covey, Ohio

## State Senator tours Roosevelt CTE programs

State Senator **Jerry Cirino** recently toured Roosevelt CTE programs, which he said was his first experience in a Compact setting. In another visit, he met with **Pat Covey**, CEO of Davey Tree Expert Company, along with three Davey employees who are completers of the Forestry and Landscape Management Program. Also joining the meeting were instructors **John Lang** and **Tom Franek** for a discussion of the Green Industry, employment opportunities and the benefits of the Compact CTE program.





In addition to their BPA recognition, all these students earned the BPA Torch Award for their professionalism and leadership. Front row from left, Elle Kirker, Hannah Gibson, Emily Comko, Ashton Bell, Allison Harrell and Emma Buser. Back row from left, Alex Kubala, Tommy Naiman and Tyler Greenlee.

## Tallmadge students compete in state BPA contest

Two Tallmadge students in Fundamentals of Business taught by **Joni Giles** recently competed and earned top ten recognition in the Ohio BPA business competition. **Allison Harrell** placed fourth in Personal Financial Management and **Emily Comko** placed second in Financial Math & Analysis Concepts.

In addition, **Ashton Bell**, **Emma Buser**, **Gabrielle Kirker**, **Hannah Gibson**, **Tommy Naiman**, **Tyler Greenlee** and **Zack Scott** also competed in an earlier event against students from Summit, Portage and Medina counties.

## Business and Sports Management student raises \$1,500 for charity

Business & Sports Management student **Joey Lally** recently raised \$1,500 for the Cancer for College charity. As part of a class assignment, students were to design, create and sell stickers to raise money for a charity of their choice. Taught by **Janelle Cuva**, students operate a printing business called RiderPrints. They use Adobe software to create posters, fathead signs and stickers to promote school and community projects and events.

**Lally**, Stow-Munroe Falls, says he took this opportunity to help his friend **Molly**, who was diagnosed with anaplastic ependymoma in August 2019. He learned that Cancer for College provides need-based college scholarships and educational experiences for cancer survivors.

"My Business and Sports Management program gave me this great opportunity to spread the word about Molly and what she stands for," **Lally** explains. "I owe a lot of what I know about sports and business to my awesome teachers and the program."



From left, **Joey Lally** and Business and Sports Management Level II instructor **Janelle Cuva**



From left, **Elijah Fawcett**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Liam Goetz**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **AJ Powers**, Roosevelt; **Lucas Pierre**, Roosevelt; and **Megan Cowher**, Cuyahoga Falls.

## Engineering Academy students launch Rubber Band Cars

Level II students in the Polymer rotation of the Engineering Academy at Stow-Munroe Falls High School followed the engineering design process in building, testing and modifying their rubber band cars for accuracy.

According to instructor **David Helmick**, "The end goal was for each student to give a final predicted distance and then measure for percentage error based on their estimation from the collected data."

## Marketing students place first at Ohio DECA conference

Thirty-two Marketing Management students at Roosevelt qualified for the International DECA Career Development Conference and will compete virtually in April.

Those earning first place honors include **Sam Rho**, Roosevelt; **Tara West**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Amirah Fouad**, Roosevelt; **Sarah Ghumrawi**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Sydney Leavery**, Roosevelt; **Tristan Bryce**, Roosevelt; **Philip Vorhauer**, Roosevelt; **Kelsey Bedillion**, Woodridge; **Gwyn Erhard**, Woodridge; **Jocelyn Berry**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Jenai Blake**, Cuyahoga Falls; and **Emma Brustoski**, Cuyahoga Falls.



## SMF student wins at BPA

**Drishti Mittal**, Stow-Munroe Falls, is a Programming & Software Development student. She won at BPA Regionals for Fundamentals of Web Design.



## News from around the Compact...

### New eSports program started by CTE students at SMF

Programming & Software Development students started an eSports program at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. All year, students have competed in teams online from their homes against schools from Florida to New England, including Canada.

According to instructor **Terri Whitmer**, "During the pandemic, it was a way to let our students be involved and reduce feelings of isolation while navigating a hybrid/remote learning environment."

**Erick Le**, league manager, and **Michael Eckenrode**, team captain, play on League of Legends Team Silver Mid. "These two played a key part in successfully initiating the first year of our eSports program by conducting online tryouts, creating a Discord platform and setting up teams," explains Whitmer.

**Carson Smith** is the league manager and team captain for Rocket League, where five teams compete from SMFHS. Carson is also a team captain of Triple Commits. Stow-Munroe Falls high school team, Boomers, Inc., and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, are qualifying for playoffs.

### Early Childhood project focuses on car safety

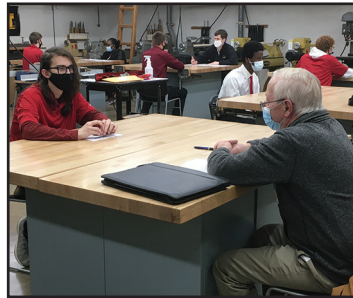
Early Childhood Professions students **Skye James** and **Taylor Cervellino**, both from Tallmadge, saw a child safety issue and developed a FCCLA project called "Buckle Up!" to address it. They interviewed Head Start and Summit Preschool teachers, who pointed out that many families were dropping off children at the Strecker Drive site who were not buckled into car seats and that the drivers were not wearing seat belts.

The two were awarded a \$1,000 grant for their FCCLA chapter for the project, which included a newsletter, storytelling video featuring the book *Better Buckle Up*, copies of a car chant poster and seat belt song, coloring book pages and posters.

Because of COVID restrictions, parents must drop off preschoolers and cannot enter the building, so Skye and Taylor created informational signs to post in the area where they park and wait. "Our project required us to think beyond ourselves and plan a project that is meaningful to the families and children that we work with and those other families in our preschool community," they explained.



Skye James and Taylor Cervellino



Ed Dickerson of The Technology House conducts a mock interview with Payton Smith, Roosevelt.

### CADET students interview with industry reps

All Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (CADET) students recently participated in mock interviews with local industry representatives. They included **Deborah Price**, Step 2; **Michelle Armore** and **Dave Glavic**, Prospect

Mold; **Nate Ritter** and **Kylie Severs**; Cleveland Steel Container; **Scott Thomas**, Ramco Specialties; **Tia Myers**, Kyocera SGS Precision Tools; and **Ed Dickerson**, The Technology House.

### Adjusting to COVID in Hudson's FCS classes

Family and Consumer Science students at Hudson High School used Zoom during first semester to cook at home along with instructor **Suzanne Hirsch**. "I watched kids blossom in the kitchen and spoke to excited parents," she explains. Students could choose from at-home activities such as cooking with family or cleaning out a pantry.

When in-person classes resumed, Hirsch says challenges included adjusting recipes, dealing with scarcity of grocery items and scarcity of food preparation gloves. Hirsch concludes, "In my 32 years of teaching, this has been the most challenging and in some ways the most rewarding year ever."

### Camps, Summer School offered

Students entering grades 9 to 12 are invited to a weeklong adventure at Cuyahoga Valley National Park from June 14-18. Called Unplugged Adventures, learning streams include Recreation and Wellness, Photography and Voyage of the Vegetable: Food and Agriculture. Cost is \$300.

Makers of Tomorrow, a camp for those entering grades 8-10, will be held at Roosevelt from June 7-11. Students will learn about engineering and advanced manufacturing and participate in worksite visits and hands-on projects. Cost is \$50.

Summer School brochures are available in high school guidance offices or call the Compact office at 330-655-2247 or see Compact website [www.sixdistrict.com](http://www.sixdistrict.com) for more information.

### Congratulations to retirees

**Yvonne Federonick**, Cuyahoga Falls business teacher  
**Jeff Ferguson**, Tallmadge Superintendent of Schools  
**Linda Ferreira**, Bolich Middle School Guidance Counselor  
**John Lang**, Forestry and Landscape Management teacher at Roosevelt  
**Gary Reynolds**, Auto Technologies teacher at Hudson

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