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Meet a completer



Nick Belluardo oversees planning for Cleveland airports

A 2010 Woodridge graduate, **Nick Belluardo** is the Planning Manager of the Cleveland Airport System, where he oversees planning for current and future demands of Cleveland Hopkins Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport, as well as compliance with FAA regulations, federal grants and capital improvement projects.

Nick joined the inaugural class of the Compact's Aeronautics Careers Academy in 2009 and completed his senior year under the guidance of instructor **Ed Borsuk**. "When I went to Kent State University to study Air Traffic Control, I was leaps and bounds ahead of my classmates," he says. "I couldn't believe how much I learned in one year." Ultimately, Nick got his pilot's license and earned a dual bachelor's degree in ATC and Aviation Management with a minor in Business at KSU in 2015.

Before he graduated, Nick was hired as the manager of the Wadsworth Municipal Airport and then served as airport manager for the Jefferson County Regional Airport Authority. While transitioning to a new position as Airport Planner for Cleveland in 2016, he founded two companies—AeroTrek Flight Academy and Flight Services of Wadsworth. Nick and his two partners employ 15 to 20 personnel and conduct flight training, airport maintenance and operate the Wadsworth Municipal Airport.

In 2018, Nick received the New Professional Award from Kent State University and was also recognized by his peers in the *Airport Business* Top 40 under 40, which showcases top talent in the airport industry.

"Looking back, I wouldn't be who I am or where I am without Ed Borsuk," Nick says. "I found my passion. I love the grind and the headaches of my job, and it all started with Ed and the Six District Educational Compact."



Noah Juarovisech, Roosevelt,
examines lab equipment.

Criminal Justice has new partnership with Stark State College

Criminal Justice College Tech Prep at Cuyahoga Falls has a new partnership with Stark State College. Thanks to the newly developed articulation agreement, every student in the program will have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously if they so choose, according to instructor **Shane Parker**.

Angela Smith Alder, Coordinator of Justice Studies at Stark State College, says, "The Justice Studies program at Stark State College is very excited and pleased to be working with the Six District Educational Compact to offer four of our best criminal justice courses through the College Credit Plus program. Students will be able to complete up to 12 college credits in criminal justice, all transferable to any college or university in Ohio."



Tiffany Wilson named President's Volunteer winner

Tiffany Wilson, Cuyahoga Falls student in Construction Technologies, recently earned the President's Volunteer Service award, which encourages citizens to live a life of service.

Tiffany earned the award after volunteering at 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."

Hudson Auto Technologies planning new facility

A new building will be constructed on the Hudson High School campus for the Hudson Automotive Technologies program. Groundbreaking is expected this spring with construction projected to be completed by the start of the 2020 school year. The current facility is located on the Hudson Middle School campus.

According to instructor **Gary Reynolds**, a team of administrators, maintenance staff, program instructors and the contractor has met to discuss needs and building layout.

Health Careers students host HOSA competition

In December, Health Careers Technologies students hosted a local HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition for 66 students. They competed in 13 different events, including healthcare knowledge, health professions skills-based, leadership and team events. Thirty-three students will advance to the Northeast Regional HOSA Competition in January. Judges included completers and advisory committee members.



Ambassador training held in October

Selected students from each Compact College Tech Prep program participated in a half-day Ambassador training program in October where they learned presentation skills. Students in Athletic Health Care and Fitness from left, **Olivia Lemmon**, Cuyahoga Falls; **Mackenzie Fisher**, Tallmadge; **Autumn Collins**, Stow-Munroe Falls; **Leslie Unger**, consultant; **Vann Strausser**, Cuyahoga Falls; and **Bea Hanna**, Roosevelt.



Dan Worthington

Guest chefs share expertise for Culinary Arts students

Teams of Culinary Arts Level II students worked with professional guest chefs to prepare and serve special lunches in January, giving them the unique opportunity to work one-on-one with an industry-level chef and learn restaurant management skills.

Professional chefs **Dan Worthington**, a 2011 completer from Stow-Munroe Falls, and **Eugene Wilson** and **Brooks Fonseca** of Big Eu'es BBQ in Cuyahoga Falls volunteered their time to offer advice and demonstrate technical expertise.

WKYC-TV Meteorologist Betsy Kling speaks at Burbick Conference

Participants at the Diane Burbick Math and Science Conference for Middle School Girls welcomed keynote speaker **Betsy Kling**, Chief Meteorologist at WKYC-TV in Cleveland. Kling outlined her career path and encouraged the girls to explore different opportunities while engaging their brains.

The Conference also featured interactive sessions with professional women, who discussed their careers in environmental science, medicine, nutrition, marketing/consulting and forensics.

RJ Braunscheidel, Woodridge High School Assistant Principal, and **Ken Nadsady**, electrical engineer, provided a father's perspective. The two discussed parenting experiences with their daughters and responded to questions.



From left, **Mark Manley**, Assistant Superintendent of the Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools, **Betsy Kling**, Chief Meteorologist for WKYC-TV, and **Mary Jane Stanchina**, Executive Director of the Six District Educational Compact.

Meet our completers



Tallmadge student serves as KSU ambassador

2015 Tallmadge graduate and completer of the Business/Marketing Pathway program, **Madison Cox-Sheffler** spoke to accounting and finance classes at Tallmadge High School. Her teachers in the Academy were **Dave Jividen** and **Kim Brendel**.

Madison is a student at Kent State University majoring in accounting and Computer Information Systems (CIS) and serves as a Student Ambassador for the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

AHCF completer now professor at Ohio State

2003 Roosevelt graduate and AHCF completer **Jodi Hensel Baxter**, Au.D., is a clinical assistant professor in Speech and Hearing Science at The Ohio State University. The daughter of Kent CTE secretary **Edna Hensel**, Jodi continues to support the Athletic Health Care and Fitness program by serving as a mentor and professional shadowing participant.

Recently, Jodi was one of 12 audiologists selected to participate in the Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology, a program for young audiologists sponsored by the American Academy of Audiology.



Health Careers Technologies completers working

Taylor Paxton, 2011 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate who completed Health Careers Technologies, graduated from The University of Akron and is now serving as a peace officer for Peninsula Township and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).

Charlie Lambert, 2011 Roosevelt graduate and Health Careers Technologies completer, obtained his EMT-P at The University of Akron and continued his studies at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He took his funeral director licensure exam in December.



OSU Computer Science, Engineering major

Fox Noland, a 2016 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and a Programming and Software Development completer, is a sophomore at The Ohio State University majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. Fox was the 2018 winner at

MakeOHI/O competition and a member of the winning design team at HAKron competition.

Physician Assistant credits experiences in AHCF

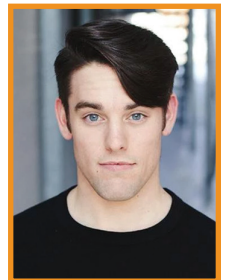
Eva Paoloni, a 2010 Roosevelt graduate and AHCF completer, recently graduated from the University of Mount Union after completing a 27-month master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies. After graduating from The University of Akron in biology and psychology, Eva worked for a year in a chiropractor's office to get patient care experience.

Eva credits her experiences in AHCF to her success. "In addition to getting college credit at The University of Akron, the shadowing requirements of the second year of AHCF allowed me to meet my mentor and also complete the shadowing requirements," she explains.



Theater Arts completers on professional stage

Gregory Grimes, 2011 Theater Arts Careers Academy completer from Tallmadge who is based in New York City, recently completed another successful run in the role of Scrooge at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA. Since graduating as a musical theater major from Bowling Green State University, Gregory has been working nonstop as a professional actor, choreographer and stage manager.

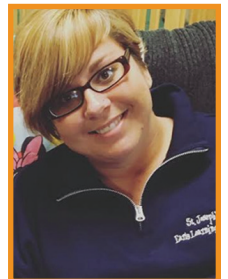


Brianna Marie Bell, 2013 Theater Arts completer from Stow-Munroe Falls, is currently playing a supporting role in the Broadway national tour of *A Bronx Tale*. She will perform this spring at Playhouse Square in Cleveland. Brianna graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and has worked continuously as a professional actor, including multiple national tours and on a cruise ship.

Director of Early Learning Center uses Teaching Professions lessons

Megan Montecalvo Andrella, a 2007 Roosevelt graduate and Teaching Professions completer, serves as Director of St. Joseph Early Learning Center in Randolph. Megan graduated from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana with a bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology and youth ministry.

"While it has been more than 10 years since I graduated from Roosevelt, being a part of the Teaching Professions program continues to shape me into the person I am today both personally and professionally," Megan says.



News from around the Compact...

Sophomores visit Compact programs

Sophomores from the six Compact high schools will have the opportunity to see College Tech Prep programs during February.

Visitations to College Tech Prep programs are scheduled between January 29 through February 15. A designated counselor at each high school arranges for interested students to visit the programs. Every sophomore receives a color copy of the 2019-2020 Career Catalog.

C.A.R.E. Banquet set for April 4

On Thursday, April 4, the C.A.R.E. Committee will honor individuals and school and community organizations working to combat drug and alcohol abuse. More details are available from your district's C.A.R.E. Coordinator.

Celebrate Career Tech Month

"Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow" is the theme for the 2019 National Career and Technical Education Month. Boards of Education in all six districts passed proclamations marking the month. Students and teachers planned special programs during the month of February.



Reading and Writing Festival
features author **Natalie D. Richards**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Author **Natalie D. Richards** will speak at the 32nd annual Reading and Writing Festival on Tuesday, May 7, at Kent State University.

Seventh and eighth grade students from the Six District Educational Compact and other middle schools will participate. The Festival encourages students to read and write while enhancing their communication skills.



Fly a plane during A.C.E. Academy

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in learning more about aeronautics can take part in a week-long opportunity this summer.

Held from June 10 to 14, the A.C.E. Academy is a tuition-based experience sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact and Kent State University. The experience includes a "flyover" at the KSU airport, work-site visits to area airports, hands-on experiences at KSU's aeronautics labs and Cleveland Hopkins Control Tower and Radar Center.

Register online at www.kent.edu/cae/ACEcamp or call the Six District Educational Compact office at 330-633-2247.



Students, who met with Eaton Corporation representatives, from left, Vonn Wheatley, Roosevelt; Vincent Carbone, Stow-Munroe Falls; Arianna Savage, Stow-Munroe Falls; and Antonio Jensen, Roosevelt.

Showcasing 'Passport to IT Careers'

As part of BusinessTECH18, Programming and Software Technologies students attended "Passport to IT Careers" hosted by RITE, Regional Information Technology Engagement. Students participated in round-table discussions and interacted with local companies that showcased their IT jobs and career pathways in computer science, information systems and other technology pathways.

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