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Celebrating the Compact's first 50 years with opening of programs at Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Woodridge

During this celebratory year marking our 50th anniversary, the Six District Educational Compact will embark on a journey of discovery of new opportunities for student learning that address the workforce and economic needs of Northeast Ohio.

According to Compact Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina**, "Fifty years ago, a creative and visionary group of school leaders made this groundbreaking collaboration happen when six superintendents and six Boards of Education agreed to pool their resources to offer career and technical education to students from six different communities."

As part of the year-long celebration, Stanchina has announced the opening of two new Career-Technical Education programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

EntrepreNEW Academy is an innovative and immersive Career-Technical Education program for students interested in learning about creating and launching their own businesses. It was developed by the Woodridge Local School District in partnership with the City of Cuyahoga Falls, the Burton D. Morgan Foundation and the Compact.

Hosted by Woodridge High School, the EntrepreNEW Academy received a \$225,000 grant from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation. Students will be assigned a mentor, who is an entrepreneur, to assist them with their business plans.

Modern Communication through Media Production is a program to prepare students to publish relevant, timely information as they rotate semesters between two high schools. At Cuyahoga Falls High School, students will create and produce broadcasts to share with their peers, schools and community. At Hudson High School, students will utilize the latest in interactive technology, social media and software to gain real-world experience and build a professional portfolio with a television focus.



Meet a successful completer

Business background helps Tallmadge grad open fitness center

Entrepreneur **Steve McAninch**, a 2011 graduate of Tallmadge High School, credits his experiences in the Business Pathway and teacher **Joni Giles** for giving him the opportunity to learn about technology and starting his own business.

Steve owns and operates Forged Purpose Fitness, located at 84 Main Street in Munroe Falls. A personal trainer, Steve also teaches fitness classes and supervises middle to high school athletes in strength and conditioning at his gym. A former football player, Steve served as the strength and conditioning coach for the Tallmadge High School football team last fall.

After graduation, he continued his education at Walsh College, The University of Akron and Kent State University, but he really loved being a personal trainer. Steve says, "I jumped at the chance to really make an impact on people's health and wellness." He worked and taught at a number of gyms and fitness centers and holds certifications in CrossFit, spinning, yoga and coaching.

A natural salesperson, Steve also worked as an Account Executive for a Cleveland advertising agency selling kiosk advertising space. "I found out I was the least suited desk person," he says with a laugh.

"Faith has played a prominent role in my life," Steve says, explaining why he called his business Forged Purpose Fitness. "Although put under heat and pressure, I believe you will be created into your purpose to best serve humanity."



Steve McAninch and his gym dog Bruce



Katherine Anderson and Shelby Benson, both from Cuyahoga Falls, led campers to the rock wall.

Teaching Professions students serve as camp counselors

Juniors and seniors in the Teaching Professions CTE program served as camp counselors for seventh graders from Hudson Middle School at Camp Y-Noah in Clinton, OH. They helped the middle schoolers by engaging them in outdoor learning to learn communication, teamwork and other 21st Century skills.

According to teacher **Rhonda Butler-Carlson**, "Because of their strong desire to work with children, the Teaching Professions students served as excellent role models. They received training from Camp Y-Noah staff resulting in an enriching experience for both our future teachers and the seventh graders!"

Health Careers students earn STNA licensure

Level II students in Health Careers Technologies complete a 78-hour STNA (State Tested Nurse Assisting) program taught by clinical instructors **Teritta Tucker**, LPN, and **Sue Carpenter**, RN, from Fortis College. All 14 students passed the written exam in December and 13 passed their clinicals.

After obtaining their STNA licensure, students can work in hospitals or long-term care facilities. Many facilities offer tuition reimbursement or other scholarships, explains Tucker.

Dressed in medical scrubs, students learn the nursing curriculum and practice hands-on skills to prepare them for the exam administered by the Ohio Department of Health. After successfully finishing the skills portion, students complete the clinical portion of the program at area facilities.

Tucker says, "When the students walked into the residents' rooms at Rockynol, they took charge and demonstrated safe and effective personal care."

HCT instructor **Catie Milton**, RN, explains, "A number of our completers also work as part-time or PRN (as needed) nurse assistants or patient care technicians at Cleveland Clinic, Akron General, UH Portage, as well as local long-term care and home healthcare facilities."

Brianna Knapp, a 2019 Roosevelt completer, attends Walsh University majoring in Nursing and works part-time at Akron General. "With my STNA license, I am able to see and care for a lot of different surgical patients, mostly ortho cases but we do have some general surgical overflow," Brianna says. "Not many of the students who are in my Foundations of Nursing class at Walsh are able to get this type of experience. In addition, I have a chance to see what kind of floor I want to work on once I become a registered nurse."



Teritta Tucker, LPN



Construction Tech students build new steps for homeowner

Construction Technologies students built new steps for an elderly woman in Peninsula this fall. According to **Riley Moore**, Roosevelt, "We measured so we could build the stairs with as little waste as possible. After a couple hours of work, the stairs were built, installed and checked for safety."

"The homeowner was extremely pleased with the outcome and can now enter and exit her house safely and comfortably," he continues, "It was an amazing experience for us and leaves you feeling better knowing that you helped someone in need."

Meet our completers



AHCF completer designs equipment for program

Ethan Murphy, a 2017 Roosevelt graduate and completer of the Athletic Health Care & Fitness program, is a junior at Kent State University majoring in Exercise Science with a concentration in Strength and Conditioning.

Ethan also serves as Roosevelt's assistant wrestling coach. Ethan collaborated with instructor **Terry Slattery** to design and purchase a new multi-purpose Rogue Weight and Fitness rack. This unit is used to instruct and teach proper strength training techniques, as well as injury rehabilitation exercises.

Ethan's career goal is to be a Division I Strength and Conditioning Coach. He has completed internships and worked with Hoban High School and Kent State Athletics.

Biotechnology completer pursuing forensic science

Elena Novak, a 2019 Woodridge graduate and completer of the Biotechnology Academy, is a forensic science major at the University of Cincinnati.

Elena says, "Overall, I feel my experience in the Biomedical Science and Technology Academy prepared me greatly for college. I acquired many skills through the Academy that are transferable to college and have made my academic transition very smooth." She continues, "I am grateful for the opportunities and education the Academy gave me and highly suggest future students to consider joining."



Completer working as Nuclear Engineer

Andrew Borsi, a 2013 Stow-Munroe Falls completer of the Engineering Academy, graduated from The University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 2018. He began working at FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC), where he leads projects to develop state-of-the-art, risk-informed applications. His goal is to ultimately reduce operating costs and regulatory burdens while improving nuclear safety margins.

Andrew says, "The Engineering Academy provided me with the tools I needed to succeed in my college career. The most important of those skills was technical writing, which I have come to learn is the most important aspect of engineering activities."

He continues, "Being introduced to multiple engineering disciplines helped point me in the right direction when I chose a college major and even helped me when faced with problems outside the academic realm."



Xavier Seib likes CNC machines

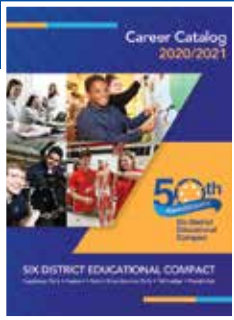
Xavier Seib, 2017 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, works at Niedic Imperial Electric in Akron as a lead setup and operator. He operates CNC machines he learned about during his two years in Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies.

"While in the program, I got a lot of exposure to many different things, but I always liked working the machines the best," Seib says. After completing the CADET program, he attended the Akron CNC Institute where he refined his machine setup and operation skills.

Seib advises current students to "take advantage of all the opportunities that are here, because they're free! Once you leave school, you have to pay to learn them from someone else."



News from around the Compact...



Sophomores visit Compact programs

Sophomores from the six Compact high schools will have the opportunity to see Career-Technical Education programs during February.

Visitations to Career-Technical Education programs are scheduled between February 4 through February 21. A designated counselor at each high school arranges for interested students to visit the programs. Every sophomore receives a color copy of the 2020-2021 Career Catalog.

C.A.R.E. Banquet set for April 14

On Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Career-Tech Month focus on instructors

"Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow" is the theme for the 2020 National Career-Technical Education Month. Boards of Education in all six districts passed proclamations marking the month. As part of the Compact's 50th anniversary celebration, CTE instructors will be part of a recognition celebration during the month of February.

Cleveland State offers engineering scholarships to Compact students

Four, \$2,000 renewable scholarships are available for students from the Six District Educational Compact interested in majoring in Engineering or Engineering Technologies at Cleveland State University.

The Washkewicz College of Engineering at CSU also offers a number of additional scholarships for engineering students, who meet the criteria and want to attend college in the new, state-of-the-art \$62 million engineering building.

"This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the awesome students in the Compact's Engineering Academy or any other students in the Compact districts interested in majoring in Engineering," explains **Dr. Brian Davis**, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at CSU.

Students can major in a number of programs, including civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, computer and computer design engineering, as well as mechanical and electronic engineering technology. CSU offers numerous co-op internships with major corporations located in Cleveland.

Reading and Writing Festival features author Scott Reintgen

Author **Scott Reintgen** will speak at the 32nd annual Reading and Writing Festival on Tuesday, May 5, 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 8 to 12, 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, worksite 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.



Tallmadge Business students at Kent State conference from left, Payton Prater, Mayce Ryan, Lexi Glanco and Lily Brown.

Tallmadge business students get close look at accounting careers

Tallmadge students in Fundamentals of Business attended The Ohio Society of CPA's High School Accounting Career Day at Kent State University.

According to teacher **Joni Giles**, current KSU students talked about time management and self-discipline skills required for success in college. In addition, the college students stressed the importance of a strong work ethic, good writing and critical and strategic thinking skills. "Most importantly, the students urged the high school students to take business courses to prepare for any type of degree or career," Giles noted.

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