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Meet a successful completer



Tessa Baker paints her first bumper at a Fred Martin dealership.



One of the few women in her field, Tessa was featured on the cover of an industry magazine.

Tessa Baker moving up in nontraditional field

Tessa Baker, a 2018 graduate of Cuyahoga Falls and completer of the Collision Repair program, is one of a few women in the field. She was the only female in her class and has faced challenges from male coworkers, but “I’m still going for it,” she explains.

Recently, Tessa was hired by the Fred Martin dealership located in Norton, where she is “finally getting into paint.” Currently, she is mixing paint, priming parts and getting experience. “I really appreciate working at a shop that cares about my career,” Tessa explains. “I am neat and organized when prepping—disassembling and reassembling wrecked cars. It’s like putting together a puzzle for me.”

After helping her dad, who renovated houses, prep and paint rooms, Tessa says she always wanted to paint cars. “I really wanted to learn, and I listened to Mr. Jones and took his advice.”

Instructor **Todd Jones** says, “Tessa excelled in my program and loves working on cars. If I owned a body shop, I would hire her in a minute.”



Jeff Ferguson

Tallmadge Superintendent to retire

Jeff Ferguson, who has served as Superintendent of the Tallmadge City Schools for 15 years, retired January 31. Until the end of the school year, he will serve as special adviser

for **Steve Wood**, current Chief Operations Officer, who has been named the new superintendent.

Ferguson is the longest serving superintendent in the Six District Educational Compact. His 34-year career in education includes 26 years with Tallmadge, first as an English teacher and head football coach and then as high school principal.

“I always believed that the values of the Six District Educational Compact and its members were imbedded in each of the communities we served,” Ferguson says. “We provided experiences, which created conditions for students to build a viable plan for their future that included being enrolled, employed or enlisted. I will be forever grateful for having been part of the Tallmadge and Compact team.”

“Jeff Ferguson has been an incredible supporter of the Compact,” says Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina**. “His steady hand and down-to-earth advice combined with his enthusiastic encouragement of all our initiatives over the past 15 years has been invaluable to me and to the growth of the Compact.”

“In addition, Jeff has overseen an incredible and impacting vision and directional system for the Tallmadge City Schools,” Stanchina continues. “This incorporates a focus on career development through the lens of service learning, authentic instruction and helping students address their ‘Designing of the Future,’ as they move through the Tallmadge experience.”

Wood joined the Tallmadge Schools 10 years ago after a successful 20-year corporate career in business and engineering management.



EntrepreNEW student already selling clothing line

Austin Graham, a Stow-Munroe Falls student enrolled in the EntrepreNEW Academy recently launched his own clothing line called Sellout Clothing. EntrepreNEW, a CTE program in the Woodridge Local School District, collaborates with the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the Burton D. Morgan Foundation to provide innovative opportunities for students interested in starting a business or learning about the entrepreneurial mindset.

According to teacher **Emily Knight**, "Over the last few months, with the help of his mentor and a partner at Calvin Klein in New York City, Austin handmade a line of clothing, learned to sew, worked with vendors to secure pricing, hosted a product photoshoot, launched www.selloutcc.com and a social media platform [@selloutclothing](https://www.instagram.com/selloutclothing) on Instagram and Tiktok." She continues, "Austin also filed as a LLC and created a backend business structure, as well as a web-based purchasing and shipping system. His initial product launch sold out in four hours."

Austin explains, "I think that men's fashion is dull and lacks variety for young men. My business solution is to combine two popular styles of men's clothing to create a unique new style."

He continues, "My brother **Jacob** and I have always had a love for fashion but wanted to make something different. Sellout is based on taking multiple pieces of clothing and combining them to make one unique piece. The EntrepreNEW Academy has given me many opportunities and connections within the community to help start and grow my business."

Compact transitioning to virtual Orientation and Visitation Day events

Traditional Career-Technical Education Orientation and Visitation Day events transitioned this year to virtual platforms.

Throughout December and January, all districts sponsored Orientation Day activities in various ways, as well as encouraging students to view 3-D photographs of each program.

Visitation Day activities will occur throughout February. Interested students are invited to "tour" the 27 Career-Technical Education programs. After viewing a virtual digital notebook, students will have the opportunity to schedule a visit with the instructor and Student Ambassador or choose to APPLY NOW.

Virtual visitation dates per program will be included in the digital notebook, posted on the Compact website at www.sixdistrict.com. Copies of the Compact's 2021-2022 are available at each high school for interested students. In addition, the catalog is available online at www.sixdistrict.com.

Over 60 AHCF completers involved in treating COVID-19 in Ohio communities

Terry Slattery, Athletic Health Care and Fitness instructor and head athletic trainer for the Kent Schools, recently surveyed completers of the AHCF program to learn about their experiences in treating COVID-19.

According to Terry, "This is a sampling of just a few of the more than 60 responses I received. I am proud of all of the AHCF completers, who are contributing to the health and safety of our communities during this pandemic."

Hannah August, 2016 Hudson graduate, is a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Twinsburg Fire Department. She is involved in the medic transport of COVID-positive patients, including increased haz-mat mitigation and response.

Bobby Bair, a 2008 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, is an Athletic Trainer at Ohio Wesleyan University. He is involved in daily OWU athlete screenings, athletic department mitigation protocol design, implementation, and compliance and can be reassigned to assist with hospital-based patient screenings.

Matt Brandon, a 2010 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, is an Occupational Therapist at Green Village Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation and is involved in evaluation and occupational therapy treatment of COVID-positive patients.

Andy Campbell, a 2005 Roosevelt graduate, is a Police Officer and Paramedic with an Ohio Highway Patrol Investigative Unit. Andy actively works on the enforcement of COVID-related rules, regulations and public safety.

Shelby Gluth, a 2018 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, works in the Summit County Health Department as a Patient Advocate, where she interviews COVID-positive patients and does contact tracing and provides COVID-related assistance.

David Goodhart, a 2000 Roosevelt graduate, is a Registered Nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Canton. He works in the emergency room with direct patient care of COVID positive patients

Scott Habowski, PhD, a 2004 Roosevelt graduate, holds a Doctorate in Exercise Physiology. He works for DaVita Clinical Research based in Minneapolis, MN. Scott is involved in COVID antibody treatment research study trials related to ways to prevent or minimize effects of COVID once diagnosed.

Dustin McGraw, a 2015 Tallmadge graduate, is a former member of the Ohio National Guard and is currently enrolled in the Akron Police Academy and works for ServPro Environmental Services. Dustin is involved in home and business COVID mitigation and clean-up and was deployed by the National Guard in a humanitarian role.

Laine Sommers, a 2003 Roosevelt graduate, is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Laine provides direct physician patient care at PriMed Centerville Family Practice.

Amanda (Von Spiegel) Weatherbee, a 2011 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, holds a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Amanda provides physical therapy services to COVID-positive residents at Continuing Health Care Solutions of Cuyahoga Falls.

Meet our completers



Matt Strang, Construction Technologies

Matt Strang, a 2001 Roosevelt graduate and Construction Technologies completer, is a Project Manager at a heavy highway/site work, Ohio-based construction company called Sitetech Inc.

According to Matt, his company is involved with construction projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$15 million. "Each project typically involves building demolition, clearing trees, grading the land to the nearest tenth of an inch with precision GPS units mounted on equipment and providing the client with top notch technology. We also install thousands of sewer and water lines on grade and slope."

In his 16 years in the business, he has worked on numerous projects, including the new Pro Football Hall of Fame stadium, several Amazon facilities in Northeast Ohio and Summa West Tower. He graduated from The University of Akron in Construction Engineering.



Antonio Jennings, Programming and Software Development

Programming and Software Development 2020 completer **Antonio Jennings**, Roosevelt, participated in a summer training session and internship with FortisureIT, an Akron-based data and analytics company. He is now working there full-time.

"Antonio has done an outstanding job and excelled in all our courses," says **Brandon Taylor**, Career Development Coordinator at FortisureIT.

Level II Programming and Software Development students are also partnering with FortisureIT. They have the opportunity to complete distance training while attending class and can earn certification as a Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) in Database

Fundamentals and MTA in HTML and CSS.



Mason Bice, Electronics, Robotics and Programming

Mason Bice, a 2020 completer from Tallmadge, says that his experiences in the Electronics, Robotics and Programming program set him up for success in his career plan to become a licensed airframe and powerplant or A&P technician.

These include experimenting with hands-on construction of circuits and using diagnostic test equipment, as well as his paid apprenticeship at Summit Air at the Akron Fulton Airport. He is attending the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, a top two-year school for aircraft mechanics and avionics technicians. Mason also earned the OSHA 10-Hour Certificate and a Certified Electronics Technician credential from Electronics

Technician's Association International while a student in the CTE program.



Erin Parsons, Tallmadge Business Pathway

Erin Parsons, a 2017 Tallmadge graduate, says her first two years of classes at Kent State University were mainly a review of the business and marketing classes she took in the Business Pathway. Now a Business major with a minor in Entrepreneurship, Erin elaborated on a business plan she completed in her CTE program and submitted it as a college project.

Erin says she hopes to open her own "Doggie Daycare" after graduation. "I found my love and passion for business, but I can still work with animals," she says. Recently, Erin shared her story in a presentation for current Business Pathway students and teachers **Joni Giles**, **Lisa Haller** and **Kim Brendell**.

Media Production CTE program opening in Fall 2021

Opening in the fall of 2021, Modern Communication through Media Production is a CTE program to prepare students to produce relevant and timely mass media as they rotate semesters between two high schools. The University of Akron's, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Communication, is the higher education partner.

At Cuyahoga Falls High School, students will create and produce broadcasts to share with their peers, schools and community. **Ashlynn Schindler**, will teach Audio and **Holly Bloom**, will teach Media Arts Writing.

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. **Micheal Ondash** will teach Video and **Stephanie Crecelius** will teach Media Arts Writing.

News from around the Compact...

Celebrating National CTE Month

“Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow” is the 2021 theme for National Career and Technical Education Month in February. Boards of Education in all six districts passed proclamations marking the month. CTE teachers across the districts are planning marketing events in their classrooms and labs.

CTE programs featured at Stow Rotary

In February, two Career-Technical Education programs will be featured programs at the Stow Rotary Club meetings. On February 10, instructor **Brad Ely** and his students will talk about their experiences in the IT Academy with CompTIA and CISCO at Cuyahoga Falls. Business and Sports Management teachers **Ben Dunlap** and **Janelle Cuva** and Marketing Management teacher **Brent Pfeiffer** will discuss their programs based at Roosevelt on February 17.



Ian Long, Woodridge, loads up a cart with takeout items.

Joshua's features takeout menu

Like many restaurants, Joshua's has been unable to open under the current COVID-19 restrictions. However, takeout items are available for Stow-Munroe Falls staff and community members. Call 330-689-5213 to preorder.

According to teacher **Tracey Lee**, selections are advertised on Culinary Arts social media sites and by e-mail. Students prepare the food and deliver curbside in the rear of the school building. “Our students have adjusted and continue to amaze us with their willingness to make the needed changes to allow us to operate as a restaurant during this time,” Tracey explains. In addition, all Level II students are certified in ServSafe COVID safety practices for restaurants.



Presenting at a grant meeting back row from left, Leni Leipertz, Hudson; Stephanie Good, Roosevelt; Josh Hido, Roosevelt; Joe Sabetta, Tallmadge, David Helmick, instructor. Front from left, Noah Gyulai, Stow-Munroe Falls; Anthony Ennemoser, Roosevelt; and Braden Cowger, Stow-Munroe Falls.

Engineering Academy students develop a plan for multifunctional atrium

As part of a project using the engineering design process, Engineering Academy students at Stow-Munroe Falls brainstormed the idea of creating a common place in the high school for students to de-stress and work in a quiet environment surrounded by hydroponic plants, terrariums and sensory seating.

According to instructor **Dave Helmick**, students identified a low-traffic hallway with a large window and put together a plan, budget and grant proposal. They worked with art teacher **Michelle Surena** about design aesthetics and with special needs teachers **Beth Lewandowski** and **Jenna Mahood** to include accessible seating focused on social-emotional learning aspects. Culinary Arts teacher **Tracey Lee** and Family and Consumer Sciences teacher **Kelly Wright-Gonos** weighed in on adding hydroponics plants.

Engineering Academy students focused on specific issues, such as how to install electrical outlets in the space and secure the terrariums. “Cost is always an issue in the engineering design process,” Helmick adds.

Students recently presented their plans to a group of administrators and teachers and are submitting two different grants. They were already awarded a Stow-Munroe Falls NICE grant for \$900 to purchase four sensory seating chairs and two tables.

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