



# Criminal Justice

Career-Technical Education Program News from the Six District Educational Compact



## Students visit Ohio State Reformatory

Level II students visited the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, Ohio. Students were able to witness first hand what early corrections looked like in our area and in the country as a whole. This is the first of a two-part experience. Next, students will have the opportunity to visit a modern correctional facility to better understand how the field of corrections has evolved over time.

## Success Story



**Annah Bobbitt**, a 2019 Cuyahoga Falls graduate and Criminal Justice completer, is currently enlisted in the United States Air Force as an MQ-9 Sensor Operator. Stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, she is qualified to launch and recover the MQ-9 Reaper. As part of the base Honor Guard, one of her additional duties outside of flying includes attending ceremonies for retirements, funerals and large military events to assist in remembering those who have served. Annah shares that the Criminal Justice program helped her broaden her horizons and developed a fire within her to pursue a degree within the criminal justice system. "Not only was the program beneficial, but the lifelong friends made and the support system of Mr. Parker assisted in making me who I am today," Annah says. She feels that the program pushed her to achieve her goals and be a better student and person.

**Shane Parker**, Criminal Justice instructor, states that he is "proud to see that Annah continues to flourish both inside and outside of work and that the Criminal Justice program played a part in her success."



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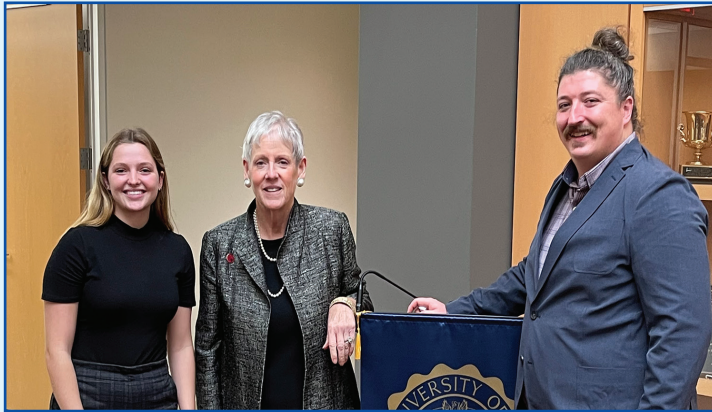
**Criminal Justice students at Off-Site Court program**

## Ohio Supreme Court Off-Site Court program

The Ohio Supreme Court Off-Site Court program gives students a front-row view of the state's court of last resort. The pandemic put this program on hold for the past two years, but this October it resumed with 13 Summit County schools participating, including Cuyahoga Falls High School's Criminal Justice program. This two-day event allows the court to consider three cases each day. Criminal Justice students prepared ahead of time by studying the facts and arguments in the cases they would hear during the Court's session. Local attorneys also assisted, working with educators at each school to explain Ohio's judicial system and discuss the materials.

Before the Court's session each day, students had the opportunity to hear from the justices, who explained their work at the Court and fielded questions. Each day ended with students debriefing with the attorneys who argued the cases and students were able to share their thoughts and questions.

Additionally, **Casey Johnson Bowers**, Stow-Munroe Falls High School senior & Criminal Justice student, was honored to be the student speaker at the formal Supreme Court Off-Site luncheon at The University of Akron Law School. She is pictured with instructor **Shane Parker** and Chief Supreme Court Justice **Maureen O'Connor**.

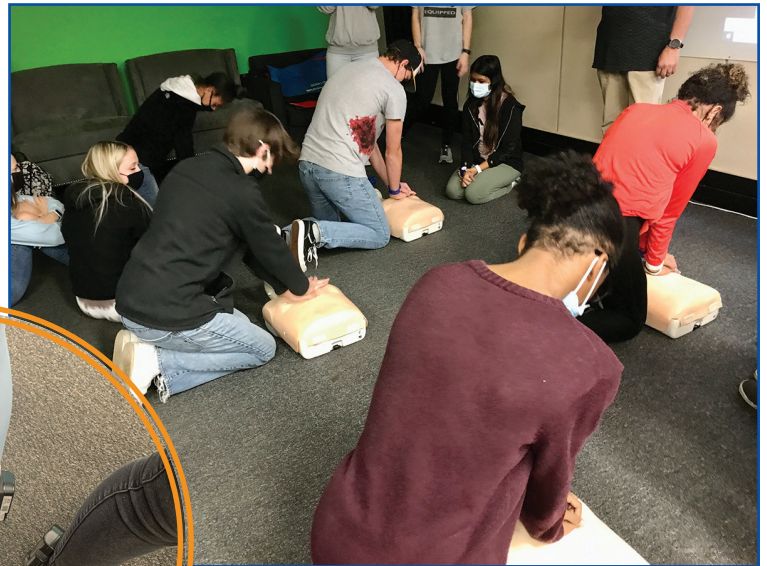


## Level II students partner with Oriana House to experience monitoring devices

Level II students were given the opportunity to wear electronic monitoring devices over Thanksgiving break. The program partners with Oriana House, a community correctional facility and chemical dependency agency, to allow the students to experience these ankle monitors. Instructor **Shane Parker** states, "The purpose of having students experience these devices is two fold; first, it allows them to experience the sociological impacts by violating a norm and wearing these in public. Typically, those who wear the ankle monitors are offenders on probation/parole or in a community corrections program. Secondly, students are able to better understand what future clients are forced to endure as a part of this process, which is beneficial if they were to enter this industry field." "I always thought that wearing an ankle monitor would be easy and that it was a light punishment, but after wearing it for a week, I understand the hardships it presents in daily life. I received awkward stares of judgement, whispers and silent questioning from others. It was a great experience that I hope I never have to go through again," says **Elise Erhard** from Cuyahoga Falls.



**Students wearing their ankle monitors**



**Level 1 students receive CPR training**

## Students trained and certified in CPR

In November, the American Red Cross trained Level I students in CPR. These students now hold their CPR certification. This annual training is an important step for the Level I students.