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## Community Connections

## Success Story

### Forestry students collaborate with the City of Kent



Students in the Forestry and Landscape Management program recently took part in a project with the City of Kent to beautify the area around a freestanding chimney that was constructed to restore the local chimney swift birds' habitat. Under the direction of **Tom Franek**, program instructor, and **Rhonda Boyd**, senior engineer for the City of Kent, students prepared, graded and landscaped the land surrounding the chimney.

**Rodney Taylor**, 2014 Roosevelt graduate and Forestry completer, recently started working in Central Maintenance for the City of Kent after working for Davey Tree for six years. He stopped by the work site and shared with students how the program taught him mechanical skills and plant health care related to the field, as well as valuable life skills such as communication, self-discipline and self-confidence.

### Auto Tech benefits from area business partners

Auto Technologies (Hudson) values their business and higher education partnerships.

- The **Ford Motor Company's** donation of training modules can give students a head start toward their technician status, should they be hired at a Ford dealership.
- Students are putting 15 working engines, donated by **Stark State College**, to the ultimate test by rebuilding them to working condition.
- **Dan Root**, QT Equipment CEO, has provided various shop upgrades and is collaborating with Auto Tech to conduct a tire safety inspection at Hudson High School this year.
- Students toured **Falls Motor City** and gained insight on dealership operations and career opportunities.
- **Ron Ware**, service manager at **Cascade Subaru**, brought a new Subaru WRX (pictured) to the lab to showcase new vehicle technology and talk to students about future job path way opportunities.



Instructor **Chadwick Groom** states, "I hold my business partners in the highest regard. They elevate my program and my ability to offer a broad range of activities and experiences to my students. I am so thankful for these people and I appreciate the relationships we have built. They are vital to the overall success of my students and my program."



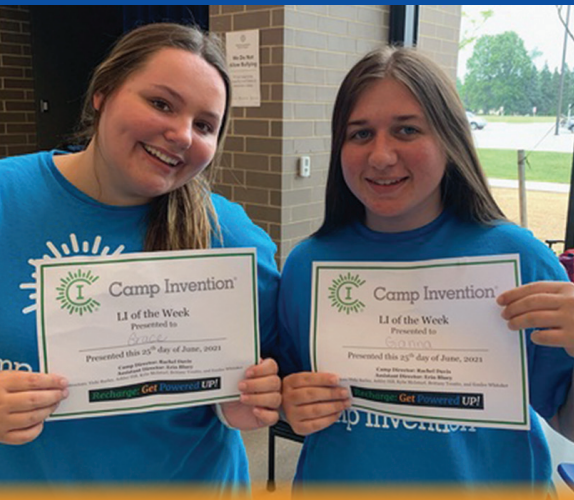
### Engineering Academy graduate off to Princeton

Opportunities without limits. Discovery. Critical thinking. **Chloe Froning**, 2017 Roosevelt graduate, describes her time in the Engineering Academy as one that allowed her to explore the boundless career opportunities and fields within engineering, without pigeonholing herself into a specific career. "I was very lucky to be in the Engineering Academy, a space where I could explore my creativity and interests and develop my skills into what they are today," Chloe says.

This fall, Chloe began her first semester at Princeton University pursuing her Master of Architecture, and is one of five students that was admitted into the Advanced Placement program. Chloe graduated from Kent State University in May 2021 with her Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Instructor **Jeff Bee** explains, "From the get-go she displayed her desire and interest in CAD design and architecture. It was a WOW moment for me once I heard she was going to attend Princeton for her graduate degree. To see a young person like Chloe, that I had a hand in teaching, well that's a feeling every teacher cherishes."

# Success Stories



**Grace Brim (Tallmadge) and Gianna Leonino (Stow) were awarded leadership intern of the week at Camp Invention.**

## Summer Early Childhood Professions Opportunities

Students in the Early Childhood Professions program need 480 hours of experience working with young children to earn their Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. This summer students had the opportunity to earn some of these hours in valuable experiences in our community. ChildScape Learn and Grow and Small Steps, Big Strides are area childcare centers that collaborated with the program to allow students to volunteer throughout the summer. **Alexis Starnes** from Stow said, "I found that seeing children develop and learn is the most rewarding benefit of early childhood education." As a result of these opportunities, some students were asked to intern in paid internships at these centers.

A few students also gained experience at Tallmadge's Camp Invention, where they helped students create and engage in project-based STEM learning activities. **Grace Brim** (Tallmadge) says, "I really enjoyed volunteering at this camp, it was a great opportunity to connect with other professionals and learn how to apply project-based learning with school-age children."

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**Marielle Muncy**

**Marielle Muncy**, a 2018 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and CADET completer, is pursuing a BS of Mechanical Engineering at Youngstown State University. Marielle explains that she is able to teach other students AutoCAD drawing fundamentals and machining fundamentals, as a result of her experience in the CADET program. She is currently enrolled in a Manufacturing Techniques Lab where she is utilizing both the mill and the lathe to complete her project.

**Marissa Kassinger**, a 2017 Cuyahoga Falls graduate and Athletic Health Care and Fitness completer, graduated from Ashland University in May of 2021 with her BS in Nursing. She credits much of her success to the countless shadowing, networking and volunteer opportunities that she experienced in AHCF.

Marissa recently started work as an RN at Akron Children's Hospital and was surprised to run into nurse educator, **Lori Ferrara**, at her orientation, whom she had volunteered with while in the AHCF program.

Marissa shares that instructor, **Terry Slattery**, provided her with the motivation to take risks both while in college and when applying for her dream job. She states, "He gave us one piece of advice in class that I have carried throughout life – the worst thing that someone can say is no, but you have to ask."



**Marissa Kassinger and Lori Ferrara**



**Autumn Simpson**

**Autumn Simpson**, a 2017 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and Teaching Professions completer, graduated from Heidelberg University with her BA in Education and is currently a middle school intervention specialist at Fostoria Junior Senior High School.

Autumn states, "The Teaching Professions program fueled my passion to be an educator through engaging, inspiring, and empowering coursework as a high schooler. The program also enabled me to solidify the area of education that I wanted to specialize in before stepping foot on a college campus, setting me ahead of fellow classmates."

She continues, "The lifelong mentorship and friendships you gain from the Teaching Professions program build a strong support system as you engage in the journey of becoming an educator and beyond."

**Drew Greenwald**, a 2021 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and completer of the Culinary program has started his post-secondary journey at Sullivan University in Louisville, KY, where he is pursuing his degree in Culinary Arts. Drew received a \$40,000 scholarship to Sullivan University as well as the Russo Culinary Scholarship and Rotary Career Tech Scholarship.

"Without this program and the wonderful teachers behind it, I wouldn't be on the path I am today," says Drew. He continues, "This program is like a second family to me," emphasizing that his teachers were and continue to be, extremely supportive to him.



**Drew Greenwald**





Mayor Don Walters, instructor Emily Kilgore-Knight, members of the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce and students at EntrepreNEW ribbon cutting ceremony

## EntrepreNEW ribbon cutting ceremony

In August 2021, EntrepreNEW celebrated its new location, at the Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Alongside instructor **Emily Kilgore-Knight** were both level I and II students, **Mayor Don Walters** and members of the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Don Walters states, "The location is key...it is perfect because we have all of the local businesses right here that [students] can learn from." Emily Kilgore-Knight believes this location reflects the design of the program to be experience based, rooted in extreme exposure to entrepreneurs.



CADET students with donated Dremel 3D Printer

This network will provide tailored training and coaching to teachers, principals, and school counselors in all Kent schools to encourage interest in and understanding of different technologies, including the use of six Dremel DigiLab 3D Printer bundles that were donated.

America Makes, located in Youngstown, OH, hopes that these networks will increase students' awareness of America Makes technologies and advanced manufacturing careers and help assist in creating a talent pipeline to address the labor shortage within this field.

CADET program instructors **Jeff Bee** and **Troy Spear** will play a key role in implementing the grant and installing the equipment throughout Kent City Schools.

## CADET program joins training network with America Makes

The Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (CADET) program has been accepted into a network made up of 10 state-wide high schools with America Makes and the Ohio Secondary Education Additive Manufacturing Training Network.

## Construction students receive generous donation of tools and boots

The Associated General Contractors of Ohio, Akron division, have generously donated a tool bag and a pair of construction boots to each of the Construction Technologies students. These tools will be used by students both in the lab and on work sites.



2021 Level II students after Capstone presentations

## Biotechnology students complete capstone projects

In Spring 2021, level II Biotechnology students presented their capstone research projects to parents, administrators, and other community members. Students worked all year on an independent research paper on a topic of their choice with the support of a mentor with a PhD. in the field. Students condensed their 8-10 page paper to a five minute 'science talk,' a challenge for science learners at all levels.

Current level II students have started their capstone projects with plans to take part in a competition with students in other Biotechnology programs across the state of Ohio in April 2022.

## Culinary students volunteer at Stow-Glen Retirement Village

Shortly before the closing of Stow-Glen Retirement Village, around 55 residents were still living at the facility, while many employees had found new jobs. Many of the volunteers that were helping to serve meals to the remaining residents did not hold the proper food safety certifications.

That is when **Jessica Jones** (Hudson) and **Kealey Ludwig** (Stow-Munroe Falls) sprung into action. These Level II Culinary Arts students are ServSafe certified and heard of the need for certified individuals to prepare, serve and cleanup meals through Jessica's mom, **Michelle Jones**, SMFCSD central kitchen manager. Jessica and Kealey were "glad they were able to step up and help the Stow community" and also enjoyed hearing stories from the residents.



# News from around the Compact...

## Programming & Software Development students participated in Tech Week 2021

Programming & Software Development students participated in the Discover IT Information Scramble, which is a program for Northeast Ohio high school students to learn about the broad field of IT and its applications, the advantages and requirements of a career in IT, and how to position themselves for success in this career path starting in high school. Students competed against 40 other high schools by answering 100 questions about IT careers.

## Cosmetology virtual hair show

In September, **Cosmetology** students at Cuyahoga Falls High School attended their first virtual hair show through Cosmoprof. Students were able to watch professionals perform various hair techniques and share reflections on what they learned.



Zach Seigman working at Logic Plunger

## Electronics, Robotics and Programming senior starts paid apprenticeship

**Zach Seigman**, a Roosevelt senior enrolled in Electronics, Robotics and Programming, started his paid apprenticeship in August at Logic Plunger and Life in Kent as an Electronics Technician. Zack troubleshoots, repairs and evaluates circuit boards used in the oil and gas industry. With this apprenticeship employment, Zach is earning a paycheck as well as his high school grade and credits for the ERP program through his entire senior year.

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## Athletic Health Care and Fitness Updates

The Athletic Health Care and Fitness program at Roosevelt has expanded to a total of 50 new Level I students for the 2021-2022 school year. Alongside **Terry Slattery, Angela Textor**, former Health Careers Technologies instructor and Athletic Trainer for Kent City Schools, will be teaching Anatomy/Physiology and assisting with all skill labs. The new classroom underwent renovations as well. The program continues to offer a wealth of opportunities for students, including nine college credits that are available to students at public Ohio universities upon completion of the program. Additional college credits are available for students from Kent State University, including Exercise Science and Sports Medicine.



Renovated AHCF classroom

## Staff News

### Welcome New CTE Instructors!

**Glynis Palmisano**, Academy of Medical Office & Business Management, Cuyahoga Falls

**Brent Hovey**, Modern Communication-Audio, Cuyahoga Falls

**Joe Nowak**, Modern Communication-Media Arts Writing, Cuyahoga Falls

**Chadwick Groom**, Automotive Technologies and Automotive Specialization, Hudson

**Mike Ondash**, Modern Communication-Video, Hudson

**Stefanie Crecelius**, Modern Communication-Media Arts Writing, Hudson

**Angela Textor**, Athletic Health Care & Fitness, Kent

**Beth Nahra**, Health Careers Technologies, Kent

### Educator Award

Congratulations to **Mrs. Terri Whitmer**, Instructor of Programming & Software Development at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. She is a 2021 recipient of the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) RITE Teacher Reward Program for being a highly engaged teacher by promoting, supporting and engaging students in multiple IT career awareness, exploration and immersive skills-based programs! This special recognition is honored by RITE which is the leading industry-driven IT workforce alliance in Northeast Ohio, in partnership with the GCP. In addition, SMFHS and the Compact have received the GCP RITE Premier School certificate.



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