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News from the Six District Educational Compact

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Compact celebrates 50+3 year anniversary



Current and retired superintendents from the six districts were in attendance at the celebration, including retired Hudson Superintendent Steve Farnsworth (pictured left), current Kent Superintendent George Joseph (pictured center) and retired Tallmadge Superintendent Jeff Ferguson (pictured right)



Students from the Modern Communication program provided audio-visual services during the celebration event. Julia McDonnell, Cuyahoga Falls High School junior, interviews Hudson Family & Consumer Science instructor Suzanne Hirsch during the social hour.



Compact program completers from every decade shared their success stories, including father and son duo Steve Paolucci (pictured at the podium) who completed the Polymers program in the 1980's and Luke Paolucci (pictured far right) who completed the Aeronautics program in the 2010's. Woodridge Local Schools Superintendent Walter Davis (pictured center) serves as the Compact Executive Committee Chair.



Student involvement for the event provided special touches, including cupcakes baked by Culinary Arts students (pictured) and an opening video created by Interactive Marketing & Design students.

The Compact celebrated its 50 (+3) Anniversary in March at Silver Lake Country Club with a special evening dedicated to honoring the history, future and Compact of today.

The Compact was the first of its kind in the state of Ohio and was proposed to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in 1969 by **Dr. Harold Wilson**, Superintendent of Cuyahoga Falls City School District. Everyone at the state level opposed this approach, except one – the man at the top, **Dr. Martin Essex**, who served as state superintendent of schools from 1966 to 1977. He approved the plan, calling it an “exemplary program,” which could serve as a model for similar efforts in Ohio. Today, there are 15 Compacts operational statewide.

Dr. Maynard Bauer, the last living “founding” superintendent, served Tallmadge City Schools from 1967-1974 and shares, “Without Dr. Harold Wilson’s connections and initiative and **Dr. Robert Stanton’s** [Kent City Schools Superintendent] support and leadership, I am not sure if this would have happened. ...It did not take long for us to all come to the agreement that this made great sense for our communities. The fiscal responsibility that this approach provided was a major advantage in my mind.”

The beginning values and ideals remain today within the Compact; to effectively serve our communities through shared resources, collaboration and innovation, all while maintaining each district’s individuality and financial goals. Thank you to everyone who attended this special event and support the Six District Educational Compact.



From L to R: Executive Director of ConxusNEO Michelle Collins, Esterle VP Kathleen Sawyer, Esterle HR Andrea Sawyer, ODE Career-Technical Education Director Leah Amstutz, Executive Director/Government Relations of CCS Dee Smith, Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina, Dan Wilson (son of Dr. Harold Wilson), Sandy Wilson



Garrett Fleming, Criminal Justice completer and Brimfield Township law enforcement officer

Garrett Fleming, 2017 graduate of Tallmadge High School and Criminal Justice completer, was recently hired as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Brimfield Township Police Department and is currently assigned to day shift patrol. After participating in the inaugural Criminal Justice class, Garrett attended The University of Akron, where he was the first student in University history to attend the Summit County Sheriff's Office Police Academy as part of his college coursework.

In 2020, Garrett graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security with a minor in Criminal Justice, was certified as a Police Officer in the State of Ohio and was sworn in as a police officer with the Village of Lakemore. During his two years at the department, Garrett obtained several certifications and was responsible for writing multiple grants for the department. Garrett shares, "the Criminal Justice program helped to reinforce my interest in law enforcement, accelerate my college coursework, and has been one of the biggest points of discussion in all of the job interviews I've had. My time in the program definitely helped to get me where I am today."



Garrett Fleming (far left), alongside Criminal Justice students as his recent visit to the program

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The ice fishing upper and lowercase sorting lesson (pictured here in the lab) that Sarah Dick and Linda Hughes presented was a hit with the judges.

the FCCLA state competition at the end of April. **Audrey Gopp** (Woodridge) - Early Childhood Education Competition; **Madison Scott** (Cuyahoga Falls) - Language and Literacy Competition and the team of **Sarah Dick** (Cuyahoga Falls) and **Linda Hughes** (Cuyahoga Falls) - Lesson Presentation.

ECP students shine at regional FCCLA competition

Early Childhood Professions students competed at the Regional FCCLA competition in March. The students presented on various areas in early childhood education and were judged on the teaching materials, portfolios and lessons that they created. The following students received Gold ratings and will advance to

Modern Communications students collaborate with university on podcast project

Level II Modern Communication Through Media Production students were approached by **Dr. Dave Silverberg**, Ashland University's Director of Professional Learning for NE Ohio, for help with producing, publishing and promoting Ashland's newest podcast - *Take The Lead*. *Take The Lead* is a podcast that discusses real world issues facing education and is hosted by **Matt Young**, Assistant Superintendent at Cuyahoga Heights Schools and **Mike Janatovich**, Principal at Chagrin Falls High School. Students created the podcast's logo, music and other promotional materials. The podcast can be found at podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/au-takethelead or ashland.edu/professional-development-services.



Take The Lead podcast logo, created by Modern Communication students

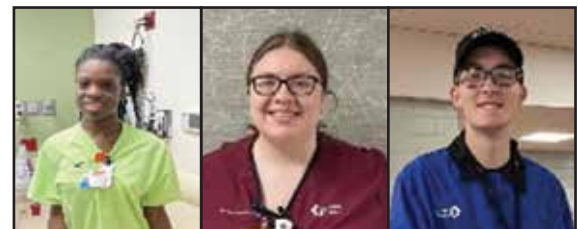


Culinary student offers gluten free options

Level I Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies student, **Isabelle Wood** (Kent), identified a need for gluten-free menu items at the student-run *Joshua's Restaurant* at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Isabelle created delicious items, including cookies, cupcakes and brownies, that pleased many patrons that often struggle to find options to fit their dietary needs. All students in the program have enjoyed working and learning in this important area of the industry.

Project SEARCH interns gain employment

Project SEARCH is excited to announce that three current interns have secured gainful employment before the end of the third grading period. Intern **Mavrick Mazzei** (Tallmadge) accepted a part-time position as a Food Captain in the Food and Nutrition department. After completing two rotations, intern **Emilee Gerstenslager** (Cuyahoga



Miracle Wright-Ford

Emilee Gerstenslager

Mavrick Mazzei

Falls), was offered two positions and accepted a position within the Environmental Service department where she will complete the important work of keeping patient rooms and common areas safe and clean within the hospital. **Miracle Wright-Ford** (Tallmadge) completed her first rotation in Disinfect Management Technologies (DMT), the company that Summa contracts with to clean and sterilize all their durable medical equipment. Miracle was offered a full-time position with DMT and is part of the team at Summa's Barberton campus.



Working at the new anatomage table are Level I students Josh Rush (Woodridge) and Amir Spratt (Kent)

AHCF welcomes new exercise science lab and anatomage equipment

Athletic Health Care and Fitness students now have expanded space and technology to put their skills to work as they introduce a new exercise lab and an anatomage table to the program. Specialized weight and training equipment was purchased and an old wrestling room was repurposed to complete the new exercise science lab that will allow students to learn proper lifting techniques, rehabilitation exercises, and fitness assessments.

The anatomage table is a technologically advanced virtual dissection table. Theodore Roosevelt High School is one of very few schools in the state to have this technology and shares the table with the Health Careers Technologies program. This exciting technology allows students to make surgical incisions and dissections that simulate actual patient applications. Program instructor **Terry Slattery** shares, "We are very excited to see the AHCF program continue to evolve and provide cutting edge equipment and technology for our students to learn and practice with."



2nd Place Team pictured with Alan Brubaker, Summit County Engineer



Most Aesthetically Pleasing Bridge Team pictured with Alan Brubaker Summit County Engineer

Engineering students receive accolades at annual bridge building contest

The Engineering Academy sent five teams to the 22nd Annual Miniature Bridge Building Competition in February to compete in a balsa wood bridge building contest. Four of the five teams placed in the top 10, including second place winners **Josh Wall** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Matthew Thomas** (Stow-Munroe Falls) & **Brennen Carano** (Woodridge). The team of **Katherine Logue** (Kent), **Alex Wagner** (Tallmadge) & **Jers Plunkett** (Hudson) won the most aesthetically pleasing bridge.

CTE instructor receives Gene Easter Award

Congratulations to **Dave Helmick**, Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment and the Engineering Academy's Polymer instructor at Stow-Munroe Falls High School who was recently awarded The Gene Easter Award from the Akron Section of the American Chemical Society. This award is given annually to recognize an outstanding high school science teacher who combines innovative and relevant methods of presenting STEM subjects in order to illustrate the importance of science in our everyday lives. The award was established in 1995 and was presented to its namesake, Mr. Gene Easter of Streetsboro High School.



Health Careers students at HOSA State Leadership Conference in March

HCT students excel at HOSA

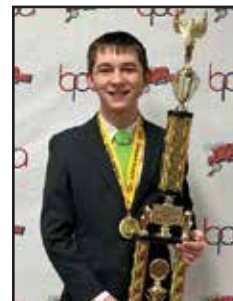
Health Careers Technologies students traveled to the Greater Columbus Convention Center to compete at the 17th Annual Ohio HOSA State Leadership Conference in March. Of the over 2,000 students that participated, five HCT students placed in the top 10 and included, **Nolan Gohr** (Tallmadge) and **Jenna Sosebee** (Kent) in the CPR First Aid Skills event, **Raneen Fattah** (Woodridge) in the Life Support Skills event, **Liz Post** (Tallmadge) in the Clinical Skills event and **Gavrielle Brown** (Woodridge) in Family Medicine Physician. Gavrielle will be advancing to the International Hosa Leadership Conference this June in Dallas, Texas. Additionally, students were able to participate in various leadership and educational workshops and hear from several professional keynote speakers.



Business & Sports Management students at BPA state conference

Programs compete and win at the BPA State Leadership Conference

This March, students from both Programming and Software Development and Business and Sports Management qualified for and competed at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference and Competition held in Columbus, Ohio. This conference brings together competitors, business and industry partners, advisors, and vendors to provide an opportunity for Ohio CTE students to showcase their development of leadership skills and career-related competencies.



Emmett Johnson

Congratulations to Programming student, **Emmett Johnson** (Stow-Munroe Falls) who won first place in Python Programming! Emmett will be competing at the national level at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California at the end of April. Good luck, Emmett!

Twenty-two Business and Sports Management students qualified for and competed at the conference and the team of **Antony Baggetta** (Kent), **Cooper Feldman** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Jack Smith** (Stow-Munroe Falls), & **Ryan Schromm** (Kent) earned the Top 10 State Award for their Podcast Production Team.



Auto Technologies students from l to r: Vance Timmons (Tallmadge), Sajjad Al Saedi (Cuyahoga Falls), Amir Glover (Woodridge), Mason Suloff (Cuyahoga Falls), Grant Cochran (Stow-Munroe Falls), Hayden Frye (Cuyahoga Falls), John Lipnos (instructor), Colin Campbell (Tallmadge), Robert Burkhard (Woodridge), Dylan Hartz (Tallmadge), Emiliano Noden (Kent), Jahsir Merrick (Tallmadge), Daunte Durbin (Kent)

Auto Tech & Collision Repair students attend auto show

In February, students from Cuyahoga Falls Automotive Technologies and Woodridge Collision Repair and Auto Refinishing programs attended the Cleveland Auto Show where they participated in test drives and observed new car models.

Students explore business opportunities and careers at university seminars

Students in EntrepreNew Pathways and the Academy of Medical and Business Management have engaged with The University of Akron's College of Business by attending their Career Pathway & Professional Program Series. The program explores unique areas of business, gives students exposure to potential careers paths, and introduces students to professionals, college students, and unique academic and experiential facilities. Topics have included: Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Global Business, Leadership/Career Development and Design Thinking to name a few. EntrepreNew instructor **Emily Kilgore** worked to facilitate this opportunity and shares that she feels this is "an innovative workshop series that will link CTE students to college in a new way."

Tallmadge City Schools hosts CTE showcase

This February, during a staff professional development day, Tallmadge City Schools hosted a CTE Showcase at Tallmadge Middle School to provide Tallmadge K-12 instructors and staff the opportunity to learn more about the CTE offerings available to their students. Program instructors and student ambassadors



conducted presentations in a fair-style setting to share the opportunities available to students within their program.

Construction student ambassadors share program details with Tallmadge instructors during the CTE showcase



Mental Health and Recovery Board of Portage County CFO George DeBord, alongside service providers from Townhall II



Kent PD Officer Dominic Poe and K-9 Officer Matous



Jesse Hosford, Joel Morgan, Robert Sykes, C.A.R.E. award recipient Walter Davis, N'ecole Ast, Albert DiTommaso, Beth Harrington

District and community award winners recognized at annual C.A.R.E. Appreciation Awards Dinner

The Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education (C.A.R.E.) committee held its annual appreciation awards dinner and recognized several school district and community members dedicated to working to support the needs of the families in our communities.

The Community Awards of Appreciation were awarded to the Summit ADM Board and the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Portage County for their important work providing preventative and treatment services and programming to our communities.

2022-2023 district award winners are as follows: Sources of Strength advisors, **Hillary Freitag-Geiger, Christopher Nauer** and **Daniel Bennett** (Cuyahoga Falls), HHS Unit Principal **Cecilia Frammartino-Kotyln** (Hudson), Kent Police Officer **Dominic Poe** and K-9 Officer **Matous** (Kent), Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) inaugural program facilitators, **Bobbie Angely, Jen Ashton, Leslie Haynam, Frances Penney** and **Kathy Schmidt** (Stow-Munroe Falls), School Counselor **Joshua Gambow** (Tallmadge), and Superintendent **Walter Davis** (Woodridge).

Community Agriculture for Local Impact program to launch Fall 2023

Community Agriculture for Local Impact will be offered at Cuyahoga Falls High School starting in Fall 2023 and will be led by the teaching team of Steve McIntosh and Steve Newland, who currently teach Urban Agriculture and lead the Cuyahoga Falls Learning Garden Network. Students in this two-year program will develop practical knowledge in the areas of animal and plant science, agribusiness management, and environmental stewardship. Scan to learn more!



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