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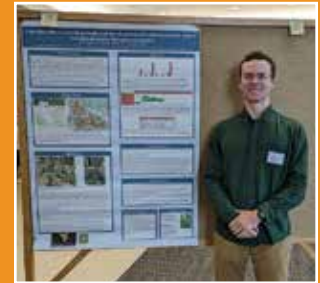
Success Story



Kameron Hazelton (Kent Roosevelt), Grant Dodds (Tallmadge), Cooper Warren (Kent Roosevelt), Matt Leightner (Tallmadge), Andy Ball (Cuyahoga Falls), and Ryan Thompson (Hudson) at the SkillsUSA regional competition



SkillsUSA State CNC Milling competition winners Matt Leightner (left) and Andy Ball (right)



Forestry completer Riley Pierce presents at WVU Research Day on California Black Oak sprouting

CAD & Engineering Tech students showcase talents at regional and state competitions

Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies students competed at the Northeast Ohio Regional SkillsUSA contest in March, with several advancing to the state competition in April. At the state level, **Matt Leightner** earned a bronze medal in CNC Milling and **Andy Ball** placed 7th in the same contest. At both competitions, students utilized the Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software as they competed in various Computer-Numerical Control (CNC) contests. **Dave Glavic**, Vice President of Prospect Group in Cuyahoga Falls, is Matt's employer and shares, "He's a great young man with a real talent for machining." Congratulations!

Riley Pierce is a 2020 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and completer of the Forestry and Environmental Studies program. Riley is graduating from *West Virginia University* (WVU) with a degree in Forest Resource Management in May. During his four years at WVU, Riley founded a tree climbing club and served as the Society of American Foresters student ambassador for the university. He was also recognized as a WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior, which is one of the University's highest honors.

Riley has interned for *Dominion Energy* in Virginia for the last two summers and has accepted a full-time position as a utility forester starting in June. As a utility forester, Riley will supervise crews that work to inspect vegetation around power lines to determine what limbs need to be pruned or removed. Riley shares that the Forestry program helped prepare him for a career in arboriculture by exposing him to many facets of the industry, including tree climbing, tree and plant identification and growth as well as professional and networking skills.

Medical Office students create public awareness materials for Cuyahoga Falls and local hospital

Students from the Academy of Medical Office and Business Management program worked in competitive teams to create publications to educate community members regarding the dangers of pharmaceutical waste to our environment. The winning team, pictured below left to right, **Amelia Mollica** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Allison Loy** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Kushal Kuikel** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Salina Subba** (Tallmadge) created a flyer outlining how to properly dispose of prescription and non-prescription drugs that will be mailed with water bills to all residents of Cuyahoga Falls and a brochure that will be displayed and distributed at Western Reserve Hospital to educate and inform patients. Many thanks to *Western Reserve Hospital Pharmacy Resident*



Corissa Adams and the *City of Cuyahoga Falls Public Utilities and Community Outreach Coordinator Bryce Pulley* for their support and engagement during this exceptional learning opportunity.

Engineering students awe judges with impressive bridge

Level-II Engineering Academy students competed in the 23rd Annual Miniature Bridge Building Competition held at the Summit County Fairgrounds. In teams of two or three, students had just over three hours to build a balsa wood bridge that matched previously submitted and approved drawings. Upon completion, the bridges



Winner of Most Aesthetically Pleasing Bridge, L to R: Xander Wood (Kent Roosevelt), Abby Cerutti (Hudson), & Annie Liedtke (Kent Roosevelt)

Roosevelt), **Xander Wood** (Kent Roosevelt) and **Abby Cerutti** (Hudson) won for the most aesthetically pleasing bridge and each got \$50.

were weighed and tested to see how much weight they could hold. Seven of the 32 teams that competed were from the Engineering Academy and three of the Academy's teams placed in the top ten. The team of **Annie Liedtke** (Kent



Teaching students compete and win at Educators Rising

Educators Rising is a student organization for those interested in pursuing a career in education. Students from the Teaching Professions program attended the EdRising Ohio conference at Capital University where they participated in professional development breakout sessions and competitions. Ten students placed at the state level and eight students qualified for the national competition to be held in June in Washington D.C.!

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Hudson Auto welcomes additional manufacturer training module

Hudson Auto Technologies utilizes manufacturer training and certifications as instructional tools and networking opportunities. The program has incorporated *Ford* and *Toyota* training modules into the curriculum and recently added *Honda* as an additional opportunity for jumpstarting students' preparedness. *Honda* donated three vehicles to the program: an Acura TSX, an Acura TL, and a brand-new 2023 Honda Odyssey (pictured above). The hands-on experiences that students will gain by working on these vehicles will prepare them for a variety of employment opportunities while also exposing students to a potential post-secondary path at Stark State College. Stark State offers the Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT) program, where students can become master technicians for *Honda* and *Acura*.



Students place at Business Professionals of America conference

Students from both Business and Sports Management and Programming and Software Development competed at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference and Competition in Columbus this March. Several students from both programs placed at various events such as business, entrepreneurship, web design, and computer programming. Business and Sports Management senior **Brayden Cole** (Kent Roosevelt) earned first place in the Entrepreneurship event and Programming and Software Development senior **Andrew Loznianu** (Stow-Munroe Falls) placed first in both Digital Communications/Design Concepts and Management, Marketing, and Human Resources Concepts events. Brayden and Andrew qualified to advance to the BPA National Leadership Conference in Chicago in May.



Business and Sports Management student Brayden Cole (pictured center) proudly accepts his first place trophy at the state BPA competition



Programming and Software Development students Andrew Loznianu (left) and Nicholas Poulton (right) displaying their well-deserved medals from the state BPA competition

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C.A.R.E. Committee

recognizes individuals committed to districts

In April, the Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education (C.A.R.E.) Committee held its annual awards ceremony and dinner to honor school district and community members who are committed to supporting the holistic needs of our students and families.

The C.A.R.E. Community Award of Appreciation was awarded to Saturday Family Workshop: Effective Strategies for Managing Anger-Conflict-Emotion creators and facilitators **Robert** and **Karen Sykes**. Robert and Karen are dedicated to this program that aims to teach students effective strategies for anger management and conflict resolution.

District award winners included:

Cuyahoga Falls: Girls on the Run Coaches: **Rebecca Luketich, Lauren Quinones, Nina Robinson, Rachel Zelak, Emily Smith** and **Esther Harsh**

Hudson: Hudson High School Unit Principal **Michael Sedlak**

Kent: Neighborhood Bridges Kent Area Director **Kathleen Wiler**

Stow-Munroe Falls: Youth Services Specialist with the Stow Police Department **Toni Carter**

Tallmadge: Tallmadge Middle School Counselor **James Shannon** and therapy dog **Winston**

Woodridge: Woodridge High School Teacher **Natalie Forman** and therapy dog **Hank**



Tallmadge: Superintendent **Steve Wood**, CARE Coordinator **Rosalie Lemke**, Assistant Principal **Kim Hussing**, **James Shannon**, therapy dog **Winston**, **Laura Wieland**, Principal **Jeff Manion**



Woodridge: Assistant Superintendent **Joel Morgan**, Superintendent **N'ecole Ast**, **Natalie Forman**, therapy dog **Hank**, CARE Coordinator **Haley Film** and Principal **Al DiTommaso**



Kent: Assistant Superintendent **Justin Gates**, **Kathleen Wiler**, CARE Coordinator **Jacque Peoples Dukes**, Superintendent **Tom Larkin**, and Director of Personnel **Anthony Horton**



Tallmadge Superintendent **Steve Wood** congratulates CARE Community Award winners **Karen** and **Robert Sykes**



Stow-Munroe Falls: CARE Coordinator **Samantha Pfeiffer**, **Toni Carter**, and Interim Superintendent **Kristie Prough**



Cuyahoga Falls: CARE Coordinator **Holly Merkle**, **Emily Smith**, Superintendent **Andrea Celico**, **Esther Harsh**, **Nina Robinson**, **Rachel Zelak**, and **Rebecca Luketich** (not pictured, **Lauren Quinones**)



Hudson: Many Hudson City Schools staff celebrated award winner **Michael Sedlak**, pictured alongside Superintendent **Dana Addis**

Making Connections with Business & Industry



An up-close look at the compost students made while visiting the commercial composting facility

Victoria Davis (Woodridge) and Cameron Frye (Cuyahoga Falls) alongside a compost pile at Rubber City Reuse

Comm Ag students gain knowledge at local composting facility

Rubber City Reuse owner **Ben McMillan** welcomed Community Agriculture for Local Impact students at his facility in Akron, where he shared his knowledge of how composting can have a positive impact on the environment and the science behind how it works. Students gained knowledge and insight into commercial composting and entrepreneurship. Since 2023, Community Agriculture for Local Impact has kept over 2,000 pounds of food scraps and other waste out of landfills through its own composting program.

Theater students tour post-secondary institution

Theater Arts Careers Academy (TACA) students traveled to *Playhouse Square* to tour *Cleveland State University's School of Film and Media Arts*.

CSU faculty provided students with expert advice and career guidance regarding the importance of industry connections and professional experiences to become "career-ready."

TACA students listen intently to CSU's technical director



Criminal Justice students observe court happenings

During a recent visit to the *Stow Municipal Court*, Level-I Criminal Justice students gained real-world knowledge of what a typical day at a courthouse entails. While visiting, students had the opportunity to sit in on live arraignment hearings with Magistrate **John Clark** and interview various industry professionals.



Goodyear Blimp visit provides students with career exploration

Students in Electronics, Robotics, and Programming and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies gained exceptional career exploration as they toured the *Goodyear Blimp* facility located in Akron. *Goodyear Blimp* staff provided students with an in-depth look at their operations as well as information regarding the myriad of career opportunities available at this unique operation.

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