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News from the Six District Educational Compact

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Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina, RHS administration, teachers, Board of Education members, and business and industry partners at the groundbreaking ceremony



Rendering of the Engineering and Advanced Technologies Center

Success Story



Medical Office completers prove to be career-ready

The Academy of Medical Office and Business Management provides students with training, skill development, and internship opportunities to prepare students for work in many types of business and office settings. Upon completion of the program in May of 2024, several completers found gainful employment, including the following.

Matteen Kheder (Hudson) is attending Kent State University and is employed at *Family Care Plus Clinic* in Munroe Falls as a medical biller/coder. Matteen started work in this position during his internship in the program. **Alonie Rackley** (Stow-Munroe Falls) started her internship as an administrative assistant at *Unity Health* in Tallmadge while in the program. She remains employed there and is also taking advantage of their certification program to become a medical assistant. **Alisha Neopanay** (Cuyahoga Falls) is an administrative medical assistant at *DSC Dermatology* in Medina and is a member of the Ohio National Guard where she will be trained as a medical supply chain specialist. Congratulations!

Coming January 2025!

Engineering and Advanced Technologies Center



In late 2023, Kent City Schools was awarded over \$2.3 million in special state funding earmarked to expand Career-Technical Education facilities in Ohio's public schools. In August, construction began on the state-of-the-art addition to the north side of Theodore Roosevelt High School which will include 3,500 square feet of additional lab space, providing an optimal learning environment with cutting-edge technologies and equipment. Students in the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering Technologies and the Engineering Academy: Advanced STEM programs will utilize the lab to prepare for in-demand employment opportunities and/or post-secondary studies.



L to R: Audrey Holder, Anner Rogerson, and Community Agriculture student Tyler Priester (Cuyahoga Falls)

Community Agriculture students earn hydroponic growing industry credentials

Community Agriculture for Local Impact students are gaining experience, career exploration, and industry credentials in the hydroponic industry with a unique learning opportunity and partnership. Students are learning about and utilizing the *Fork Farms' Flex Farm*, a unique, vertical-growing hydroponic system that has the capacity to grow over 25 pounds of fresh produce in a 4-week period. Students plan to donate most of the food they grow using the *Flex Farm*. *Fork Farms* Partnership Development Directors **Anne Rogerson** and **Audrey Holder** paid a visit to the program this fall to check out the operations and to connect with the hydroponic growers in training.



Level I students ready to kick off the Quackstream Classic

Almost 5,000 rubber ducks, ready to race down the Cuyahoga River

Six District EntrepreNew students make a splash at Quackstream Classic

Level I Six District EntrepreNew Pathways students showcased their entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen at the inaugural Quackstream Classic, a duck race on the Cuyahoga River in late April. Students took full ownership of the process, from securing sponsorships to sourcing materials and working with vendors. Nearly 5,000 ducks were sold and raced down the river at the April event, generating over \$18,000 in revenue. The winning duck owner took home the grand prize of \$1,000 while second and third place scored Cedar Point season passes and Cleveland Cavaliers tickets. The funds raised helped cover the students' trip to San Antonio in November, where they participated in a jam-packed week full of entrepreneurship learning and opportunities.



Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Development
2023 Report Card

Overall 5-Star Rating
Significantly Exceeds State Standards

Career Technical Planning Districts (CTPD) receive an overall rating between one and five stars, in half-star increments, measuring four components: achievement, graduation rate, career and post-secondary readiness, and post-program outcomes.

Scan QR code for more information!



Anya Culver (Cuyahoga Falls), receives her first-place prize from Greater Cleveland Partnership Program Manager Joy Childress

Computer Science students participate in career exploration competition

Level I Computer Science Pathways students participated in the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) Discover IT Visualizer contest. Participants from area high schools were tasked with creating a "visualizer" representing the creator's understanding of various IT Careers. **Anya Culver** (Cuyahoga Falls) earned first place for her well-researched and creative visualizer! This competition was an excellent opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of a wide variety of potential IT jobs!

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Cosmetology students attend Columbus tradeshow

Students from the Cuyahoga Falls Cosmetology program attended the ultimate beauty experience at the Premier Columbus tradeshow in September. Students had the opportunity to explore everything that is happening in the beauty industry - from the hottest trends in hair color to high-fashion nail art and in-demand day spa treatments. Students attended a class on professionalism and how to run a business, watched various demonstrations on the main stage, and networked with professionals.



Entertainment Professionals students benefit from business and higher ed connections

The Academy of Future Entertainment Professionals program has been busy this fall engaging in a variety of field trips to enhance their learning experience. Students had the opportunity to get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour at the elite haunted attraction, *Nightmare Cleveland*. Led by the haunt's owner and master carpenter, students explored the intricately designed sets, props, and lighting setups that rival those in major film productions. The visit provided students with an unparalleled and inspiring opportunity to learn from professionals at the top of their craft.

At Kent State University's Art Without Limits program, students joined over 800 other area high schoolers to engage in career exploration and professional skill sessions. Students showcased their artistic talents, gained new perspectives on potential career opportunities, and strengthened their collaboration and performance skills.



L to R:
Construction Technologies instructor Don Titko, Jake Cerutti, Hudson science instructor Tom Snow, Abby Cerutti

Hudson twins earn Rotary scholarships

The Rotary Club of Hudson selected twin siblings **Abby** (Engineering Academy) and **Jake Cerutti** (Construction Technologies) as recipients of their annual Rotary Club Scholarships. Abby was directly admitted to the Biomedical Engineering program at the University of Cincinnati, while Jake landed a spot in the prestigious 4-year Presidential Service Learning Academy at Bowling Green State University where he is majoring in Construction Management.



Construction students create garden boxes for elementary school

A need arose at a local elementary school and Construction students sprang into action! Holden Elementary School in Kent utilizes a working garden to teach students about plant growth and sustainability, and their garden boxes were in need of a refresh. Construction students built and installed three brand-new enclosed boxes that automatically open when the sun is shining. This innovative design feature allows for the sun to shine on the garden during the day, but closes at night to keep out animals. This opportunity gave students valuable hands-on learning as well as a focus on serving their community.

News from around the Compact



Gracie Springer and Claire Gregory (both from Woodridge) showcase their first-place plaque following the FCCLA national competition in Seattle

FCCLA students compete and win at national competition

Over the summer, Woodridge Family and Consumer Science students from the student organization, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the National Leadership Conference and Competition in Seattle, Washington. **Claire Gregory** and **Gracie Springer** placed first in the nation in the National Programs in Action, Student Body event. They worked with second graders to teach them nutrition, fitness, mental health, fractions, measuring, and kitchen safety. Other national winning teams included **Izzy Howell** and **Haley Walter** (fifth place) and **Rachel LaGuardia** and **Izzy Scebbi** (tenth place). Congratulations to these students and their advisor, **Leah Norris!**

Teaching team supports mental health and places second nationally

After placing first at the state EdRising competition last spring, the Teaching Professions team of **Alyvia Bucks** (Hudson) and **Eva Kemper** (Cuyahoga Falls) advanced to the national competition in Washington D.C. this past summer. The team presented the project they researched and developed to support students' mental health: a board and website specifically designed for middle school students, called "The Chill Center." Their hard work and preparations paid off as they earned second place nationally, with many of the judges suggesting that they market and sell their board to fellow educators.



Alyvia Bucks (Hudson) and Eva Kemper (Cuyahoga Falls) proudly display their 2nd-place ribbons at the EdRising National Competition in Washington D.C.



Forestry instructor Kyle Kutinsky, pictured third from the right, displays his award among the other Main Street Kent award recipients

Forestry instructor recognized for work within the community

Congratulations to Forestry and Environmental Studies instructor **Kyle Kutinsky**, who was named the Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer of the Year at the annual Main Street Kent Awards Celebration. Kyle and his program students adopted and beautified the Kent Peace Garden.

New Job Training Coordination program underway at Laurel Lake

The Laurel Lake Job Training program is a collaboration between Laurel Lake Retirement Community, Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, and the Six District Educational Compact. Located at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson, this site-based initiative aims to provide students with hands-on learning in a real-world setting as they work toward transitioning from school to the world of work. This two- or three-year program provides students with the opportunity to explore numerous career path options, such as construction, recreation activities, maintenance, housekeeping, and dining services, in a professional environment.



Laurel Lake Job Training Coordinator Katie Poulin



Welcome new CTE Instructor!

Trenton Langjahr
Athletic Health Care & Fitness

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