

# Making an Impact on our Six Districts

**22** Annual  
**23** Report



**Six District**  
Educational Compact



**Computer-Aided Design**

**IT Academy with CISCO Cyber Security**

**Theater Arts Careers Academy**



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### Celebrating Collaboration, Cooperation & Innovation

A highlight of the 2022-2023 school year was the long overdue anniversary celebration of 50+3 years of the Six District Educational Compact. It was truly a remarkable evening, marked by contributions from various stakeholders including past and present superintendents and educators, state legislators, Board of Education members, members of the Ohio Department of Education, business and industry partners, Compact completers, parents and current students. This diverse group of individuals represents the ongoing charge to fulfill the founding superintendents' direction to lead with collaboration, cooperation and innovation. I am proud of the rich history within the Compact, what we stand for today and the promising and exciting future that lies ahead!

### Outreach

Continued efforts to spread the word about the exceptional value that a Career-Technical Education provides students remains a priority. Our current students and completers are our most influential tool to educate and inform prospective families and students, and they did so in a variety of new initiatives during the school year. Student ambassadors and program instructors visited Tallmadge City Schools for their staff and teacher professional development day where they showcased their CTE programs. Additionally, current students and completers participated in Lakeview Elementary's inaugural Career Cafe where they were career presenters. Currently, we have a planning committee that is working toward evaluating and improving our recruitment events for the 2023-2024 school year, and we are looking forward to some exciting changes in this area!

### Special Thanks

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our district retirees, with a special thank you to Kent City Schools Superintendent **George Joseph** and Woodridge Local Schools Superintendent **Walter Davis** for their unwavering support and dedication to the Compact.

### Looking Ahead

We are thrilled to welcome Community Agriculture for Local Impact at Cuyahoga Falls High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Students will develop practical knowledge in the areas of animal and plant science, agribusiness management, and environmental stewardship to prepare for both careers in the green industry and post-secondary education and will be highly engaged in the community through hands-on, authentic learning experiences.

Mary Jane Stanchina  
Executive Director



Automotive Technologies-Hudson



# 50+3 Anniversary Celebration

After the Covid-19 pandemic halted several celebrations marking the first 50 years of the Six District Educational Compact, the 50+3 anniversary celebration took place in March at Silver Lake Country Club.



The beginning of the Compact was honored by recognizing the founding superintendents, specifically **Dr. Harold Wilson**, Superintendent of Cuyahoga Falls City School District, who led the charge in 1969 by proposing the collaborative Compact model to the Ohio Department of Education. **Dr. Maynard Bauer** (Tallmadge City Schools Superintendent) is the last living original Compact superintendent. Dr. Bauer shared his appreciation for Dr. Wilson and Dr. Robert Stanton's (Kent City Schools Superintendent) support and leadership and also expressed his strong support of the fiscal responsibility that the Compact's approach provides the six communities. The Six District Educational Compact was the first of its kind and is now one of fifteen in the state of Ohio.

The Compact's rich history was evident throughout the night as program completers from the 1970's through the 2020's shared their success stories. The Compact of today shined as students from Modern Communications through Media Production interviewed guests, provided audio and visual services and recorded their podcast from the event, Culinary Arts students provided delicious desserts for guests and Interactive Marketing and Design students shared the opening video that they created to celebrate the Compact. The audience was filled with Compact supporters from education, business and industry, government and our communities and heard remarks from **Leah Amstutz**, the Ohio Department of Education's Director of Career-Technical Education.

As Woodridge Local Schools Superintendent **Walter Davis** provided closing remarks regarding the exciting future of the Compact, the robotic dog from Kent Roosevelt High School made an entrance. The Compact is dedicated to continuing to embrace the cooperation, collaboration and innovation that has brought our communities 53 years of successful programming and services.



State of Ohio's Governor's Proclamation



Andrew Licata, Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing program completer and owner of Alpine Auto Body and Collision Centers, LLC shares his success story while Woodridge Local Schools Superintendent Walter Davis listens enthusiastically



Students from Modern Communication through Media Production provided audio-visual services



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

# Congratulations to Retirees/New Staff



## **WALTER DAVIS** **Woodridge Local Schools** **Superintendent**

**Walter Davis** has served as the Woodridge Local School District superintendent for the past thirteen years. Wally began his career in education as a seventh grade math teacher for Plain Local School District in Canton and then spent 21 years as a teacher and administrator in the Cuyahoga

Falls City School District. Wally shares that when he began his position as superintendent, one of his goals was to increase the district's "footprint" within the Compact. This goal was achieved by the creation of two new Woodridge programs, EntrepreNew Pathways and the Biotechnology Academy as well as by increasing the number of Woodridge students participating in Compact programs. "While I am looking forward to many more rounds of golf and travel in my retirement years, I will certainly miss working closely with many amazing educators and friends throughout the six districts. I know the Compact will continue to meet the needs of our students by offering the high-demand programming that will prepare them for their futures."



## **GEORGE JOSEPH** **Kent City School** **District Superintendent**

**George Joseph** dedicated over 40 years to his career in education and retired in July 2023 after serving as the Kent City School District Superintendent for the past nine years. George notes that he has enjoyed working with all 11 of the Kent programs and values the vast community connections and

partnerships that provide students with excellent opportunities for growth and learning. "I'm proud of all 28 of our Six District Educational Compact programs where students can find their niche and passion for learning while earning some form of college credit. Supported by dedicated teachers, staff and six communities, our CTE students have excelled in many areas both inside and outside of the classroom. I am filled with gratitude for my time in the Kent City School District and am proud to have served this outstanding school district and community." George will keep busy in retirement with his nine grandchildren!

## **Thank you!**

Many thanks to the following staff members for their dedication and support of the Compact; congratulations on your retirement!

### **Aaron Carlton**

Theodore Roosevelt High School Counselor

### **Tom Franek**

Forestry and Landscape Management Instructor

### **Suzanne Hirsch**

Hudson High School Family and Consumer Science Instructor

### **Wendy Paul**

Stow-Munroe Falls High School Counselor

### **Deb Rutsky**

Theodore Roosevelt High School Student Learner Success Specialist

### **Kathy Schmidt**

Lakeview Intermediate School Counselor

### **Robert Sykes**

Woodridge Local Schools Pupil Services Specialist  
C.A.R.E. Coordinator & Saturday Family Workshop MACE Facilitator

## **Welcome New Staff!**

### **Carrie Harris**

Business and Sports Management Instructor

### **Janet Creamer**

Kent Roosevelt CTE Administrative Assistant

### **Kim Sears**

Kent Roosevelt Student Learner Success Specialist

### **Rachel McMahon**

Kent Roosevelt Job Training Coordinator



# Staff Recognition



**Emily Kilgore alongside Summit County ESC Superintendent, Joseph Iacono**

## EntrepreNew Pathways instructor wins Summit County Teacher of the Year

Each year, Summit County school districts nominate both a Rookie of the Year and Teacher of the Year to be recognized at the annual Summit County Education Celebration. Woodridge City School District nominated

**Emily Kilgore**, EntrepreNew Pathways instructor, as the WCSD 2022 Teacher of the Year. Prior to the celebration, every Teacher of the Year nominee was asked several questions about their teaching career and a selection committee reviewed all of the nominees questionnaire submissions. The Compact is proud to announce that Emily Kilgore was awarded the Summit County Teacher of the Year at this year's celebration!

## Auto Technology instructor recognized as B'laster Teacher of the Month

Automotive media outlet Tomorrow's Tech and B'laster Corp. recognize automotive technology instructors who think outside the box and are committed to educating the best future technicians by selecting an instructor every month to feature.

**Chad Groom**, Hudson Automotive Technologies instructor, was nominated and selected as the January Instructor of the Year finalist. Chad is passionate about the industry, skilled as an ASE master certified technician and he builds strong relationships with both his students and his industry partners.

## Biotech instructor serves as leader at the Ag and Med Biotech workshop

Biotechnology instructor **James Gillahan** engages in many professional development and research opportunities to stay up to date and connected in the field. In October, James had the opportunity to serve as a Grow Next Gen teacher leader at the October Ag and Med Biotech workshop at Otterbein University. James presented "A Closer Look at Insects" and participants completed an inquiry activity of insect identification and taxonomic classification, then determined whether the insects were harmful or beneficial to the soybean plant. James also shared information from his participation at the Seeds of



Change training for Insect Microbiome Antibiotic Bioprospecting (or IMAB) workshop in New Jersey last year.

**James Gillahan** observes teacher participants during an inquiry activity

## STEM teaching award received by CTE instructor

Congratulations to **Dave Helmick**, Industrial Maintenance for Employment and Production 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.

## BSM Instructor Awarded Educational Conference Scholarship

Business and Sports Management instructor, **Carrie Harris**, was awarded a full registration scholarship to attend the Jump\$tart National Educator Conference in November in Atlanta, GA. The National Jump\$tart Coalition conducts an annual conference devoted specifically to PreK-12 classroom teachers of business & personal finance. This conference offers educators an opportunity to see, learn about, and try educational resources to integrate immediately into current lesson plans, to meet with leaders from finance and education and to network with colleagues from across the country. During the conference, Harris participated in workshops focused on teaching secondary school students concepts such as crypto currencies, personal investing, and teaching taxes. Harris loved meeting like-minded teachers from around the country who are passionate about offering financial education for all students.



**Carrie Harris**



**Tom Franek**

## Environmental Conservation Award presented to Forestry instructor

The Portage Park District Foundation and the Kent Environmental Council presented several community members with Environmental Conservation Awards this spring and **Tom Franek**, Forestry and Landscape Management instructor, was one of the deserving recipients. Tom was recognized for increasing the aware-

ness of arboriculture as potential careers for students and for his collaboration with Davey Tree. Tom has served the community as a board member for the Headwaters Land Trust, the Portage Park District, and the Hiram Historical Society.

# Compact Successes



**Audrey Gopp** (Woodridge), **Mackenzie Gaines** (Kent), **Linda Hughes** (Cuyahoga Falls) and **Mars Vasko** (Tallmadge)

## ECP students excel at state FCCLA competition

After an impressive performance at the Regional FCCLA competition in March, several Early Childhood Professions students advanced to the State FCCLA Leadership Conference and Competition at the end of April. Congratulations to the following students on their amazing performances!

**Audrey Gopp** (Woodridge): Placed 1st in Early Childhood Education and advances to the National FCCLA competition in July

**Mackenzie Gaines** (Kent): Placed 1st in Language and Literacy Development

**Linda Hughes** (Cuyahoga Falls) and **Mars Vasko** (Tallmadge): Placed 2nd in the Lesson Presentation

**Serenity Nicholas** (Tallmadge), **Bipana Rai** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Mackenzie Gaines** (Kent), **Audrey Gopp** (Woodridge), **Hailey Mullin** (Tallmadge), and **Elizabeth Selders** (Cuyahoga Falls): Earned the "Power of One Award"



**Health Careers students at HOSA State Leadership Conference in March**

## Health Careers students place in top ten 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.



**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.



From left, **Gabby Crews** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Josie Hutchins** (Hudson) strengthening bonds and practicing skills during Friendship Friday

## CF Cosmetology students making connections while applying skills learned

Every Friday this school year, students in the Cuyahoga Falls Cosmetology program had a chance to practice the skills they had learned in class with their peers. Instructor **Kayleigh Thomas** initiated "Friendship Fridays" where students are randomly paired with another member of class to hone in on their cosmetology skills, all while strengthening connections among the class.



**Isabelle Wood**

## 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.





Emmett Johnson proudly displays his award at the BPA national conference

## Programming completer wins big at national competition

Congratulations to Programming & Software Development completer and Stow-Munroe Falls High School senior, **Emmett Johnson**, who won Second Place in Python Programming at the Business of Professionals of America's National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in April. The conference brought together an estimated 6,000 delegates from across the country to vie for top honors in business and information technology skills competitions. Emmett also participated in certification testing and earned IT industry credentials while at the conference. Upon graduating in May 2023, Emmett plans to attend Kent State University where he will double major in Computer Science and Emerging Media & Technology.



Business & Sports Management students at the BPA state conference

## BSM students found great success this year

The 2022-23 school year was filled with many outstanding accomplishments for Business and Sports Management students. Check out a few highlights below:

- 23 Level II students successfully passed their Industry Certification Exams, both the National Retail Federation (NRF) Foundation's RiseUp Retail Industry Fundamentals Specialist Exam and the Customer Service and Sales - Certified Specialist Exam.
- 22 students qualified for and competed at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference and Competition 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.
- Students participated in the Ohio Academy of Science's Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship program where they conducted authentic research projects. Several students' STEM plans and pitches earned them significant scholarships.
  - \$5,000 scholarship recipients were **Madelyn VanDamme** (Kent), **Parker Balan** (Kent) and **AJ Pestello** (Stow-Munroe Falls) while the team of **Jared Mottice** and **James Lehrer** (both Woodridge) earned a \$10,000 scholarship.



Cameron Lantz (Tallmadge) and Brandon Melin (Kent) at awards ceremony

## Marketing students awarded Portage Youth Initiative Award for DECA project

Level II Marketing students, Cameron Lantz (Tallmadge) and Brandon Melin (Kent), were nominated for the Celebrate Portage! Youth Initiative Award and were recognized at the awards ceremony in September at NEOMED. Coleman Health Services nominated the pair for their DECA project, Mission: Hope and Housing which raised more than \$5,000 and awareness for area homeless who are transitioning out of foster care due to their age. Instructor Brent Pfeiffer states, "It is very humbling to see that the community recognized them for their work and both students were beyond grateful for the recognition."

L to R: Cohlman Arthur (Cuyahoga Falls), Faith Biltz (Stow-Munroe), Simon Powers (Hudson) and Julia McDonnell (Cuyahoga Falls) after their presentation at the JEA/NSPA National Convention in San Francisco.



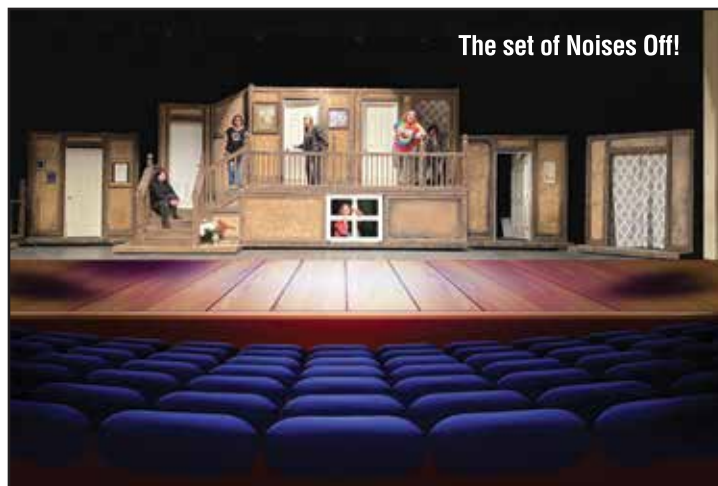
## Level II MCTMP students gain real-world experience through project and conference

At Hudson High School, Modern Communication through Media Production students transformed an old office space into a new podcast studio. These students facilitated the entire project, from soundproofing the walls, finding the best audio equipment, and interior design and room layout. This space will certainly be put to excellent use by the MCTMP students as they broadcast their own podcast, The 330.

In April, students **Cohlman Arthur** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Faith Biltz** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Simon Powers** (Hudson), and **Julia McDonnell** (Cuyahoga Falls) traveled to San Francisco, CA where they attended the 2023 Journalism Education Association National High School Journalism Convention, along with over 3,500 students from 47 states.

In between visiting media facilities at Stanford University and Palo Alto High School and attending many practical and professional sessions, students also made professional presentations regarding ethical marketing strategies and building a podcast from scratch. Instructor Stefanie Crecelius chaperoned the trip and shared, "This was an opportunity for immense growth for my students."

# Compact Successes



The set of Noises Off!

## TACA students complete amazing stagecraft project

Theater Arts Careers Academy students worked tirelessly for nine weeks building, painting, and dressing the set for Tallmadge High School's hilarious production of Noises Off! this school year. The work of the students did not go unnoticed, as many audience members remarked that the set was beautiful. It was challenging work for the students, as the set needed to be a two-floor set with eight doors. The complete set turned around for Act 2, as the entire act is played "backstage." Theater Arts Careers Academy instructor **David Obney** co-directed the show, served as technical director for the production and shares, "The students did a fantastic job; it was an amazing stagecraft project!"

## Engineering students' success extends outside of the classroom

The students of the Engineering Academy accomplished many scholastic achievements this year, and just as impressive are their successes outside of the classroom. We believe that these students' commitments to athletics, the arts, and their communities make their academic accomplishments even more impressive. Listed below are the highlights:

- 34 students took 54 advanced placement exams
- 27 students competed in 37 varsity sports
  - Team captains
  - Northeast Ohio Golfer of the Year
  - All league and all state accolades
  - Sportsmanship awards earned
- 20 students were involved in the performing arts (concert band to theater!)
  - Superior ranking in winds
  - International Thespian Society members
- 52% of students were employed in outside jobs
- 22 students volunteered in various capacities at sports camps, food drives and pantries, blood drives, tutoring and at church
- 3 Eagle Scouts and 2 Life Scouts



## Internships pay off for ERP students

Congratulations to the following Level II

Electronics, Robotics and Programming students on their great success this school year!

Stow-Munroe Falls senior, **Tristan Watson** accepted a full-time position with his apprenticeship employer, Logic Plunger and Lift, as an electronics technician.

**Owen Pavlock**, CET\* is a Tallmadge senior who worked as an electronics technician at his apprenticeship at Olstrad Engineering and will be attending The University of Akron, majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology.

Woodridge junior, **Kazi Sourav**, CET\* completed his apprenticeship as an electronics technician at Tiny Circuits and looks forward to taking College Credit Plus courses his senior year.

**Lamir Thompson**, CET\* is a Kent senior who was employed as an electronics technician at Olstrad Engineering and will be attending Kent State University majoring in Information Technology in Cyber Security.

**Chris Whitcomb**, CET\* is a Cuyahoga Falls senior who completed his apprenticeship at Permco as an assembly technician and has enlisted in the United States Army to perform electrical and mechanical maintenance on drones.

\*CET denotes Certified Electronics Technician through the Electronics Technicians' Association International



Student ambassadors from Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson and Woodridge programs at the training held at CFHS.

## Student Ambassador Leadership training

In December, over 150 Compact students participated in Student Ambassador Leadership Training presented by the Compact's marketing and educational consultant, **Jenny Morganti**. Six students in each CTE program were selected by their instructor(s) to represent their program as ambassadors and assist with various recruitment events. At the training, students explored the value of CTE, learned communication and presentation skills, identified ways to strengthen their leadership skills and practiced their "pitch" that they used throughout Orientations and Visitations that took place over the course of the second semester. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our student ambassadors!



# Summer School Enrollment and Camps



Students on the ramp at Kent State Airport after introductory flights, alongside KSU instructor.



Students visit the Cleveland Hopkins Airport United Hangar and hear from an airframe & powerplant mechanic, under the wing of a Boeing 737.

## A.C.E. Academy Summer Camp

Fifteen students from seven school districts committed their first full week of summer break to expanding their knowledge of careers in aviation through a hands-on summer experience. The Aeronautics Careers Education (A.C.E.) Academy summer camp was offered in collaboration with Kent State University's College of Aeronautics and Engineering. Students were offered a multitude of first-hand looks at various careers in aviation while visiting sites such as Zone Aviation, Signature Flight Support, Flex Jet, the Ohio National Guard, the MAPS Museum, Cleveland Hopkins Airport, United, Skyquest and PSA Airlines. Additionally, students spent ample time at Kent State University, both on the main campus while exploring drones and at the KSU Airport where they were the "co-pilot" flying a single-engine Cessna. **Todd Remenaric** (Aeronautics Careers Academy instructor), **Aaron Morris** (Aeronautics Careers Academy Math instructor) and **Doug Herbert** (Stow-Munroe Falls High School instructor) led the week-long experience. One student participant shared that this experience "furthered my interest in pursuing a career in the field of aeronautics," while another stated that the camp provided him with insight into the possibility of flying for a private corporation rather than an airline.

## Makers of Tomorrow Summer Camp

Makers of Tomorrow summer campers from grades eighth through tenth, experienced a week-long discovery of the in-demand career opportunities in advanced manufacturing and engineering. Led by Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (C.A.D.E.T.) instructors **Jeff Bee** and **Troy Spear**, students worked in teams to dream, design and prototype, while learning engineering principles and applying critical thinking and problem-solving skills to real-world projects. Work-site visits included Esterle Mold & Machine, MAAG Reduction, Trelleborg, GOJO and a virtual field trip presentation from Mastercam reseller, FASTech. These work-site visits allowed for students to gain real-world experience and understanding of the endless possibilities that exist in the field, such as the water jet and proprietary manufacturing of seals that they observed at Trelleborg in Aurora.



Campers listen to volunteer Dale Ertley as he explains welding processes.

Students observe the Laser Engraver cut their name tags.



Makers of Tomorrow camper deburrs his water jet cut logo.

## Summer School Enrollment

District	2022 Enrollment	2023 Enrollment
Cuyahoga Falls	68	51
Hudson	68	126
Kent	55	58
Stow-Munroe Falls	150	132
Total-Outside District	9	9
Total	355	376

# Student Enrollment/Career Passports

## Compact District Enrollment 2022-2023

Grade	Cuyahoga Falls	Hudson	Kent	Stow-Munroe Falls	Tallmadge	Woodridge	Total
K	289	305	195	324	161	112	1386
1	321	327	218	358	167	115	1506
2	311	341	197	312	189	124	1474
3	306	324	205	352	203	148	1538
4	319	349	201	367	197	115	1548
5	289	346	189	331	189	119	1463
6	323	351	217	393	191	144	1619
7	318	358	239	343	191	155	1604
8	308	337	210	350	176	126	1507
9	315	384	237	349	199	108	1592
10	292	357	268	363	207	117	1604
11	265	357	213	411	202	121	1569
12	279	408	210	387	179	109	1572
Total	3935	4544	2799	4640	2451	1613	19982

## 296 Career Passports awarded

In 2023, 296 seniors earned Career Passports. Recipients maintained a 92 percent attendance rate, passed their technical theory and academic coursework with no less than a "C" and demonstrated mastery of career-area competencies. Career Passport folders detail the competencies a student acquired during their two years of study.



**Industrial Maintenance and Production  
for Employment**



**EntrepreNew  
Pathways**



# Success Stories



## College freshman lands lab assistant job at Pitt

2022 Theodore Roosevelt graduate and Biotechnology Academy completer **Megan Renkes** hit the ground running in her first year at the University of Pittsburgh. Megan is majoring in Microbiology on the pre-med track

and landed a job her freshman year as a lab assistant at the Vignali cancer research lab. Megan recently shared her success story at the Compact's 50+3 anniversary celebration in March!



## HCT kickstarts medical career for vet

**Dr. Jenni Heid** is 2014 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and completer of the Health Careers Technologies (HCT) program. Dr. Heid received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University after completing her

undergraduate degree in Biology from Hiram College. She currently works as a veterinary intern at the Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma City and feels that the HCT program was the best way to kick start her medical journey!



## Pursuing an associate's degree in auto mechanics

**Hunter Hanning**, 2022 Hudson graduate and completer of the Auto Technologies program enjoyed the program so much that he knew he wanted to continue his education in auto mechanics in a post-secondary environment. Hunter currently attends

Stark State College and shares that he loved "all of the moving parts" in the program and benefited from all of the hands-on training.



## Aviation-engineering student and blackhawk mechanic

**Aurora Kubalski** is a 2018 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and completer of the Aeronautics Careers Academy. Aurora is currently an Aviation-Engineering major at The Ohio State University where she also works as a

full-time technician as a Blackhawk mechanic in the Ohio Army National Guard at Rickenbacker in Columbus. Aurora shares that this program reconfirmed her excitement and passion for aviation and allowed her the opportunity to get an up-close look at aircrafts and careers in aviation.



## High school internship opened doors

2022 Cuyahoga Falls graduate and Academy of Medical Office and Business Management completer **Bhawana Biswa** was one of the first students to intern with Western Reserve Hospital during the inaugural year of the Charting Careers

partnership with the Compact. Bhawana is now a pre-med major at Kent State University and continues to work for Western Reserve Hospital as a medical office associate.



## Engineering Academy to OSU to Fortune 500 company

**Adam Householder**, 2013 Stow-Munroe Falls graduate and Engineering Academy completer is currently working as a Portfolio Energy and Sustainability Manager for JLL in Cleveland, a Fortune 500 real estate facility service company. Adam graduated from The Ohio State University with an

undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering and shares that the Engineering Academy prepared him with engineering fundamentals that gave him confidence and familiarity while entering college.



## TACA completer studying filmmaking

**Cooper Lynn**, a 2022 Hudson graduate and Theater Arts Careers Academy (TACA) completer, is currently studying filmmaking at the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. Cooper states that TACA helped him in a variety of ways, including

how to pitch ideas, work successfully in groups, how to use different tools, about script writing and character development and shares that he met his two best friends in the program.



## Law enforcement officer

**Garrett Fleming**, 2017 graduate of Tallmadge High School and Criminal Justice completer, currently works as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Brimfield Township Police Department, 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. 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."

# Community Connections and Outreach



**Take The Lead** podcast logo, created by Modern Communication students

**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](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/au-takethelead) or [ashland.edu/professional-development-services](https://ashland.edu/professional-development-services).

## Modern Communications students assist university with podcast

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 -



**Sylvester Freeman (Kent)** alongside completed model

existing scaled models to create what stands today. Fifteen years later, officials from the city of Stow contacted instructor **Don Titko** to see if his students would collaborate once again on a new addition. Seniors **Sylvester Freeman** (Kent), **Owen Snyder** (Woodridge), **Gavin Nesbitt** (Woodridge), **JT Hill** (Stow-Munroe Falls) **Nate McCollum** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **AJ Kline** (Stow-Munroe Falls) were tasked with planning the construction of a scaled model of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to represent the structure at a small scale. Titko feels that, "we met the task with this beautiful building highlighting all the important architectural characteristics of the library focusing on the front entryway."

## Stow Safety Town welcomes new addition from Construction program

The Stow-Munroe Falls Safety Town, located off of Fishcreek Road, is a favorite among Stow families and surrounding communities. During the 2007-2008 school year, students in the Construction Technologies program constructed all of the



Engineering students alongside the solar panels that will be used to provide power to the atrium space at SMFHS



Engineering students with the finished Terrarium Stands. From left front row: Andrew Kriska (Stow-Munroe Falls), Ricky Legg (Kent), Logan Watson (Tallmadge), Matt Keleman (Stow-Munroe Falls). From left back row: Max White (Stow-Munroe Falls), Isaiah Ulrich (Tallmadge)

## Engineering students create terrarium stands and install solar panels for new atrium

A new atrium at Stow-Munroe Falls High School is providing students and staff with an inviting space to relax, study and work. Engineering Academy students in the Polymers class contributed to the space by creating terrarium stands and installing solar panels. The Engineering students came up with the idea to repurpose old computer carts for the terrarium stands, demonstrating both an environmentally and budget-friendly approach. A terrarium is an enclosed glass box or container that is usually used to hold and grow plants. Grow towers will be added to the terrariums to grow herbs for the Culinary Arts program and students will be able to study the habitats and plants within the terrariums. Students spent almost a month working through the planning and execution of the terrarium stands, including tackling specifics such as making them handicap accessible, securing them to shelving and locking them up for safety purposes. Additionally, students worked together to plan, gather supplies, and execute the installation of five solar panels that will be used to provide power to the atrium space. The off-grid solar panels are estimated to generate 2.08kW of power that will provide electricity to six outlets to be installed around the atrium space.





Jada Manion (Stow-Munroe Falls) assists a student with coasting and braking



Ally Rowan (Cuyahoga Falls) supports a kindergartner as she practices balance

## Volunteering with kindergartners on wheels

Under the leadership and direction of Longcoy Elementary School physical education teacher, **Shawn Bates**, Teaching Professions students gained experience by assisting in a new initiative to teach kindergartners bike safety and how to ride a bike. Students participated twice a week over the course of the six-week program with activities and games aimed at teaching the kindergartners bike safety, helmet buckling, balancing, coasting and breaking. While the kindergartners learned to ride bicycles, the future teachers learned valuable classroom management skills and techniques for positive reinforcement. **Brady Allen** (Kent) shares about the experience, "I have learned that I have more patience with younger children than I thought I would. I feel like I can teach grades kindergarten through seventh grade now."



From left: Faryn Swan (Tallmadge), Jordan Stair (Stow-Munroe Falls), Nyasia Collins (Hudson), Canaan Keeling-Harvey (Stow-Munroe Falls), Brad Bartholomew (Tallmadge), Cameron Smith (Tallmadge), Mitch Wood (Tallmadge), Morgan Fleck (Stow-Munroe Falls)

## IMPE gives back to the community through volunteer efforts

Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment instructor **Dave Helmick** recognizes that many companies encourage their employees to volunteer their time and skills within their communities. IMPE models this outreach and all students are involved in various volunteer efforts throughout the school year. One of the larger scale efforts this year included leaf clean up for the residents of Stow Munroe-Falls. The City of Stow provided the names of residents that they felt could use assistance getting their leaves to the curb for the city's leaf pick-up and the students responded to the need. Additionally, students assisted with grounds maintenance at Stow-Munroe Falls High School and helped lay sod in the community as their spring project.



Pictured: Instructor Beth Nahra, Mackenzie Aubin (Kent), Rylee Romig (Stow-Munroe Falls), Ana Starzyk (Kent), Jenna Sosebee (Kent) and Emma Riffle (Kent) volunteering at the craft show concession stand



Pictured: HCT students (in red) and members of Epsilon Rho (in yellow) at The University of Akron

Pictured: HCT students donate blankets to Akron Children's Hospital to provide reassurance to patients



## HCT students dedicate their time to giving back

Health Careers Technologies students spent ample time this school year completing important service work to support several worthy organizations. HCT students ran the Craft Show concession stand at the annual Roosevelt Craft Show and donated the \$500.00 that they raised to the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, a non-profit organization founded by 1984 Roosevelt alumni Steve Sosebee. This non-profit is a humanitarian medical relief organization operating in the Middle East which provides various supports to aide children in need of medical care. HOSA-Future Health Professionals club officers worked with The University of Akron's Epsilon Rho Sorority to register The University of Akron students for *Be the Match*, a bone marrow registry. Additionally, HCT students organized a blanket drive for Akron Children's Hospital and donated cozy blankets for children to have during their hospital stay.



# Collaborations & Partnerships



Keirstine Faulkerson



Marianne Incorvati

## Students gain valuable work experiences at Western Reserve Hospital

Western Reserve Hospital continues to be an outstanding partner through the Charting Careers program. This school year, eleven Compact students from four programs (Academy of Medical Office and Business Management, Construction Technologies, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies and Health Careers Technologies) were employed at internships at Western Reserve. Students gained relevant skills and experience in positions such as medical assistant, mechanic, food captain and medical office associate.

**Marianne Incorvati**, Level II senior in the Construction Technologies program, worked an average of 20 hours a week in the Facilities and Maintenance Department, demonstrating and enhancing vast knowledge of electrical maintenance. Marianne shares that this experience has broadened her understanding of the career pathway options available to her and looks forward to the potential for additional opportunities with Western Reserve. Academy of Medical Office and Business Management Level II senior, **Keirstine Faulkerson**, clocked in over 700 hours of work as a medical office associate in the Center for Pain Medicine and has been described by her associates as a dedicated and valuable member of the team.



Engineering Academy students with instructors Dave Helmick (far left) and Aaron Morris (far right) at Goodyear

## Goodyear provides Engineering students with an up-close look at design & production

Level II Engineering Academy students visited the Goodyear Headquarters in Akron where they learned of the interesting history of the company while gaining hands-on experience in production and design. Students were inspired by the story of Charles Goodyear's scientific discoveries and patents while they toured the facility and were led through the tire and design process. In doing so, they got an in-depth look at all of the raw materials used to make a tire. The students participated in hands-on demonstrations pertaining to self-sealing fluids used to heal tire punctures as well as the CAD software used by the design team. Engineering students conduct rubber-based lab experiments within their Polymers rotation.

## Students explore business opportunities and careers at university seminars

Students in EntrepreNew Pathways and the Academy of Medical and Business Management 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 links CTE students to college in a new way."



## Engineering Academy's polymer class now offers articulated university credit

Compact Executive Director, **Mary Jane Stanchina**, initiated conversation with The University of Akron's (UA) College of Engineering and Polymer Science to discuss the possibility of collaborating to create a learning progression between the Compact's Engineering Academy and UA. A successful agreement was formed, and now completers from the Engineering Academy that earn a B or above in the high school Polymer Engineering Technology course and enroll in UA's College of Engineering and Polymer Science can receive 3 credits for the college Introduction to Polymers course. This is another example of the rigorous instruction that occurs within Compact programs, as well as the countless efforts that take place to open post-secondary doors for our students.

## Aeronautics students complete simulated work in aircraft maintenance

**John Kinsella** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Wil Mahon** (Kent-Roosevelt), **Shekinah Otieno** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Lindsey Tima** (Hudson) from the Aeronautics Careers Academy completed a job-site placement at Constant Aviation in Cleveland. These Level II students had the opportunity to complete simulated work in avionics wiring, interior upholstery and non-destructive testing. Wil Mahon shares, "It was an invaluable real-world experience for anyone interested in any aviation career."



From top to bottom: John Kinsella (Stow-Munroe Falls), Lindsey Tima (Hudson), Shekinah Otieno (Stow-Munroe Falls), Wil Mahon (Kent)



Level I PSD students visit Hyland Software

## Programming students connect with business partners

Connections with area business and industry partners are a crucial component of CTE, and students in Programming and Software Development had the opportunity this year to network with many valuable professionals. Several guest speakers visited the classroom lab to share their insight and advice regarding their careers within the industry, including two members of the PSD Advisory Committee. **Cameron Sinko** is a software engineer at *Anduril* in Costa Mesa, CA and stressed to students the importance of coding on their own and participating in as many hackathons as possible to expand coding confidence and experience. **Steven Gates**, SMFHS '14 graduate, shared his experience with founding several tech start-ups. Additionally, students visited *Hyland Software* in Westlake where they toured the campus and participated in a coding activity facilitated by software developers.



**Zaire Parsons** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Amber Swingle** (Stow-Munroe Falls) listen closely as **Mike Wiant** explains the three different types of charging available for these electric vehicles and how the cost compares to a gasoline vehicle

the environmental impact of electric vehicle technology and, paired with this experience, are starting to form solid opinions on where the industry is heading and what skills they need to learn to be the most prepared.

## Hudson Auto Tech explores electric vehicles

Students in the Hudson Automotive Technologies program took a deep dive into the world of electric vehicles this year. **Mike Wiant**, founder of the Ohio Tech Group, visited the lab and brought with him the new Ford Lightning and Hummer EV. Students gained interesting information from Mike regarding the future of the industry and were able to explore these vehicles first-hand. In class, students have researched

# New Initiatives

Morgan Fleck, Caleb Petryshak, & Ben Durieux (all from Stow-Munroe Falls) are assembling a hydraulic pump from our partner company Permco



## IMPE inaugural year highlights

The 2022-23 school year marked the inaugural year for the Industrial Maintenance and Production for Employment program at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Fifteen students successfully completed the first year of the program and embraced the manufacturing employment opportunities that were presented to them. Highlights include:

- All 15 students passed all four of their state Webxam tests in Principles of Manufacturing, Machine Tools, Mechanisms and Drives and Hydraulics and Pneumatics.
- Ten students participated in College Credit Plus (CCP) coursework and each earned 12 CCP credits from Stark State College.
- Students participated in over 15 field trips to partnering companies and completed 14, 3-hour job shadows at these companies.
- Students participated in community service projects throughout the school year, including grounds clean up at SMFHS, leaf clean up for the elderly and laying sod for community members.
- On average, students improved their attendance rate by over 20%.

## Work-based learning tax credit for companies

At the end of 2022, legislation was passed to provide an opportunity for eligible employers to apply for a tax credit when they employ an eligible student employee in a work-based learning experience (internship, apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship). In order to encourage our business partners to take advantage of this tax credit, Work-Based Learning Coordinator **Jenny Morganti** and Compact Executive Director **Mary Jane Stanchina**, collaborated to create informational outreach documents for instructors to share with their industry partners.

## 2023-2024 new CTE program: Community Agriculture for Local Impact

Cuyahoga Falls High School will be home to the new Community Agriculture for Local Impact program, starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Significant efforts were made this year to develop a program rich in content, including sustainable agricultural practices, animal health and nutrition, entrepreneurship and farm-to-table production as well as work on establishing engagement with community partnerships and resources. Current Cuyahoga Falls Learning Garden Network advisors and teachers **Steve McIntosh** and **Steve Newlon** will be the program's instructors.



L to R: Blake Kaminski (Stow), Nicole Goodwill, (Woodridge), Tony Fabella (Stow-Munroe Falls) and Olivia Sams (Kent) in the new exercise science lab

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

A new lab and state-of-the-art technology provide Athletic Health Care students additional opportunities to put their skills to work. Specialized weight and training equipment was purchased and an old wrestling room was repurposed to complete a 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."

## Tallmadge City Schools hosts CTE showcase

During a second semester professional development day, Tallmadge City Schools hosted a CTE Showcase at Tallmadge Middle Schools 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.

Tallmadge staff listen carefully as students from the Biotechnology Academy provide information about their program



Students from Forestry and Construction share details of their program with Tallmadge staff





Collision repair completer Andrew Licata shares his story of CTE completer to small business owner

Health Careers Technologies completers demonstrate various healthcare techniques to students



Programming and Software Development students engage with sixth graders regarding careers in computer science and IT



Athletic Health Care and Fitness instructor and athletic trainer, Terry Slattery, shows students proper wrapping techniques

## Compact students and completers present at career exploration event

Over 400 sixth graders participated in career exposure and exploration activities at Lakeview Intermediate's inaugural Career Cafe in Stow in May. Lakeview school counselor, **Kathy Schmidt**, led the effort and dozens of community members and business and industry leaders volunteered their time to share their career stories to the students. Among these presenters were various Compact students and completers from Programming and Software Development, Collision Repair and Auto Refinishing, Modern Communication through Media Production, Athletic Health Care and Fitness and Health Careers Technologies. Through hands-on activities and demonstrations, these proud Career-Technical Education (CTE) advocates shared inspiring words to inform students of the endless opportunities that are available to them through CTE.



StowTech participants alongside Superintendent Tom Bratten, program instructor Terri Whitmer and sponsors Shon Christy and David Segen

## StowTech app innovation contest

Level I Programming and Software Development students worked hard over the course of several months in teams of two to create and market an innovative mobile application. The program then hosted the StowTech Showcase, where 11 teams presented their pitch to community members and school staff and students. **Shon Christy**, of the Stow Schools Foundation collaborated with program instructor, **Terri Whitmer**, to bring in members of the IT industry to judge the events and provide prizes. The first place team of **Noah Brown** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Brandon Grubbs** (Stow-Munroe Falls) created the app, BusCheck. Tied for second place included the FAST app creators, **Rachel Tanner** (Tallmadge) and **Penelope Covey** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and Mile Marker creators **Andrew Loznianu** (Stow-Munroe Falls) and **Kristian Leseure** (Stow-Munroe Falls). Receiving third place honors were the creators of PreparePlate, **Dakota Schifano** (Kent) and **Nicholas Peace** (Cuyahoga Falls). Special thanks to the Stow Schools Foundation for their support of this event!



Forestry and Landscape Management



Teaching Professions



Criminal Justice



# Diane Burbick Conference

## Great Lakes Science Center CEO Kirsten Ellenbogen inspires students to stay curious

In November, participants at the Diane Burbick Math and Science Conference for Middle School Girls heard from keynote speaker and Great Lakes Science Center CEO **Kirsten Ellenbogen** as she shared her story of career discovery. Ellenbogen encouraged the young women and their parents in attendance to “stay curious” and “embrace the meandering pathways” as career pathways often intersect at various stages of our lives. Tallmadge Superintendent **Steve Wood** also inspired students to reach for unlimited opportunities while sharing, “...the sky is not the limit.”

The conference, held in partnership with Summa Health, aims to encourage young women to consider careers in STEM-related fields, as well as challenge them to take high-level STEM coursework and explore career pathways while in high school. Students participated in interactive sessions with professional women who shared their experiences in careers in biology, engineering, architecture, marketing/ analytics and forensics. Parents heard from high school representatives regarding future opportunities as well as “A Father’s Perspective” panel that shared their experiences with their daughters.

Following the November conference, nine students extended their Burbick experience by participating in the Summa Health Summer Experience where they shadowed various departments within Akron City Hospital. Parents of participants described the experience as, “very real, amazing and a fantastic opportunity.” **Keegan Ringoot** (Hudson), shadowed in the Cardiology and Neurology departments and shared that she was intrigued by how neurology is connected to so many things and that she was impressed with the level of composure all of the medical professions exuded. “They made me feel included...it was definitely ‘family vibes.” **Lillian Scribner** (Cuyahoga Falls) shadowed in Physical Therapy and Pharmacy and stated that she “enjoyed the hospital environment” and felt that things just “clicked” for her while she was in Pharmacy.



The distinguished panel of professional women in math and science careers shared valuable insight with both students and their families



Six District Educational Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina alongside keynote speaker Kirsten Ellenbogen



From left: Scott Karlo, Steven Ast and Scott DeTray share their experiences as fathers of middle school girls



Summer experience participants and Summa representatives reflect on their shadowing opportunities at culminating event



Participants in a small group session hear from detective Sandra Ridgeway-Williams prior to engaging in an interactive activity



# Reading & Writing Festival

Over 175 students from Barberton, Green, Hudson, Kent, Orange, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsbug & Woodridge middle schools participated in the 34th annual Reading and Writing Festival at Kent State University in April 2023. New York Times-bestselling author **April Henry** related to her audience by sharing the unique story of how the short story that she wrote when she was 12-years-old caught the attention of famous author **Roald Dahl**, who facilitated its publication in an international children's magazine. April meticulously researches details for her novels, which include 26 mysteries and thrillers for teens and adults including "Girl Forgotten." Students participated in small group sessions where they put their skills to the test in book challenges, and poetry, journalism, impromptu, dramatic and group writing competitions and gained knowledge and expertise from author and educator presenters.



Group writing inspired students to channel their creativity and collaboration skills



Students engaged and hard at work in the small group session, Book Breakout



Area middle school students attend the 34th annual Reading and Writing Festival



Green middle school student Ella Rybarczyk, showcases her autographed April Henry novel



(L) Storyteller, author and professor Kevin Cordi, alongside (R) guest author Jody Casella



Middle school fans of April Henry (front) were thrilled to meet her in person



# Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education (C.A.R.E.)

## 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 in April 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), Hudson High School Unit Principal **Cecilia Frammartino-Kotlyn** (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).



Kent PD Officer Dominic Poe, K-9 Officer Matous, Kent Police Chief Nicholas Shearer, George Joseph and Jacquie Peoples Dukes (Kent)



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



Summit ADM Board of Directors member James Merklin, Summit ADM Board Executive Director Aimee Wade, Summit ADM Board Children's Program Coordinator Beth Gracey and Summit ADM Board Secretary Dr. Margaret Halter



Jesse Hosford, Joel Morgan, Robert Sykes, Walter Davis, N'ecole Ast, Albert DiTommaso and Beth Harrington (Woodridge)



Julie Dudones, Amy Cruse, Hillary Freitag-Geiger, Daniel Bennett, Christopher Nauer and Holly Merkle (Cuyahoga Falls)



Kristen Prough, Karin Hillman, Leslie Haynam, Tom Bratten, Bobbi Angely, Frances Penney, Kathy Schmidt and Jen Ashton (Stow-Munroe Falls)



Steve Wood, Jim Shannon, Laura Wieland, Lianna Dauberman, Joshua Gambow, Rosalie Lemke, Nicole Koyan, Adam Booth, and David Ravida (Tallmadge)



Dana Addis, Sara Plant, Cecilia Frammartino-Kotlyn and Mike Miller (Hudson)



## Special education supports aim to develop students' career and college readiness

**Amy McDougal** and **Ken Subak** are the Compact's Career-Technical/Special Education Coordinators and work with the CTE students' instructors, case managers, families and administration to monitor and support the progress of students with disabilities.

During the 2022-2023 school year, McDougal and Subak served over 120 students across the six districts. 42 of these students successfully completed their CTE program in 2023, with roughly one third of the completers planning to pursue post-secondary education, one student will be entering the military and the remaining students plan to enter the workforce, many having already secured job opportunities.

These students worked diligently during the school year to demonstrate their level of proficiency in their CTE program, specifically by earning certifications and licensures as well as working in pre-apprenticeships and internships. A few highlights of these successes include: three students earned their COMP TIA IT Fundamentals certification, one student earned a pre-apprenticeship from the State of Ohio Governor's office, five students earned AHA BLS healthcare certification, one student earned the Certified Electronics Technician (CET) certification and two students passed their Cosmetology state board exam!



Compact Special Services team from R to L: Career Assessment Specialist Josh Stewart, Job Training Coordinator Matt Marino, Special Education Coordinator Amy McDougal, Job Training Coordinator Rachel McMahon, Special Education and Work-Study Transition Coordinator Ken Subak, Project SEARCH Coordinator Michael Dodson

## 2022-2023 CTE Special Education enrollment per district

Cuyahoga Falls High School.....	17
Hudson High School.....	22
Kent-Roosevelt.....	25
Stow-Munroe Falls High School... ..	29
Tallmadge High School.....	22
Woodridge High School.....	6

## Transition services connect students to skill development and employment

The Work-Study/Transition Coordinator, **Ken Subak**, provides transition services to assist students with disabilities in the exploration of their post-high school goals. These services are individualized based on the student's self-identified preferences, interests, needs and strengths.

22 students from Cuyahoga Falls and Tallmadge High Schools participated in the Work-Study program and were employed within the community while receiving specific career and independent living skills training. Research demonstrates that community-based employment prior to high school graduation is an indicator of positive post-graduation success. In addition to skills training, computer-based career exploration, learning style training and self-advocacy and communication skills were addressed to increase future career goal competency.

Transition services were received by over thirty Cuyahoga Falls students to promote employment and career skill acquisition through goal identification, finance and budgeting, employability skills and independent living.



The Academy of Medical Office and Business Management

# Special Services

## Student Learner Success Service provides a diverse set of assistance for CTE students

During the 2022-2023 school year, approximately 210 students received academic support services from the Student Learner Success Service (SLSS) specialists, **Audrey Bodnar** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Lisa Emmett** (Cuyahoga Falls), **Deb Rutzky** (Kent-Roosevelt) and **Kim Sears** (Kent-Roosevelt).

The SLSS specialists provide assistance to Career-Technical Education students in a variety of ways. Many students take advantage of test preparation, including assistance preparing for end-of-course exams, college- and military-entrance exams, certification and CTE webxams, and with test-taking strategies. Additional assistance with meeting graduation requirements is offered through tutoring for required courses, credit recovery and online class support. Career guidance, such as assistance with resumes, mock interviews, and workplace skill development are provided by the SLSS specialists. Through these services and many more, the SLSS specialists strive to maximize CTE students' success and career readiness.

## Project SEARCH internships lead to employment

During the 2022-2023 school year, six students were enrolled in Project SEARCH, a workforce development program at Summa Hospital that provides employability skills training and career exploration for students with disabilities. Three students were from Cuyahoga Falls High School, one student was from Woodridge High School and two students were from Tallmadge High School.

Project SEARCH Coordinator **Michael Dodson** works collaboratively with each student's team of parents/guardians, teachers, employers, job coaches and Summa staff to ensure that every student that participates has a clear "plan" at the completion of the program. Student interns complete 10-week job rotations, where they work with their job coach and a mentor from the department they are working in to learn the job skills required. Job coaches also work individually every week with students on their transition goals, and frequent evaluations based on an employability rubric take place to monitor progress. Michael also connects students and their families with appropriate agency personnel, such as the Board of Developmental Disabilities and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

Upon completing the 2022-2023 school year, five of the six Project SEARCH interns were gainfully employed at Summa Health, Summa Health-Barberton or Akron Children's Hospital.



2023 Project SEARCH interns celebrate completing the program, alongside job coaches and Coordinator Michael Dodson (far right)

## Career Assessment Specialist engages in outreach and student assessments

During the 2022-2023 school year, 114 student career assessments were conducted by Career Assessment Specialist **Josh Stewart**. These assessments provide valuable information to students and their families to assist with transition planning. Additionally, Josh focused efforts in his second year in the position to outreach and networking. He joined two professional organizations, the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education (Ohio ACTE) Special Needs Division and the Ohio Association of Supervisors and Coordinators for Exceptional Students (OASCES) and also networked and observed a fellow Career Assessment Specialist in Warren County.

### Career Assessment students served in 2022-23

<b>Cuyahoga Falls High School.....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Hudson High School.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Kent-Roosevelt.....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Stow-Munroe Falls High School... ..</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tallmadge High School.....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Woodridge High School.....</b>	<b>41</b>



# Compact Services and Programs

## Career-Technical Education

- Academy of Medical Office and Business Management  
Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Aeronautics Careers Academy-Stow-Munroe Falls  
High School • STEM
- Athletic Health Care and Fitness-Roosevelt High  
School • STEM
- Automotive Specialization/JTC-Hudson High School
- Automotive Technologies-Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson  
high schools
- Biotechnology Academy-Woodridge High School • STEM
- Business and Sports Management- Roosevelt High School
- Business Pathway-Tallmadge High School
- Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing-Woodridge  
High School
- Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies  
(CADET)-Roosevelt High School • STEM
- Construction Technologies-Roosevelt High School
- Cosmetology-Cuyahoga Falls and Roosevelt high schools
- Criminal Justice-Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Culinary Arts-Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- Early Childhood Professions-Tallmadge High School
- Electronics, Robotics and Programming-Roosevelt High  
School • STEM
- Engineering Academy-Roosevelt/Stow-Munroe Falls  
high schools • STEM
- EntrepreNew Pathways-Woodridge High School
- Forestry and Landscape Management-Roosevelt High  
School • STEM
- Health Careers Technologies-Roosevelt High School • STEM
- Interactive Marketing/Design-Cuyahoga Falls High School
- IT Academy with CISCO Cyber Security-Cuyahoga Falls  
High School • STEM
- Marketing Management-Roosevelt High Schools
- Modern Communication through Media Production-Cuyahoga  
Falls/Hudson high schools
- Programming and Software Development-Stow-Munroe  
Falls • STEM
- Teaching Professions-Roosevelt High School
- Theater Arts Careers Academy-Tallmadge High School

## Career Programs

- Career Based Intervention-Cuyahoga Falls,  
Stow-Munroe Falls and Woodridge high schools
- Family and Consumer Sciences-Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson,  
Kent, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge and Woodridge  
high schools
- Job Training Coordination-Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson,  
Kent, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge and Woodridge  
high schools

## CTE—Middle School Initiatives

- Cuyahoga Falls – Family and Consumer Sciences;  
Business and Administrative Services
- Kent – Engineering and Science Technologies; Career  
Connections

- Stow-Munroe Falls – Family and Consumer Sciences;  
Programming and Software Development
- Tallmadge – Engineering and Science Technologies,  
Career Development
- Woodridge – Business and Administrative Services

## Career-Technical Education/Special Education Services

- Career-Technical Education/Special Education  
Amy McDougal, Coordinator  
Fiscal Agent-Cuyahoga Falls  
Ken Subak, Coordinator  
Fiscal Agent - Tallmadge
- Job Training Coordination Services  
Bryan Harvey, Coordinator  
Fiscal Agent-Kent  
Michael Dodson, Project SEARCH Coordinator  
Fiscal Agent-Cuyahoga Falls
- Work Study  
Cuyahoga Falls, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge  
Ken Subak, Coordinator  
Fiscal Agent-Tallmadge
- Career Assessment Services  
Jim Barbera, Evaluator  
Fiscal Agent-Tallmadge  
Josh Stewart, Career Assessment Specialist

## Other Services

- Compact Administrative Assistant-Donna Kaiser
- Marketing and Communications  
Jenny Morganti
- Student Learner Success  
Cuyahoga Falls-Lisa Emmett  
Kent-Deb Rutsky; Eva Frank  
Stow-Munroe Falls-Audrey Bodnar
- C.A.R.E. (Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education)  
Saturday Family Workshop
- Saturday Family Workshop: Effective Strategies  
for Managing Anger-Conflict-Emotion (MACE)
- Diane Burbick Math and Science Conference for  
Middle School Girls
- Summer Burbick Experience with Summa Health
- Pathway Project  
Program Redesign, Career Development
- Compact ABLE with Project Learn of Summit County
- Aeronautics Career Exploration-ACE Academy
- Summer School
- Reading and Writing Festival
- Compact Mathematics Collaborative  
Fiscal Agent-Hudson
- IDEA (Institute for Development of Educational Activities)  
Administrators' Inservice (eleven groups)
- Professional Development for Career Based  
Intervention, Family and Consumer Sciences and  
Workforce Development instructors
- Professional Development for Support Staff
- Compact Compass: The Four E's Initiative

# Compact Committees

## C.A.R.E.

Cuyahoga Falls	Holly Merkle
Hudson	Sara Plant
Kent	Jacque Peoples Dukes
Stow-Munroe Falls	Karin Hillman
Tallmadge	Rosalie Lemke
Woodridge	Robert Sykes
Chairperson	Jacque Peoples Dukes

## Compact Program

Cuyahoga Falls	Julie Dudones/Amy Cruse
Hudson	Doreen Osmun
Kent	Karen Rumley/Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Julie Miller/Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Courtney Davis/Mark Treen
Woodridge	Joel Morgan
Chairperson	Joel Morgan

## High School Counselors

Cuyahoga Falls	Vickie Davis
Hudson	Jill VanDyke
Kent	Aaron Carlton
Stow-Munroe Falls	Wendy Paul
Tallmadge	Taylor Lane
Woodridge	April Trotta
Compact	Amy McDougal
Chairperson	April Trotta

## Middle School Counselors

Cuyahoga Falls	Michelle Perrow/Kyle Spreitzer/ Debbie Zaluski
Hudson	Monica Streby/Courtney Wood/ Bobbi Wallack
Kent	Jason Goshe/Jennifer Pluck/ Carly Frey
Stow-Munroe Falls	Julia Benyo/Bobbi Angely
Tallmadge	James Shannon/Laura Wieland
Woodridge	Ginger Rickenbacher

## High School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Allison Bogdan
Hudson	Mike Miller
Kent	Dennis Love
Stow-Munroe Falls	Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann
Tallmadge	Mark Treen
Woodridge	Al DiTommaso
Chairperson	Al DiTommaso

## Assistant High School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Jason Smith/Tom DiFrancesco/ Hillary Feitag-Geiger
Hudson	Cecilia-Frammartino Kotlyn/ Mike Sedlak/ Mark Cuva
Kent	Daniela Stuckey/Mary Lynn Bush/ Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Amanda Murray/Evelyn Haught/ Tim Renner
Tallmadge	Mark Horner
Woodridge	Raymond Braunscheidel

## Middle School Principals

Cuyahoga Falls	Kris Gaijer/Carrie Walter
Hudson	Dr. Kim Cockley
Kent	Anthony Horton
Stow-Munroe Falls	Mike Love
Tallmadge	Jeff Manion
Woodridge	Jesse Hosford

## Career-Technical Education Administrators:

Cuyahoga Falls	Jason Smith
Hudson	Mark Cuva
Kent	Brian Bachtel
Stow-Munroe Falls	Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Mark Treen
Woodridge	Al DiTommaso

## Project SEARCH Planning Committee

Cuyahoga Falls	Cameron Lazar/Steve McIntosh
Hudson	Naomi Esroff/Kristin Stonestreet
Kent	Rachel McMahan
Stow-Munroe Falls	Kristen Prough/Amanda Murray
Tallmadge	Tammie Habbyslaw
Woodridge	N'ecole Ast/Megan Zimmerman
Compact	Amy McDougal/Josh Stewart/ Rachel McMahan/Michael Dodson/ Ken Subak
RSC	Michele Shockey
Summit DD	Brooke Wisniewski

## Gifted and Talented Coordinators

Cuyahoga Falls	Rachael Seifert/Julie Dudones
Hudson	Derek Hatcher
Kent	Karen Rumley
Stow-Munroe Falls	Matt Miller
Tallmadge	Jean Pauna
Woodridge	N'ecole Ast

## Guidance Department Chairs

Cuyahoga Falls	Vickie Davis/Cynthia Hardy
Hudson	Jennifer Chadima
Kent	Jessica Evanson
Stow-Munroe Falls	Jason LePard
Tallmadge	Heather Prazer
Woodridge	Chris Vassalotti



Auto Technologies-Cuyahoga Falls



# Compact Committees



**Modern Communication through Media Production**



**Engineering Academy**

**Collision Repair and Auto Refinishing**



**Interactive Marketing & Design**



**Culinary Arts**



**Cosmetology-Cuyahoga Falls**



**Early Childhood Professions**

## Reading and Writing Festival Planning Committee

Barberton  
Green  
Hudson

Kent  
Orange  
Stow-Munroe Falls  
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library  
Tallmadge  
Twinsburg  
Woodridge

Greg Tripi  
Wrenn Nicodemo  
Sandra VanZanten/Lorri Kingan  
Peggy Henry  
Betsey Lee, Jen McGeown  
Leslie Haynam  
Christina Getrost  
Heather Caslow  
Kristin Walters  
Stephanie Fanizzi

## Reading and Writing Festival Book Selection Committee

Green  
Hudson

Kent  
Orange  
Stow-Munroe Falls

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library  
Tallmadge  
Twinsburg  
Woodridge

Wrenn Nicodemo  
Lorri Kingan/  
Sandra VanZanten  
Gretchen Hill/Peggy Henry  
Betsey Lee/Jen McGeown  
Heather Vanorman/Leslie Haynam  
Christina Getrost  
Heather Caslow  
Kristin Walters  
Stephanie Fanizzi

## Special Education

Cuyahoga Falls  
Hudson  
Kent  
Stow-Munroe Falls  
Tallmadge  
Woodridge  
Compact

Cameron Lazar  
Kelly Kempf  
Dr. Justin Gates  
Kristen Prough  
Roy Zeman/Ken Subak  
N'ecole Ast  
Amy McDougal,  
Rachel McMahan,  
Michael Dodson

## Transportation Supervisors

Cuyahoga Falls  
Hudson  
Kent  
Stow-Munroe Falls  
Tallmadge  
Woodridge

Marjorie Johnson  
Kim Lane  
Rick Lewis  
Beth Hunter/Donna Bake  
Jennifer Kirk  
Rob Williams

## Aeronautics Career Exploration

Liz Porter, Kent State University  
Todd Remenaric, Consultants  
Aaron Morris, Doug Herbert, Consultants

## EMIS Coordinators

Cuyahoga Falls

Hudson  
Kent  
Stow-Munroe Falls  
Tallmadge  
Woodridge

Chris Shaw/Catherine Wright  
Monica Slopnick  
Linda Paulus/Yvonne Fisher  
Beth Sanfrey  
Genne Holmes  
Beth Sanfrey

# Compact Committees

## Executive Committee

Cuyahoga Falls

Hudson

Kent

Stow-Munroe Falls

Tallmadge

Woodridge

Chairperson

Andrea Celico, Superintendent

Dana Addis, Superintendent

George Joseph, Superintendent

Thomas Bratten, Superintendent

Steve Wood, Superintendent

Walter Davis, Superintendent

Walter Davis, Superintendent

## Boards of Education

**Cuyahoga Falls**

President

Vice President

Anthony Gomez

Patrice White

Alecia Coco

AJ Harris

Carrie Schaefer

**Hudson**

President

Vice President

Steve DiMauro

Alisa Wright

James Field

Tom Tobin

Laura Jones

**Kent**

President

Vice President

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Colin Boyle

Tiera Moore

Rebekah Wright Kulis

Pamela Ferguson

**Stow-Munroe Falls**

President

Vice President

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Pamela Wind

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Kari Suhadolnik

Lisa Johnson-Bowers

**Tallmadge**

President

Vice President

Christine Cipa

Mark Fairhurst

Todd Loughry

Mike Passarelli

Megan Thompson

**Woodridge**

President

Vice President

David Lydic

Tammy Hefferman

Scott Karlo

Jeanine Glover

Jeffrey McHugh

## Treasurers

Cuyahoga Falls

Hudson

Kent

Stow-Munroe Falls

Tallmadge

Woodridge

Kristy Stoicoiu

Phillip Butto

Deborah Krutz

Patrick Gociano

Jeff Hostetler

Tom Morehouse



**Auto Specialization/JTC Program**



**Business and Sports Management**



**Marketing Management**



**Athletic Health Care and Fitness**



**Programming and Software Development**



**Electronics, Robotics and Programming**



**Aeronautics Careers Academy**



**Biotechnology Academy**





# Six District

## Educational Compact

Cuyahoga Falls  
Hudson  
Kent  
Stow-Munroe Falls  
Tallmadge  
Woodridge

**2386 Hudson-Aurora Road  
Hudson, OH 44236**

**Phone: 330-655-2247**

### **Six District School Offices:**

**Cuyahoga Falls:** 330-926-3800, extension 502097

**Hudson:** 330-653-1200

**Roosevelt (Kent):** 330-676-7600

**Stow-Munroe Falls:** 330-689-5445

**Tallmadge:** 330-633-3291, extension 1074

**Woodridge:** 330-928-9074, extension 592126

### **Please visit these school district websites for additional information:**

**Cuyahoga Falls:** [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org)

**Hudson:** [hudson.k12.oh.us](http://hudson.k12.oh.us)

**Roosevelt (Kent):** [rhscte.net](http://rhscte.net)

**Stow-Munroe Falls:** [www.smfschools.org](http://www.smfschools.org)

**Tallmadge:** [www.tallmadgeschools.org](http://www.tallmadgeschools.org)

**Woodridge:** [www.woodridge.k12.oh.us/](http://www.woodridge.k12.oh.us/)

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