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L to R: Marketing students Ozzy Herbruck, Audrey Brandyberry, and Sam Snellenberger served as project managers for the Touch-A-Truck event

Marketing program hosts career exploration event

Marketing Management & DECA students welcomed over a thousand people to their annual Touch-A-Truck event at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent. The family-friendly event provided kids with a fun and engaging opportunity to explore various types of vehicles. 21 organizations and companies brought vehicles for the public to explore, from a cement truck to cranes, a University Hospital helicopter, and excavators. "We really want kids to be comfortable with the idea of a career," said **Ozzy Herbruck** (Kent), one of the three senior project managers. "...Because even at a young age, if you see a vehicle like a cool fire truck or a police car, and you think that's interesting, that's going to light a spark in your brain...and maybe think that you want to be a police officer in the future." Level II students **Audrey Brandyberry** (Hudson) and **Sam Snellenberger** (Kent) served alongside Ozzy as senior project managers to organize the career development event.



Early Childhood students deliver powerful safety message

Early Childhood Professions students came together to create a powerful and creative "chalk walk" featuring impactful images and messages about the dangers of distracted driving. Using colorful chalk, they decorated the sidewalks and entrance to the Tallmadge High School football stadium with their own original artwork and carefully brainstormed slogans, all aimed at raising awareness about this important issue. The messages ranged from bold warnings to emotional reminders and lined the pathway leading into the stadium. Hundreds of students, families, and community members observed these visual reminders as they attended the football game.



Criminal Justice students explore career paths at Stark State event

Level II Criminal Justice students recently attended Stark State College's Human Services, Social Services, and Public Safety Career Exploration and Networking Event. The event

provided an engaging opportunity for students to gain extensive career exploration. Students explored hands-on training facilities, met with industry professionals, and learned about a wide range of careers in criminal justice, community corrections, human services, and public safety. An employer panel and networking sessions offered valuable real-world perspectives and inspired many students as they consider future pathways in these service-oriented fields.

Success Story



Electronics, Robotics, and Programming completers Selina Chakraborty (L) and Victoria Schmiz (R)

Electronics, Robotics, and Programming completers **Selina Chakraborty** and **Victoria Schmiz** have yet to graduate high school, but they are still shining examples of Compact success! These Kent seniors completed the program during the tenth and eleventh grades and are now at the top of their graduating class (and good friends!). While in the program, both students earned their Electronics Technician Association's Certified Electronics Technician credential and completed in-depth career exploration. Selina spent this past summer as an intern and lab assistant for the Fuel Cell Research Lab at Kent State University under Professor Yanhai Du, Ph.D, and intends to pursue a career in electrical engineering. Victoria conducted a job shadowing experience at Nationwide Insurance's national headquarters in Columbus, where she shadowed and interviewed engineers, technicians, and managers in cybersecurity and information technology support operations. Victoria plans to major in computer science and work within the IT industry. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these two outstanding young women.

Welcome New CTE Instructors!

McKenzie Brode, Stanton Middle School CTE
Peter Kerling, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Studies
David Miller, Modern Communication through Media Production
Lauren Tousignant, Business & Sports Management

Let's Connect



Community Agriculture values new partnership

Produce from Community Agriculture for Local Impact's Fresh Farm will now be a part of Black Dog Baking Co.'s permanent menu! The Fresh Farm's microgreens will be sold to the bakery weekly. Additionally, the students' heirloom tomatoes were featured on their seasonal BLT sandwich. The program is extremely grateful to Black Dog Baking Co.'s owners, **Dave** and **Eve Smith**. Not only do they recognize the importance of supporting small-scale agriculture, but they are also providing two Level II students with work-based learning through part-time employment.



L to R: front row Level I officers:
Adrienne Conrad (Tallmadge), Adam Eid (Tallmadge), Jayla Brown (Stow-Munroe Falls), and Eli Cargioli (Stow-Munroe Falls);
back row Level II officers:
Ahmad Badwan (Tallmadge), Chloe Yanoff (Hudson), Kendall Mitchell (Stow-Munroe Falls), Molly LePard (Stow-Munroe Falls), and Shams Naji (Stow-Munroe Falls)

Health Careers students attend leadership conference

This fall, Health Careers Level I & II officers attended the HOSA Leadership Conference at NEOMED, joining 307 students from school districts across Northeast Ohio. The day began with a presentation from a respiratory therapist from Saber Healthcare Group, who shared opportunities for shadowing, internships, and employment. Students also participated in breakout sessions focused on building a program of work, setting performance- and identity-based goals, exploring service project ideas, and developing strong leadership skills. While officers attended these sessions, Advisors **Catie Milton** and **Beth Nahra** met with Ohio HOSA advisors and other educators to learn more about upcoming regional and state competitive events. The experience provided the officers with an excellent opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills and highlighted the important role they play in guiding their program to success.



An original scare character for Tallmadge Memorial Hospital, developed by AFEP students

AFEP students create haunted attraction

Academy of Future Entertainment Professionals students produced *Tallmadge Memorial Hospital*, a 500-square-foot immersive haunted experience created inside the black box theater. Students designed, constructed, and themed the sets; programmed lighting and sound cues; and developed original scare characters using professional-level special effects makeup, costuming, and performance techniques. The project brought together stagecraft, acting, and themed entertainment design to create a fully realized haunted attraction for the school and community.



Program students sporting their new uniform jackets at the Davey SEED campus; L to R: Program instructor Kyle Kutinsky, Davey Manager of Community Engagement Kara Mayle, Davey Institute and Employee Development Executive VP Greg Ina, and Davey Executive VP of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning Sandee Reid

Forestry visits Davey SEED campus

The Forestry and Environmental Studies program is extremely grateful for its strong partnership with the Davey Tree Expert Company. Recently, program students had the opportunity to visit and tour the Davey SEED (Science, Employee Education and Development) campus, where they learned about the new training and research facility. Students were impressed with the thought and care that went into creating this truly “green” space. A big thank you to Davey for facilitating this year’s uniform acquisition and to Arborwear for their top-of-the-line gear!



2025 Aeronautics completers having fun on their trip to Dayton

2024 Aeronautics completers outside the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force



Aeronautics students explore aviation history in Dayton

For the past two school years, Aeronautics Careers Academy Level II students have taken a culminating trip to Dayton to visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force. As the world’s largest and oldest military aviation museum, it offers an incredible opportunity to explore more than 360 aircraft and aerospace vehicles, along with thousands of historic aviation artifacts. Students got up close to some of the most iconic aircraft in history, including the retired Boeing 707 that served as “Air Force One,” the SR-71 Blackbird, B-29 Superfortress, F-117 Nighthawk, and the famous B-17 *Memphis Belle*. After a day of museum exploration, students celebrated their accomplishments with an evening at a Dayton Dragons baseball game.



Hudson Superintendent Dana Addis (right), alongside Burbick participants at Summa Health



Students from Woodridge Middle School explore polymers

Career presenter Susan Kohler (right), led participants in a fun NASA-inspired engineering design activity



Compact Executive Director Mary Jane Stanchina (left) and Keynote Speaker Dr. Jessica Williams (right)

STEM experience for eighth graders

The 2025 Diane Burbick STEM Experience at Summa Health offered Compact eighth-grade girls an engaging day full of valuable career exploration and hands-on learning. **Dr. Jessica Williams** from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute provided an inspiring keynote address, encouraging the young audience to “be the first person someone thinks of for an opportunity” by putting themselves out there and staying invested in the career exploration process. Several other female professionals from a variety of STEM fields shared valuable insights and led small-group breakout sessions in DNA extraction, chemiluminescence, engineering design, fingerprinting, and polymers. Families in attendance were also supported, receiving guidance from school district representatives and other parents on how to nurture their daughters’ interests and long-term goals. **Damon Young**, a member of the fathers panel, encouraged families to “support leaps of courage rather than fear of failure.” Thank you to all involved in this important event!

News from around the Compact

Staff accolades

Forestry and Environmental Studies Instructor **Kyle Kutinsky** was recognized as the 2025 Teacher of the Year by the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Kyle's collaboration with the Portage SWCD has provided Forestry students with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to give back.



Six District EntrepreneNew Pathways Instructor **Emily Kilgore** was selected by the Harvard Business School Club of Northeastern Ohio as the 2025 recipient of the Samuel H. Elliott Educator Award. The award is presented annually to one K-12 educator in Northeast Ohio who demonstrates exceptional accomplishments in helping

students understand the free enterprise system, ethical business management, and entrepreneurial thinking. Emily is pictured alongside Harvard Business School Club representatives Neil McCarthy (left) and Gary R. Pritts (right) at the Enspire Conference, where she accepted the award.

FCCLA national winners

Teams from the Stow-Munroe Falls and Woodridge chapters of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the national competition in Orlando over the summer. The Stow-Munroe Falls team of **Anisha Barua** and **Kamryn Martin** placed first in Level 3 Promote & Publicize.

The Woodridge team of **Lola Mullen** and **Lily Singer** placed first in Level 2 Sports Nutrition. Additionally, the following teams placed in the top ten: **Stella Haines** and **Sophia Pecoraro** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Sarah Bowles**, **Rylie McMonigle**, and **Izzy Scebbi** (Woodridge), and **Xavier Griffiths**, **Ben LeBay**, and **Jake Su** (Woodridge).



Stow-Munroe Falls FCCLA national winners Anisha Barua (left) and Kamryn Martin (right)



Woodridge FCCLA national winners Lola Mullen (right) and Lily Singer (left)

Engineering Academy capstone spotlight



Level II Engineering Academy: Advanced STEM students conclude their two-year program each spring by presenting capstone projects. **David Neubauer** (Stow-Munroe Falls) designed and created his own rocket, complete with an onboard camera to capture aerial photos.

As part of his preparation, David secured launch clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) due to the rocket's projected flight path. He was inspired by his shadowing experience at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which sparked his interest in aerospace engineering. David is now studying Engineering at Virginia Tech, where he is also a member of the university's marching band.

BSM student gains valuable business experience

Over the summer, Business and Sports Management student **Nate Langhans** (Hudson) took his learning beyond the classroom through Miami University's Summer Scholars Program, *Unpacking Your Business Briefcase*. Along with about forty other high school students, he spent a week on campus working in a small team to help a struggling pottery shop in Oxford. With guidance from Miami's business professors, Nate and his group learned how to brainstorm, organize ideas, and tackle real business challenges. After visiting the shop, meeting the owner, and even trying pottery themselves, Nate's team proposed a modern rebrand to help attract new customers, earning them second place in the final presentations!



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