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Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Opens State-of-the-Art RAMTEC Center

Brecksville, OH – Lt. Governor assisted the Board of Education and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) Superintendent, Dr. Celena Roebuck, in officially opening the doors today on its new state-of-the-art RAMTEC (Robotic & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative) Center. Attendees to the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house made a grand entrance through the RAMTEC Mobile Training Unit, a 26 ft. fully equipped trailer with climate control, that the school will use to take its training programs on the road. Once inside the building, guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres provided by the CVCC Culinary Arts students and a mini trade show as they toured the new facility. Business partners on hand to display their products included Allen-Bradley, Buckeye Educational Systems, eduFACTOR, GPD Group, IST Ohio, Lincoln Electric, Lorain County Community College, MAGNET, Mastercam, Parker Hannifin, RAF Automation, and Swagelok.

Funded primarily by a \$1.5 million Straight A grant from the State of Ohio, the RAMTEC Center includes 3500 sq. ft. of a renovated machining lab plus a 3200 sq. ft. addition. The new facility will assist CVCC in addressing the advanced manufacturing and engineering skills gap by preparing high school and adult students for careers in these fields. The majority of the grant funds went towards new and upgraded equipment in the areas of advanced manufacturing and engineering. Attendees to the open house saw robotic arms, automated welders, pneumatic and hydraulic training units, and multicolored programmable logic controllers (PLC's). All of these are part of building a world class metal fabrication and state-of-the-art CNC (Computer Numeric Control) training center. According to CVCC Superintendent, Dr. Celena Roebuck, "RAMTEC will benefit high school students, adult education students, will be used to enhance our incumbent workers' training programs, and also allow us to expand the career services we provide to our eight associate districts."

"As part of a statewide initiative focused on advanced manufacturing, we can expand our influence and economic impact beyond the immediate CVCC area," continued Roebuck. "It is exciting to see the resurgence of manufacturing in Northeast Ohio and to know that CVCC continues to play an integral role in that process."

Immediately following the ribbon cutting and before the open house began, a select number of attendees were treated to a VIP dinner in the student-run Valley Inn restaurant. Dinner speakers included remarks by Dr. Susan Zelman, from the Ohio Department of Education, Dr. Ethan Karp, CEO of MAGNET, and Mr. Jack Schron,

President and CEO of Jergen, Inc. “This event is a culmination of a year of planning and nine months of hard work,” stated Roebuck. “It would not be possible without the commitment of our Board of Education, the dedication of our staff, and the collaboration of our business partners.” Dr. Roebuck is quick to point out that the majority of costs for the evening were underwritten by donations from its business partners, including Allen-Bradley, the GPD Group, IST Ohio, Parker Hannifin, and Sterling Construction.

Adult training programs are now open for enrollment in the areas of advanced manufacturing, which will prepare graduates for the FANUC Basic Control Certification, and in Hydraulic Systems. For additional course information, interested parties can call the school at (440) 746-8230 or check the website at www.cvccworks.edu/RAMTEC.aspx.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center serves the public school districts of Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nordonia Hills, North Royalton, Revere, and Twinsburg. Student workshops and Adult Education courses are open and available to all residents of Northeast Ohio.

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