Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Celebrates 50 Years

High School Enrollment Open in these programs: Marketing Technology, Auto Body, Electrical & Alternative Energy Systems, Computer Aided Design

You Go Girl! And she did! Read all about 2011 CVCC Culinary Grad Erin Holter

CVCC Recognized for Quality Customer Service by Chamber

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce presented Cuyahoga Valley Career Center with its Customer Service Award at its January awards banquet. Pictured left to right are: CVCC and Independence school board member Lynne Laski, CVCC School Treasurer Joy Clickenger, CVCC Superintendent Dr. Celena Roebuck, community liaison Darden Blake, receptionist Jill Pongallo, community liaison Bridget Murphy, Adult Education coordinator Ken Hudak, custodian Valyrie Phillips, CVCC and Twinsburg school board member Steve Shebeck and administrative assistant Mindy Jenison.

Dr. Roebuck’s semi-annual Vision 8 meetings to solicit input on how CVCC can best meet the career needs of each community, along with CVCC’s mission to provide career-technical education programs and services, not only to its own students but to all K-12 students and community members, combined to earn the Impact Award for Excellence in Customer Service.

Tri-C ... to bring in-person, core college courses to your doorstep

CVCC now teaching Tri-C Courses

CVCC and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) are teaming up to better serve people in our local area who seek a college education on a budget. Tri-C is bringing college instructors to CVCC, where the following college, or General Education, courses will be taught: Biology 1100 lecture and lab, Psychology 1010, Speech 1010, English 1010 and Math 0960. These classes will be offered for Fall 2013.

Liz Walton, director of CVCC’s Adult Education department, is thrilled to bring college courses closer to CVCC’s service area than ever before. “This partnership with Tri-C will allow more people access to college courses closer to home...increasing the many ways we serve our community members,” she says.

COMPASS (required pre-entrance) testing will be available at CVCC as well, according to Mrs. Walton. An Information Night is planned for May 8. Time to be announced. Visit our website for updates or click here to receive CVCC’s e-communications to be notified once the time of the Information Night is confirmed.

These Fine Companies Who Choose CVCC Students and Alumni:

Independence Excavating 5720 E. Schaaf Rd.

This 57-year-old Independence company, with campuses and projects locally as well as nationally, has been a staunch CVCC supporter for many years, says Jerry Koenig, CVCC instructor of the Power Equipment Technology program. “They’ve provided great opportunities for our students,” adds Jerry.

Currently, Independence Excavating (IX), a subsidiary of DiGeronimo Companies, has six CVCC alumni on staff according to Terry Tomasko, IX equipment superintendent.

IMAGINiT Technologies 6155 Rockside Rd.

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Next Workshops Start March 23

Imagine your fifth grader designing necklaces and earrings using a jewelry app, just one of the lessons taught by Stephanie Sutton, digital media guru. Stephanie facilitates CVCC’s Online Tech Club for Kids.

A new session for 4th, 5th and 6th graders begins March 23. The cost is $45, but the investment is priceless. Teaching students to develop comfort levels with a diverse pallet of software sets the foundation for the technical creativity that is critical for 21st century career success.

Nanci Coleman, a CVCC community liaison who helped Stephanie bring her program to CVCC, said the workshops have been so successful that they’ve met with encore requests. Hence, the periodic startups for new sessions.

“How do you develop comfort levels with these items? Stephanie Sutton, digital media guru. You don’t. “It’s the comfort level, the confidence,” says Nanci. “No one wants to use things that do not require giving personal information or a credit card, etc., just to use.”

“Stephanie is great with kids,” says Nanci. “She starts off with simple applications like Microsoft Paint and helps kids master all the tools at their own pace.”

Stephanie teaches only free applications that do not require giving personal information or a credit card, etc., just to use.

“These products are widely accessible and easy to use,” says Stephanie, who teaches applications to people of all ages for a living and also volunteers in a student computer lab.

In addition to Paint, Stephanie teaches Microsoft Moviemaker, SketchUp, ScreenCast, Audacity and GameMaker.
CVCC School of Nursing Celebrates Golden Anniversary

CVCC is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary of educating students to become practical nurses. The School of Nursing was founded as the Parma School of Nursing in 1963 and is now considered one of the finest practical nursing schools in Greater Cleveland.

“Experience, quality instruction and flexibility are the keys to the school’s long-standing success,” says School of Nursing Supervisor Pattie Mandula, adding that the pass rate is 84.5% for CVCC while the national average is 72%.

Recently, Mrs. Mandula and her faculty incorporated an innovative Sensory Perception Lab into the curriculum, which involves compromising the senses of students during a lab exercise so they can understand their patients’ various conditions.

The instructors encourage students to explore the many areas of practical nursing including school nursing, corporate nursing and hospice nursing. The students are even taken on a field trip to the county morgue to gain an understanding of illnesses and injuries and learn how patients expire.

The three-hour pre-entrance WorkKeys test consists of math, reading and locating information. The non-refundable $50 exam fee must be paid in advance. Exam results are valid for three years. You may register online for the pre-entrance test at www.cvccworks.edu.

You can prepare by attending our Key Train labs. Call Linda at 440.746.8125 for information.

Nursing Pre-entrance Tests for programs beginning in August and September

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Register at http://cuyahogavalley.augusoft.net or call 440.746.8230. Information Nights are FREE.

Upcoming test dates and times are as follows:

April 15, 9:30 a.m.
April 17, 9:30 a.m.
May 13, 9:30 a.m.
May 15, 1 p.m.
June 7, 9:30 a.m.
July 24, 4 p.m.
August 5, 9:30 a.m.
August 14, 4 p.m.
September 9, 9:30 a.m.

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Coming Events

**Registration required**

**MARCH**

*Ongoing - Summer Camp Signups*
Camps are open to students who are currently in the 7th, 8th or 9th grade. Visit our website to learn about the new camps, check out all the camps and to register.*

*Ongoing - Summer Tech Camps for 4th, 5th & 6th Graders*
Five technology-based summer camps will be offered to students currently in 4th, 5th & 6th grade the week of June 24-28: LEGO® Robotics, Programming, Movie Making, Engineering and Video Game Design. Visit our website to learn more about these camps and to register.*

23 - Online Tech Club for Kids – Grade 4-6 students may join this online club to learn digital media skills. Fee is $45. For details, call Nanci Coleman at 440.838.8851 or visit: http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-TechClub.

23 - KidWind Competition from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Deadline to register was March 16.

26 - Operation Street Smart – A two-part workshop is designed to educate parents, teachers, social workers, doctors, counselors, probation officers, police, judges, community partners, and anyone related to children’s advocacy, about current drug trends, terminology, and paraphernalia. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. for the Professional Workshop (2CEUs/clock hours are available); and 7 to 9 p.m. for the Parent Workshop. To register, call Bridget Murphy at 440.746.8127 or visit our website.*

**Spring Break March 29 – April 7**

**April**

13 - Robofest is an annual autonomous robotics competition designed to promote and support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Computer Science for students in grades 5-12 as well as college students. Robofest challenges teams of students to design, build, and program robots to compete in two age divisions: 5-8 and 9-12. Location: Commons at CVCC. For more information on this competition, visit: http://www.robofest.net/.

18 - College Survival Skills 101, Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m. – Attention Class of 2013, parents and students! Prepare for a successful college experience! Learn from a panel of experts about the social and emotional ramifications of college life, the legal implications of being 18 years old, and your personal financial responsibilities. Visit our website to register.*

18 - Lunch & Learn Thursday, from 12 to 1 p.m. – “Best Wellness Strategies at Any Age” presented in collaboration with The Cleveland Clinic Independence Family Health Center and Marymount Hospital. FREE event in The Valley Inn. To register, call 440.746.8272 or email melias@cvccworks.edu.*

22 - Spring College Fair for CVCC Students from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - For high school seniors who haven’t made decisions about higher education and for juniors who are planning their lives after high school graduation.

**Plan your next event at CVCC**

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is a uniquely designed meeting destination offering conference rooms and classrooms, with catering available onsite. At our convenient location, we can provide the equipment and technology needed for a successful meeting whether it is for 10 people or 700. Please contact Bridget Murphy at bmurphy@cvccworks.edu or 440.746.8127. For more information on fees, you can also visit our website: (see “Community Services”).

**Pharmacy Technician Program**

Interested in becoming a pharmacy technician? CVCC offers a 10-month comprehensive evening pharmacy technician program. This program includes a 96-hour externship experience. Of our 2012 graduates, 100% of our students passed their Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam, and 100% of our students have found employment. Wouldn’t you like these odds when starting your new career? We are now scheduling for pre-entrance testing. For information, call 440.746.8205.

**Cosmetology Salon Day and Night**

Students in both our day and evening programs can give you the look that sizzles—hair cutting, coloring and styling; facials; wax services; manicures and pedicures.

Daytime number: 440.838.8954
Evening number: 440.746.8145.

**Our website:** www.cvccworks.edu

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All the applications are used to show students how to create graphics, animations, games, book trailers, stop-motion animation, 3-D models and 3-D animations.

“For everyone I teach, I tell them if you’ve made a collage of pictures, you can learn how to make a short movie. If you can make a short movie, you can learn how to make a 3-D model. If you can create a 3-D model, you can learn how to create 3-D animation,” says Stephanie.

The skills taught have long-standing value to students who will need to prepare more sophisticated and technically savvy school projects using various digital media. The applications can also be used for school and club fundraisers, as well as in the college and career arena.

In fact, Stephanie teaches the applications to people of all ages including librarians, teachers and small business owners wanting to learn how to create appealing website presentations.

Upon registration, students will receive instructions and online access information. Included as part of the eight-week workshop is an in-person orientation, with a possible wrap-up class to be offered at CVCC. All other lessons will be posted weekly on Thursdays.

Orientation for the next eight-week workshop is Saturday, March 23 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Nanci Coleman at 440.838.8851 or email Nanci at ncoleman@cvccworks.edu. Registration can be done online at: http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-TechClub.

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At its Independence location, IMAGINiT also provides workplace learning opportunities for CVCC students in the Computer Aided Design, Engineering Technology and Sales & Service programs.

“We certainly are happy to have the students help us out,” said Executive Vice President of Worldwide Operations Bob Heeg. “It’s also been an experience for our staff to work with the special needs kids – a win-win on both sides.”

Students test flash drives, organize training manuals or clean and store electronic hardware. Dan Hughes, teacher of the Sales & Service program, says IMAGINiT, which just moved its offices from Valley View to Independence, gives his students a chance to develop basic work skills such as listening, following directions, customer service, organization and problem solving.

“Sometimes, they work independently and other times as a team, depending on the project,” says Mr. Hughes. “The staff is always wonderful to us.”

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“Independence Excavating’s relationship with CVCC has definitely helped us with locating and recruiting young talent for our maintenance department for many years,” says Terry Tomasko. “The training and skills that are taught at CVCC help the students, whether they are entering the workforce or continuing into secondary education.”

CVCC alumni who are now IX employees include: Ted Chuha, Class of 1979; Mark Cerny and Scott Lysiak, Class of 1999; Jared Lein and Scott Lysiak, Class of 2011; and Nolen Joseph, who graduated in 2012.

Incidentally, Ted was a recent recipient of the 2012 Founders Award, a highly prestigious honor earned by employees who, according to Rob DiGeronimo of the family-owned company, “demonstrate our core values of safety, integrity, loyalty, commitment, respect and quality workmanship, as well as the work ethic instilled by our founders.”

Ted (not pictured) started out in the truck maintenance facility and became a welder, fuel truck driver and equipment field mechanic. He now manages the demolition equipment fleet.

Pictured left to right are CVCC alumni and Independence Excavating employees Mark Cerny, Nolen Joseph, Scott Lysiak and Jason Vlatch. Not pictured: Ted Chuha and Jared Lein.
Her dreams are big, and her efforts were great right out of the starting gate. Today, Erin Holter of North Royalton is already on her way to a profession that satisfies the sweet-toothed, gratifies the stomach-grumblers and pleases the palates.

Erin has her eye on Johnson & Wales, the University of Houston, Florida International University, Penn State and Cornell. “I would love to also get a degree in business and finance in the hopes of owning my own restaurant or corporate restaurant/hotel,” adds Erin.

Her resume so far: “Last May, I cooked with Emeril Lagasse for a University Hospitals fundraiser,” she says. “And this past fall, I worked for Mitt Romney’s Ohio campaign.”

Last September, CVCC, together with Tri-C, rolled out the use of CVCC’s Culinary Arts lab and kitchen facilities as an extension of the Tri-C Western campus for Tri-C’s Culinary Arts students.

Many of CVCC’s career-technical programs allow eligible students to transfer some of their CVCC credits to higher education institutions, with the receiving institution’s approval, under Ohio’s Tech Prep and CT² program. For more information, visit: http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/hospitality-management/culinary/Pages/default.aspx.

For information on any of CVCC’s high school programs, including Culinary Arts, visit the “High School” page of www.cvccworks.edu.

Engineering & Manufacturing Career Day an Inspiration

Lindsey Twarog of North Royalton represented Ohio State University last month during CVCC’s Manufacturing & Engineering Career Day. The event featured several colleges, businesses and organizations relevant to the many engineering disciplines.

Lindsey is happily enrolled in Ohio State’s engineering program, thanks in part to a previous Engineering Day hosted by CVCC. The information she obtained as a high school student assisted her in choosing her major and the college program she wanted to study, and apparently she made the right choice. In addition to attending OSU, she is representing and promoting the college’s engineering program.

SCRUBS Program Aims to Pique Boys’ Interest in Allied Health Careers

More than 60 middle school-aged boys from our eight associate schools attended a half-day program Jan. 24 to introduce them to the many health care career fields that heavily account for Northeast Ohio’s workforce.

The program, SCRUBS, invited the associate schools to send students interested in science, physiology and biology to take part in a half-day of fun and interactive activities. The boys were matched with several male health care professionals as they dined in The Valley Inn student-operated restaurant.

Presenters included male nurse instructors from CVCC’s School of Nursing. Interactive activities matched the boys up with CVCC high school students enrolled in Health Career programs for some of the workshops.

The event was a hit with many of the students, who spread the word, apparently.

From one parent, Lori A. Head, of Revere...
**COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN**

Computer-aided Design involves learning the computer applications for preparing detailed drawings used in engineering and manufacturing various products. In the first year, students learn the computer applications necessary to produce technical drawings, including three-dimensional color renditions. In the second year, emphasis is on applying these skills in design projects, using AutoCAD, 3ds Max®, Revit, Solidworks and other design software to design buildings, cars, tools and industrial products. Architectural and product modeling is also an integral part of the design process. This course helps prepare students for college studies in the engineering fields, architecture, landscape design, product/industrial design and interior design.

Students can earn the following certifications: American Design Drafting Association’s Mechanical Drafting and Architectural Drafting, Solidworks, AutoCAD, Microsoft Office Specialist, IC3 (Internet & Computing Core Certification), Adobe Certified Associate and OSHA 10-Hour Safety.

Instructor: Ross Niinisto  
Email: rniinisto@cvccworks.edu

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**MARKETING TECHNOLOGY**  
(Seniors Only)

This program prepares students for college or employment in the field of marketing products and services. Enrollees should have strong computer skills and the ability to use the Internet. Both classroom and field instruction are employed as students learn about sales, promotion, pricing, customer service, management systems, market research and the psychology of marketing. Emphasis is also placed on problem-solving, negotiation, communication, decision-making, teaming, creative thinking and office technology. These certifications are available to qualifying students: Certified e-Marketer, National Retail Federation certifications in Customer Service, Sales, Retail Management & Professional Retail Business Credential, Sales & Marketing Executives International Certified Professional Salesperson, and IC3 (Internet & Computing Core Certification).

Students must average 15 hours per week on paid internships at approved work sites and provide their own transportation to and from CVCC and the internship.

Instructor: Germaine Polensek  
Email: gpolensek@cvccworks.edu

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**ELECTRICAL & ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

This program provides the fundamentals of installing, servicing, and maintaining electrical wiring systems with a major focus on alternative energy generating systems, including wind and solar. In this program, students will develop an understanding of electrical theory and systems, including basic electrical circuits, minimum requirements of the National Electrical Code, blueprint reading, power calculations, and more. A significant emphasis will be on the design, installation and wiring of micro wind turbines and solar panels and the use of "green" construction techniques. Students will also be introduced to conducting energy audits on buildings using infrared cameras and blower door systems. Instruction is project-based, featuring many hands-on experiences and computer-based simulations. OSHA 10-Hour Safety and National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Level 1 Electrical certifications are available.

Instructor: Irene Ward  
Email: iward@cvccworks.edu

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**AUTO BODY REPAIR & REFINISHING**

This program includes instruction and training for all phases of auto body repair. Basic skills include safety in the workshop, welding techniques, straightening of damaged unibody cars, metal and fiberglass repair, custom painting and automobile refinishing and estimating.

This program prepares graduates for an entry-level position in the field of auto body repair and painting. The course is taught by an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified instructor. OSHA 10-Hour Safety certification is available.

Instructor: Ron Barnosky  
Email: rbarnosky@cvccworks.edu

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CVCC offers more than two dozen career-technical programs for juniors and seniors. For information on these programs, contact Admissions Counselor Kelli Buccini or visit our website: www.cvccworks.edu for a wealth of information.