



## Catalyst

Fall 2022

### CVCC Program Spotlight

#### CVCC'S CERTIFIED PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN 4.0 & MACHINING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS – READY TO UPSKILL & TRAIN!

With such a demand for workers in the machining industry, the job market has restricted a company's ability to upskill their staff, let alone try to have new employees shadow more experienced workers, as they are too busy making product, unable to slow down to "training speed." While most companies can't accommodate training for multiple people at once at their own facility, several companies might be willing to upskill one or two employees at a time, by outsourcing said training to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). This format will ultimately not interfere with current production or the workload of more experienced staff. CVCC has built upon this concept with the introduction of the Certified Production Technician (CPT) 4.0 Program and the Machining Technology Program. The Certified Production Technician 4.0 program is 180-hours and has employers eager to hire its completers, as this short-term training results in certification and being career-ready. The Machining Technology program is 650-hours, which involves attaining skills for multi-level employment in the machining industry, including: machining fundamentals and tool introduction, computer numerical control (CNC) milling and turning, CAD/CAM systems, and advancing machining.



CVCC's Machining Lab



CVCC's Certified Production Technician 4.0 program is offered on-demand based on specific needs, while the Machining Technology program starts at the beginning of each month and runs three evenings a week. There is eligibility for scholarship and grant opportunities, as well as TechCred and additional funding options. This training format can accommodate larger groups of trainees from single companies, as well as members of the public that wish to invest in themselves, to make production and machining their career choice. For further information on these lucrative endeavors, please visit [http://www.cvccworks.edu/adulteducation\\_home.aspx](http://www.cvccworks.edu/adulteducation_home.aspx) email [aeinfo@cvccworks.edu](mailto:aeinfo@cvccworks.edu), or call 440.746.8230.





## *CVCC Alumni Spotlight*

### **CVCC GRADUATE HELD FUNDRAISER FOR THE LUPUS FOUNDATION**

Jack Valenti, a 2022 graduate of CVCC's Culinary Arts and Food Services program and Independence High School, held a fundraiser for the Lupus Foundation. The fundraiser took place this past August at Valenti's Ristorante, a family-owned and operated restaurant, located in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Emphasizing the Lupus Foundation's logo color of purple, the "Culinary for a Cause" event featured two, three-course meals from a menu Jack developed exclusively for this occasion. The first course featured a caprese salad with blueberry, cinnamon and rosemary coulis. Guests had a choice of two entrees, which included: chicken breast braised with ginger beer, accompanied by roasted purple potatoes and garnished with roasted red peppers; or, a sirloin beef burger with smoked gouda, purple pickled cauliflower, spicy mayo and lettuce on a brioche bun, accompanied by sweet potato fries. The dessert course offered a choice of blackberry cream and mint ice cream, or lavender crème brûlée.



*CVCC Culinary Arts & Food Services instructor, Kim Morton with CVCC graduate, Jack Valenti.*

During Jack's time at CVCC, he was grateful for the sense of community and friendship it provided, while being a source of great knowledge and passion for the culinary field. Throughout his time in CVCC's Culinary Arts and Food Services program, Jack was employed at his family's restaurant, where his culinary skills attracted the attention of the restaurant's head chef, who mentored Jack in different areas within the business. Jack learned to work on the line, serve, and assist with clean up. Those skills, along with the education he learned at CVCC helped in getting him to the place he is today!



*The caprese salad and chicken entree*

All in all, Jack served 118 meals during the three-hour fundraiser event, and raised a total of \$2,500 for the Lupus Foundation. CVCC's Culinary Arts and Food Services instructor, Kim Morton, attended the event, along with CVCC's Assistant Principal, Mary Barnes, who noted, "...the food was outstanding! Jack orchestrated a wonderful event." Jack started furthering his education at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY at the end of August 2022. Jack hopes to one day become the executive chef at his family's restaurant, or possibly have his own restaurant. He also hopes to be able to teach others and give back to the CVCC Culinary Arts and Food Services program by being a resource in educating and helping others interested in the culinary field. What exceptional goals! Best of luck in all you do Jack!





## CVCC Staff Spotlight

### CONGRATULATIONS SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations are in order for CVCC staff members who received a Service Recognition Award. This included, Michele Nakonieczny with 35 years of service; Carol Williams with 30 years of service; Julie Jakubczak, Melissa Munro, and Patricia Valukievic with 25 years of service; Josephine Everhart with 20 years of service; Lisa Clements and Michael Hall with 15 years of service; as well as Christopher Miklovic with 10 years of service. Congratulations to all, CVCC thanks you immensely for your service!



*Michele Nakonieczny*



*Carol Williams*



*Julie Jakubczak*



*Melissa Munro*



*Patricia Valukievic*



*Josephine Everhart*



*Michael Hall*



*Lisa Clements*



*Christopher Miklovic*

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, September 29 ♦ Board of Education Meeting ♦ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, October 6 ♦ College Night ♦ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 12 ♦ Parent/Teacher Conferences ♦ 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, October 13 ♦ Parent/Teacher Conferences ♦ 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, October 14 ♦ In-Service Day
- ◆ Thursday, October 27 ♦ Board of Education Meeting ♦ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, November 4 ♦ Advisory Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday, November 8 ♦ In-Service Day
- ◆ Saturday, November 12 ♦ Holiday Craft Show ♦ 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25 ♦ Thanksgiving Break
- ◆ Thursday, November 24 ♦ Thanksgiving



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