



Catalyst

Winter 2023

CVCC Student Spotlight

CVCC INDUSTRY INTERVIEW SUCCESS

On Thursday, December 1, CVCC students did a great job with the Industry Interview event; they interviewed professionals in their chosen field at their place of business. 91 students interviewed with 46 businesses of which 21 were located in CVCC's associate school district communities.

The goal of the Industry Interview project is to broaden student knowledge of current hiring practices and trends in their program area. The following seven programs participated: Auto Body Repair & Refinishing, Auto Service Technology, Digital Design, Graphic Imaging Technology, Media Arts, Power Equipment Technology, and Programming & Software Development. Many successful and well-known businesses and organizations participated including American Fleet Services, BBHCS D Transportation Department, Cavaliers Operating Company, Hyland Software, Penske Truck Collision Repair, Progressive, Royalton Automotive, ScripType Publishing, Sohar's All Season Mower Service Inc., and Source3Media. Due to remote work, one business representative was interviewed by three students in their classroom. Most reviews of our students during the experience were exemplary! Thanks to all who put in time and effort to make the event a success, especially Martha Sluka, Career & Community Resources Specialist, and Claudette Knestrick, Job Placement Administrative Assistant. Each program and student participating will receive a poster with a class photo stating, "We survived Industry Interviews" which will be printed by CVCC's Graphic Imaging Technology program. The fantastic collaboration and hard work of so many makes this opportunity such a success!





CVCC Alumni Spotlight

CVCC GRADUATE RECOGNIZED BY EMPLOYMENT COLLABORATIVE OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Antawn Falconer graduated from CVCC's Building & Property Maintenance program instructed by Mr. Jason Hance, as well as Garfield Heights High School in 2018. Antawn started working at Precision Environmental in the Fall of 2017 as a warehouse worker. Seeing a lot of potential in him, the company placed him in the Laborer Apprenticeship program upon graduation. Over time, he progressed to Journeyman, and is currently on Precision Environmental's travel construction crew, spending most of his time out of state working.

This past October, Antawn was recognized by the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County at their First Annual Gala, celebrating inclusion in employment. He won the Rising Star Award due to him climbing company ranks so quickly and continuing to succeed in the workplace. CVCC's Job Training Coordinator, Stacey McNamara, who is pictured with Antawn, had this to say... "Antawn was assigned to my caseload several years ago with the instructions, 'Go find something amazing for This One.' He always went that one extra step, always tried just a little harder than everyone else. He is making a huge impact not only [at Precision] but on projects he does around the country. Most people don't start off sweeping floors and get to this point in 5 years, but Antawn isn't most people..." CVCC congratulates Antawn and wishes him continued success for years to come!



CVCC Service Spotlight

CVCC STUDENTS REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's students worked tirelessly for the past few months with one goal in mind: to honor our fallen veterans. The students partnered with Wreaths Across America, a nationwide nonprofit organization that year after year raises donations to create wreaths to place on the graves of our fallen veterans. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 1,200 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. CVCC's Power Equipment Technology instructor Mr. Jerry Koenig, a veteran himself, brought the opportunity to collaborate



CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER

QUALITY EDUCATION



AFFORDABLE TUITION

with Wreaths Across America as a service-learning project to his students' attention a few years ago. Each year, additional CVCC programs have joined the cause, creating higher goals and more wreaths collected. This year, students collected 800 wreaths! On Saturday, December 17, CVCC students, along with their instructors and many others, participated in laying wreaths on veterans' gravesites at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. CVCC could not be prouder of our students and staff who were involved in this service-learning project. Our students continue to learn the true meaning of giving back and honoring those who gave so much to our country. CVCC looks forward to continuing this project and seeing it grow for years to come!

FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS AT CVCC

CVCC held its annual Food Drive event Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 9. The Food Drive was in partnership with CVCC's SkillsUSA local chapter with instructor, Julie Jakubczak as its advisor. The Food Drive concluded with incredible results! In total, the final donations were a little over 4,400 pounds. The top class donations are as follows:
1st place: Power Equipment Technology AM: 1,115 lbs.
2nd place: Auto Service AM: 674.5 lbs.
Sales & Service Fundamentals/Transition-to-Work PM: 592 lbs.
Digital Design AM: 489.5 lbs.
Construction Trades PM: 318.5 lbs.
Health Careers 2A: 284.5 lbs.

The 1st and 2nd place winners got pizza parties. The donations will benefit many individuals and families throughout our communities. Thank you to all those who contributed to this wonderful event and gave back to others during this holiday season!



Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 16 ♦ Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed
- Thursday, January 19 ♦ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. ♦ Student/Parent Information Night
- Friday, January 20 ♦ Staff In-Service
- Monday, February 6 – Friday, February 12 ♦ Career Tech Education Week
- Monday, February 20 ♦ President's Day
- Thursday, February 23 ♦ Board of Education Meeting
- Thursday, March 2 ♦ 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Job Fair



CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER



Download for Free Today!

