CVCC Service-Learning Project Underway to Support Wreaths Across America

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center’s Power Equipment Technology and Construction Trades Program students are joining the cause to ensure that all veterans at Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery are honored. From now until November 30th, CVCC’s Power Equipment students, with instructor Jerry Koenig leading the way along with help from CVCC’s Construction Trades Program, instructed by Paul Yuravak, are using this opportunity as a service-learning project, setting a lofty goal of gathering 800 wreath sponsorships as a way to honor our fallen!

This year, the National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony, held simultaneously across the country at more than 1,200 locations, will be on Saturday, December 15. CVCC students will be on location at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery to help lay what we hope is 30,000+ wreaths. The goal: to place a live, balsam fir wreath at the headstone of every veteran buried there and spread patriotism and commemoration for the ultimate sacrifices they made for our country.

Each wreath sponsorship costs $15. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center’s Power Equipment and Construction Trades Program “Online order” Group ID Number is: OHØ125P. To sponsor a wreath visit, www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/OH0125P or for more information contact Power Equipment Technology instructor Jerry Koenig at gkoenig@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8290.

Community Wellness Presentation

On Tuesday, October 22, 45 community members joined CVCC for the October Community Wellness event. The Community Wellness events are a joint venture with Cleveland Clinic and CVCC to bring health topics of interest to educate local adults. The fall event topic was “Memory and the Aging Brain” which was presented by Cleveland Clinic Speech Therapist, Aaron Kennedy, MS, CCC-SLP. Mr. Kennedy gave participants suggestions on ways to keep their minds sharp including cognitive exercises and strategies. He also discussed when to be concerned about your memory. CVCC’s Career and Community Resources Department coordinates the event with Cleveland Clinic’s Program Managers Jeffrey Jameyson, and Meredith Seeley.
Prior to the event, Mr. Kennedy also spoke to CVCC’s three senior Health Career’s classes on the same topic but with a twist of working with the elderly. Many of these students will earn their State Tested Nurse Assistant certification towards the end of their program and may work with patients with memory impairment.

CVCC appreciates the Cleveland Clinic collaborating with us on this event!

**CNA Students Learn about Opportunities in the US Navy**
On Thursday, October 17, CVCC’s Computer Networking Academy students had the opportunity to learn about the interesting opportunities the US Navy can provide within the computer field. US Navy Information Technology Specialists took the time to explain how the training students are currently receiving is applied aboard US Navy ships and in other areas of the world.

**Senior Exit Interview Day at North Royalton High School**
On Wednesday, October 16, approximately 400 seniors at North Royalton High School participated in the Senior Exit Interview Day, a requirement for graduation. The senior exit interview is a culminating activity process that Jill Larson, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center’s Career Specialist at North Royalton, starts freshman year. She assists each student with putting a portfolio together. The portfolio includes a resume, reference page, cover letter and achievements that have been saved throughout their high school years. Seniors arrive at school during their designated interview time and interview with a team of teachers, administrators, CVCC staff, and community members. This year Ms. Larson arranged over 100 interviewers. During the interview, students have an opportunity to showcase his or her high school accomplishments and present a completed portfolio. Students were evaluated on their portfolio, punctuality, appearance, vocal skills, social skills (handshake, eye contact, etc.) and response to questions. This is a life learning experience and always an enjoyable day for everyone involved.

**National Assessment Day at Twinsburg High School**
Wednesday, October 16 was National Assessment Day. In Twinsburg, they took the time to share knowledge with 9th grade students related to wellbeing, career path, and college/careers. It was a half day filled with presentations and the opportunity to visit colleges on site. The students saw presentations from the many institutions/individuals, including CVCC’s Career Specialist, Toni Cluse who discussed CVCC high school offerings and adult education options for training. A career/college fair was held as well, in which CVCC’s Admissions Counselor, Kelli Buccini represented the institution.

**Sports Medicine Exercise Science Students Get a Visit from ACTIV PT**
On Tuesday, October 15, CVCC’s Sports Medicine Exercise Science seniors, instructed by Mr.
Shawn Fahey, had the pleasure of getting a visit from ACTIV PT, a local, physical therapy facility located in Richfield, OH. ACTIV PT Owner/Physical Therapist, Ed Ash, Physical Therapist, Annie Djukic, and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Eva Szabados spent time with the SMES students and educated them on ACL Injury Prevention. They went through a lecture with the students, as well as did active lab work. What a wonderful learning experience!

**Parent Conferences**

On Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10, CVCC’s High School staff held annual Parent Conferences. This gave staff members and parents the opportunity to discuss the current academic status and future plans of their student. Thank you to all those who took part!

**CVCC’s Valley Inn is Now Open!**

Wednesday, October 9, marked the opening day for CVCC’s Valley Inn restaurant. The Valley Inn is the student-operated restaurant overlooking CVCC’s beautiful campus. Culinary Arts students create the menu featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, entrées, and desserts. They prepare the offerings and invite patrons to dine. Hours of operation are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Last seating is at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 440-746-8293 to reserve your table. Visit http://www.cvccworks.edu/ValleyInnRestaurant.aspx to view the Valley Inn Restaurant menu.

**College Night Success!**

The 25th annual College Night event was on Wednesday, October 2. Over 120 colleges participated, providing quality information to students. Approximately 800 students and parents attended college night. The College Night Consortium representatives are from nine area high schools, including Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nordania Hills, North Royalton, Padua Franciscan, Trinity, Twinsburg, along with Cuyahoga Valley Career Center who all work together to assemble the program.

**CVCC Auto Students Attend the Put-In-Bay Road Race Event**

On Wednesday, September 25, CVCC’s senior students from the Auto Service Technology program, instructed by Mr. Joe Lamatrice, and the Auto Body Repair and Refinishing program, instructed by Mr. Efrain Soto, went
on a field trip to experience vintage sports car races at the Put-in-Bay Road Race event, held at the Put-in-Bay Airport. This event has been held annually since 2009 at historic Put-in-Bay, OH, and attracts vintage racing participants and enthusiasts who value a low-key event at a historically significant location where the emphasis is on enjoyment. This event is all about recreating the ambiance of vintage racing at Put-In-Bay as it used to be when the sport began back in the 1980s. The event also pays homage to the important motor sports history of Put-In-Bay, where small-bore sports cars raced from 1952 to 1959 and in 1963 on public roads that still exist today. What a great event to experience!

**Basic Knife Skills with CVCC’s Culinary Arts and Sales and Service Students**

On Tuesday, September 17, CVCC’s Culinary Arts II students, instructed by Ms. Kim Morton, taught basic knife skills to CVCC’s Sales and Service students, instructed by Mrs. Mindy Wracher. Afterwards, the Sales and Service students helped the Culinary Arts students in the dish room and enjoyed the crispy French fries they cut that day. What a great collaborative effort!

**Academy Opening Night Kickoff at Twinsburg**

On September 11, CVCC’s Career Specialist, Toni Cluse participated in Twinsburg’s opening night kickoff event to welcome their third official class to the Academy. The Academy provides low cost/no cost opportunities to students to explore options of enlistment, employment or enrollment after high school. Curricular pathways established at the high school also allow for a deeper exploration into a potential career path. What a great event!

**CVCC Adult Diploma Graduates**

Congratulations to CVCC’s Adult Diploma Graduate, Tyler Ridgill! Tyler obtained his Adult Diploma through CVCC’s Adult Education Graphic Design Program. For more information on CVCC’s Adult Diploma Program, visit: [http://www.cvccworks.edu/AdultDiplomaProgram.aspx](http://www.cvccworks.edu/AdultDiplomaProgram.aspx)

**Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, November 5, 2019 • Staff In-service Day • No school for High School students
- Saturday, November 9, 2019 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Christmas Craft Show
- Monday, November 11, 2019 • 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. • Veteran’s Day Program
- Tuesday, November 22, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. • Industry Interviews
- Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – Friday, November 29, 2019 • Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, November 28, 2019 • HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Friday, December 6, 2019 • 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. • Blood Mobile
- Thursday, December 12, 2019 • 6:30 p.m. • Board of Education Meeting