

LCJVS Board of Education Report Chris Fletcher, Director



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Phlebotomy Students Earn Credential

Congratulations to the four students who recently completed the Phlebotomy Program at the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center.



Pictured from left: Christopher Phillips (Collins), William Benedict (Avon Lake), Cory Zillyett (Amherst), and Coleen Thompson (Amherst).

Phillips completed a phlebotomy internship at Fisher-Titus Hospital, while Benedict, Thompson and Zillyett completed internships at Cleveland Clinic facilities. All students passed their phlebotomy certification exam.

“This was an exceptional group of students,” stated program instructor Nancy Smith. “They all brought knowledge and skills from previous jobs and from life experiences, and they learned from each other. They should wear their phlebotomy credential proudly.”

LCJVS Adult Career Center Educational Foundation Scholarships

Each year adult students are chosen to receive scholarships from the LCJVS Educational Foundation. The 2012 -2013 recipients were chosen based on instructor recommendations. The instructors were pleased to share the following comments about the recipients for this year.

- **Richard Lasch (Welding/Fabricating)**

John L. Kopronica Memorial Scholarship \$250

“Richard Lasch, a current welding student, is a nice guy who is always trying to improve himself. He is a good helping hand in class.”

- **Melanie Volar (Cosmetology)**

Robert D. Beecheler Memorial Scholarship \$250

“Melanie Volar is a veteran and an excellent student—grades and attendance are good. Her skills are also excellent!”

- **Natalie Levy (Medical Assisting)**

Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship \$500

“Natalie Levy comes to school regularly and manages to maintain good grades. She gets along very well with everyone.”

- **Melissa Born (Computerized Business Technology)**

Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship \$500

“Melissa Born has perfect attendance and excellent grades.”

- **Tom Basham (Precision Machine Trades) –**

Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship \$500

“Tom Basham has excellent attendance and grades, complemented by a good work ethic.”

Our Computerized Business Technology (CBT) Class Event

Two students, Christina Davidson and Karen Conroy, were selected from the CBT program to organize a Valentine's Day event for the class. They both were interested in working on the Team Building Concept. Christina and Karen decided on the perfect activity – Sam's Drumming. I also asked the two to write an article describing the occasion. Below please enjoy the pictures and descriptions of our day's activities.

Instructor, Terri Brennan

As CBT students, we were asked to plan a class event. Myself, along with classmate Karen Conroy, wanted to do something fun but also something memorable. Being in an adult class brings together a group of people of not only a wide range of ages but also very different life experiences which translates to an eclectic group of personalities. After much thought, we decided on a team building exercise.



When I was in high school, Sam Battle was one of my teachers. On Mondays in Mr. Battle's class, we played a game that was not only fun but very informational. I contacted him, explained what I was planning, and he suggested the drums. I was not familiar with the drumming exercise so I asked my instructor, Terri Brennan, about it. She had participated in the exercise several times and was very supportive. Terri helped us reserve the room and ordered the drums delivered on our specified day.

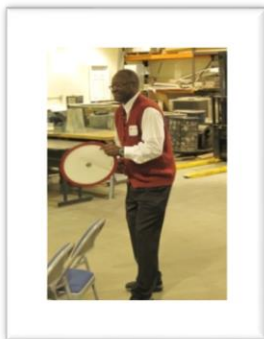
Mrs. Smith and the students from the Medical Assisting class joined us for the event. Debbie Harrison, our Accounting instructor, also joined in the fun.

Mr. Battle was just as amazing as I had remembered from my days in high school. He was able to include a history lesson about how drums were used by African-American slaves. Sam also reminded us about being respectful of others who may not complete a test or assignment as quickly as another and how that didn't make them any less intelligent.



Overall, it was a very enjoyable afternoon, at times we laughed until we almost cried. When Terri Brennan first explained the assignment I was not all that enthused about the idea of planning an event, but it really worked out wonderfully and I'm glad we did it.

Christina Davidson, CBT Student



I had no idea of what to expect during this event with Mr. Battle. He was delightful and all who participated had great fun. I am sure at some time during our future work experience we may have to organize an event. From the beginning stages to the end result, this exercise was a great opportunity to plan an event, keeping in mind the needs of the participants and the good of the company. Thank you, Mr. Battle, for your time and interest in the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center learning experience!

Karen Conroy, CBT Student

Community Events

- Diversity Fair – March 22, 2013 – Spitzer Conference Center
- Career Fair – April 3, 2013, Spitzer Conference Center