

LCJVS Board of Education Report

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ELEVATE AMERICA

Tuesday was the last distribution date for vouchers through the Microsoft Elevate America program. At the end of the day, the JVS Adult Career Center distributed 1,226 vouchers to connect Lorain County residents to FREE online training, certification exams, and IT Professional level training. We're very proud of our role in improving the technical skills of our residents. Our next step will be to export the email addresses collected through the program to ensure participants follow-through with the training and exam protocol, and of course, remind them of the Information Technology classes offered here at the JVS should the E-Learning itself not meet their expectations or training needs. Participation in this program certainly elevated the knowledge throughout the community that the JVS Adult Career Center is a resource for IT training.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING

Our customized division facilitated two trainings. At Elyria Manufacturing, our staff conducted NIMS training for supervisors to raise seven certifications to a Level 1. At Camaco, we conducted OSHA training for 12 individuals through the Project Hire program. Project Hire provides state funding for company training for companies who commit to hire the individuals after the required training takes place. Our staff was instrumental in facilitating Project Hire throughout Lorain County.

In addition, our customized division is heavily involved in many Lorain County initiatives aimed at economic and workforce development. As a member of "[Business Connection Lorain County](#)" our staff participates in a collaborative effort focused on business retention and expansion that complements existing Lorain County programs and outreach efforts. Also this week, we participated in the first of three seminars with LCCC piloting a national program that provides the NAM-endorsed Skills Certification System to students to prepare them for advanced manufacturing careers. It focuses on the core, basic skills required for entry-level workers in all sectors of manufacturing, from alternative energy and computers to aerospace and life-saving pharmaceuticals. The NAM system organizes individual certification programs designed and validated by partners ACT, Inc.; the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council; the American Welding Society; the National Institute of Metalworking Skills; and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers into a national structure creating educational pathways with "stackable" credentials leading to an associate's degree.

ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS

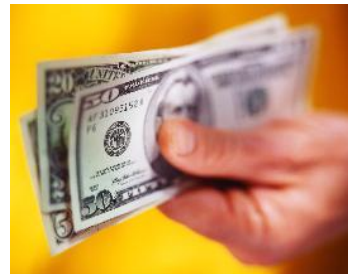
Over the past few weeks our staff has been busily conducting program advisory appointments to introduce potential students to our full-time programs. Advisory appointments run throughout the day, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM depending on the program. The meetings are our opportunity to share with potential students each program's curricula, expectations, funding options, and employment opportunities in their chosen fields. After the advisory appointments, students must then pass each program's Work Keys assessment requirements and submit a formal financial aid plan prior to their official registration.

JVS ADULT CAREER CENTER NOW A DIRECT LENDING INSTITUTION

As of July 1, 2010, all Stafford Loans issued through Lorain County JVS will be William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans as mandated by the Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

Previously, LCJVS issued loans through the Family Federal Education Lending Program (FFEL).

The Direct Loan Program offers the same types of loans as the FFEL Program, and Direct Loans generally have the same terms and conditions as FFEL Program loans, but instead of a bank lending the money, the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) lends the money directly to students and parents through the student's school.



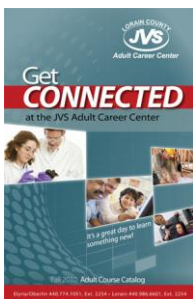
There are also some differences in the names of the loans. The FFEL Program's Federal Stafford Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) are called Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans in the Direct Loan Program.

Lorain County JVS looks forward to participating in the Direct Loan Program and offering the benefits of Direct Loans to our students.

NCA AUDIT

The JVS Adult Career Center has been awarded continuing accreditation with the North Central Association, Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). AdvanceED is the parent organization of NCA CASI, and as such reviews and takes action on all NCA CASI postsecondary accreditation recommendations. Accreditation provides our school with recognition for demonstrating continuous commitment to quality and the success of all students.

FALL CATALOG



The Fall 2010 catalog features many new programs, including: Electronic Health Records, Review Course for Medical Coding Exam, Basic Robotic Programming, Introduction to LEAN Manufacturing, Digital Multimeter Principles, Improve Your Productivity with Outlook 2007, Social Media for Building Community, Intro to Mac OS X, Intro to Final Cut Pro, Creating a Website for Your Small Business or Nonprofit—Fast and Easy, Intermediate Drawing, Gluten Free Cooking, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Design I, Landscape Design II, Landscape Construction I, and Landscape Construction II.