

LCJVS Board of Education Report

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New Adult Career Center Staff

The Adult Career Center hired Laura Dowdell to fill the evening supervisor position. Laura is responsible for the supervision of evening classes and staff, building liaison between adult and high school staff, maintaining records of complaints and incidents with students, instructors and security problems, the recruitment, interviewing and making recommendations for the employment of personnel, and assisting in development of brochures and advertisement for promotion of the Adult Career Center.

Laura has been in education for the past 12 years. Her experience includes positions as a Special Education Teacher, Counselor and Administrator. Most recently, she was the Principal at New London Elementary School.

Additionally, Erin Gadd was hired as the day-time supervisor. Her responsibilities include: budgeting, supervising and evaluating instructors, business and community relations, program development, oversight of Empyra implementation, grant writing, marketing and public relations for the Adult Career Center.

She has more than 12 years of experience as a communications professional building relationships in educational and nonprofit fields. Her specialties include public school communications, electronic media, media relations, and community relations and grant proposal writing. Most recently, Erin has served as Community and Media Relations Coordinator for the South Euclid-Lyndhurst City School District and Communications Director for the Midview Schools.

Both Laura and Erin's experience in education will be an immense contribution to the Adult Career Center's continuation as a leader in adult education in the state of Ohio.

Adult Cosmetology Students – Manicure for Hunger

On Sunday December 13 and Friday, December 28, Adult Career Center senior cosmetology students performed manicures in exchange for canned goods at the Oberlin Public Library. This is the second year the Adult Career Center participated in the holiday nail painting. "Many people don't have a lot of money, so they give a can and get something back," said Sandy Pitts, the cosmetology instructor overseeing the holiday nail painting. "Everyone loves a little pampering," she added.

Last year the cosmetology students collected three grocery bags full of canned goods and approximately \$30.00 in donations for the Oberlin Food Pantry. During this year's 2-day holiday nail painting, the students collected eleven bags of groceries and \$70.00 in donations.

Medical Assisting Class Participates in IVDL Technology

The Medical Assisting Class participated in an educational opportunity via IVDL technology on Tuesday, December 1. Three main components of Healthcare Information Technology were presented by Greg Kall, CPHIMS, System Vice President, and Maria Miller, Human Resources for Summa Health System. Students learned about the infrastructure, customer service and web technology facing the health care system today. Special focus was placed on the variety of jobs and skill levels available in the field and the HR requirements needed to ensure a successful career in the field.

ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT

National Lime & Stone, Findlay

Russ Beach, Program Developer, partnered with Ohio State to provide training at National Lime & Stone located in Findlay, Ohio. The electrical safety program was taught in six sessions at three different company locations. The classes covered electrical hazards in three areas:

- Electrical shock (electrocution)
- Electrical Burns (Arc Flash)
- Secondary injuries caused by electrical mishaps



After a review of the basic characteristics of electricity, the students participated in identifying potential electrical hazards from pictures taken at National Lime and Stone facilities. Discussions on how to safely confront the various potential hazards followed the picture review. A test was given at the end of the class to reinforce the employees' understanding of safe work practices around electrical equipment.

Team Tuesday

On Tuesday, January 12, Ralph Bentley, Adult Career Center Program Developer and member of Team Tuesday, hosted the group at the JVS. After the meeting, lunch was served in the Buckeye Room with a tour of the building following.

The Team Tuesday group consists of representatives from Lorain County businesses, educational facilities, non-profit organizations and government agencies. The group was created approximately one year ago to help educate people on what Lorain County has to offer and how the above groups interact with the county.

Nestle, Solon

Diana Gott, Program Developer, has recently completed an Ishida Bagger Operator job profile for Nestle Corporation in Solon, Ohio. Nestle is currently using the ACT Workkeys tests to determine job competency with the results of these profiles. The Ishida Bagger Operator is one of the five jobs to be profiled and will be used as a tool to screen new applicants for hire. Nestle's in Solon and in Gaffney, South Carolina use the ACT Profiles and Workkeys as a part of their hiring process.