

# JVS Board of Education Report By: Chris Fletcher, Director



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## **Adult Career Center Recognition Ceremony**

Approximately 450 friends and family attended The Adult Career Center Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The ceremony recognizes students completing full-time career development programs. The students received a career passport containing a certificate, assessment scores, resumes, competencies, grades and industry credentials. Adult Basic Education students who passed their GED were also recognized. They received their Ohio School Equivalency Diploma from the State Department of Education.

## **Microsoft E-Learning and Microsoft Certification Vouchers**

The Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center will be distributing FREE Microsoft E-Learning and Microsoft Certification vouchers this summer to help individuals in Lorain County further their education and give them a competitive edge in the job market. The vouchers are being offered by the Elevate America program to provide no-cost access to Microsoft E-Learning courses and select Microsoft Certification exams as part of their overall effort to help train 2 million people over the next three years.

The Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center will distribute 351 vouchers for online training, 702 vouchers for online testing, and 196 vouchers for more advanced level training. Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the JVS, and through adult workforce partners Lorain County Community College and The Employment netWork.

Ohio will distribute 26,500 Elevate America vouchers for online training, 26,500 vouchers for online testing, and 6,625 vouchers for more advanced level training. The University System of Ohio will work with Microsoft to distribute the vouchers through its adult workforce education centers, who have elected to become "Certiport registered" locations. All Ohio residents, whether unemployed or employed, who are in need of additional training can apply for a voucher through one of these centers. Individuals can complete the online course at multiple sites, either at home, or at other public computing spaces providing access to a PC that meet the computing system requirements.

"This partnership with Microsoft will help the University System of Ohio deliver real-world skills to workers across the state," said Eric D. Fingerhut, Ohio Board of Regents chancellor. "We are helping Ohioans gain the knowledge and the experience that companies need to compete in a global economy."