

JVS Board of Education Report

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Adult Career Center Recognition Ceremony

On Thursday, June 9th, the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center proudly celebrated students who successfully completed a career development program for the 2010-2011 school year. Students were recognized from the following programs: Auto Technology, Building Trades, Computer Business Technology, Cooking and Food Service, Cosmetology, Medical Assisting, and Precision Machine Technology.



Bruce Akers, class speaker, discussed the importance of perseverance for himself, and for his fellow students, in achieving their goal. “Like many of you in this room, I reached a point that felt impossible to pass. But like you, I kept on trying, and tonight we celebrate all of the effort we put in to move past that point and on to success. Tonight is the first of many successes.”

Each year, the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center provides job training and re-training to more than 3,000 adults. To provide the best possible training for students, the JVS partners with dozens of employers and LCCC to help put Lorain County to work. These partnerships allow the JVS to create, expand and maintain programs to provide training for the jobs of today and tomorrow that our community needs.

WOBL Campaign

As part of our efforts to personalize the JVS Adult Career Center, we will be featured interviewees on WOBL starting this June and running through December. The interviews, which are being scheduled every other week, will feature JVS Adult Career Center instructors and staff members, who will share information about our programs, success stories, and our role in worker training in Lorain County.

In addition to the regular radio format, these segments will be leveraged online. Both the interviews and short: 60 “JVS Adult Career Center—Let’s Get to Work” commercials will be shared on the district website and social media sites to give potential students, business partners, and community members an inside look at our organization. The first interview took place on June 22 with Terri Brennan, CBT instructor.

Phlebotomy Class Program Completion



Congratulations to the 2011 Phlebotomy Class for successful completion of their program. The spring class is already engaged in the interview process after positive externship experiences with our friends at the Cleveland Clinic. We were especially pleased to learn that many of our students were matched with past grads of the JVS Adult Career Center phlebotomy program during their externship. What a great way to help our students

feel comfortable on the job—to work directly with fellow students who have “been there, done that”. This helped our students to feel more at ease on the job, which in turn will help them be more successful. We wish all of our students the best of luck as they continue their careers!

Cosmetology Student Wins Bronze at Nationals

Jessica Nugyen, the first Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center student to ever compete in the national SkillsUSA Championships, earned third in the nation for the nail division of Cosmetology in the postsecondary division. The 2011 SkillsUSA Championships, which took place in Kansas City, Missouri, is a week-long event in which state champions from across the country demonstrate occupational and leadership skills excellence. This year, more than 5,700 competitors participated in 94 contests.



After her win, Jessica was invited to be a voting delegate for the election of new officers for the following year and to serve on their committee. Her service will help advance the SkillsUSA applied method of instruction for preparing America’s high performance workers in public career and technical programs. The mission of the organization is to provide quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Participation in SkillsUSA events helps to build and reinforce self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. The emphasis is on total quality at work—high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service by partnering with more than 1,100 business, industry and labor sponsors which enable financial aid, in-kind contributions, and involvement of their people in SkillsUSA activities.

HMI Training Sessions Uptrain Lorain County Workforce

The Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center, in partnership with Lakewood Automation, hosted the first of two free Human Machine Interface (HMI) training sessions this summer. The session, which was open to the public, was held at the Lorain County JVS on June 22 with the intent to introduce improved tracking, quality control, and return on investment to Lorain County's manufacturing workforce.

At the first session, a dozen attendees received hands-on training in basic HMI operations, allowing the user to monitor and control process to help save manufacturing company’s time and money.

