

## JVS Board of Education Report Kathleen Tyler, Director



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### **Adult Career Center Recognition Ceremony**

On Tuesday, June 11th, the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center celebrated students who successfully completed a 600 hour plus career development program for the 2012-2013 school year. Approximately 350 friends, family and JVS staff attended the celebration.

Seventy students were recognized from the following programs: Auto Technology, Certified Electronic Health Records, Computer Business Technology, Cosmetology, Esthetician, Medical Assisting, and Precision Machine Technology. Also attending were 14 ABLE students who successfully passed the GED test.

The ceremony included the distribution of student passports by the Adult Career Center staff; student speakers Janna Young from Cosmetology and Phyrn Coleman from the ABLE program and concluded with refreshments.

### **Adult Career Center Director Retires**

After 26 years of service, Chris Fletcher retired as of June 30, 2013. He began his career working as a part-time evening instructor, was promoted to the supervisor and for the past 5 years he has served as the Adult Career Center Director. Chris understood the full scope of the adult education operation. He was an excellent representative of the Lorain County JVS school district.

Chris had a positive impact on the Adult Career Center in many ways: he created the instructor handbook, led work teams to create the course catalogs/marketing materials and established a 5-year plan for program equipment upgrades. He was very involved in the development of the state of art facilities for Precision Machine Technology and the Medical Technology classrooms. Chris helped to create a cooperative culture for lab sharing between high school and adult students.

Chris's retirement plans include completing projects he had started, relaxing and enjoying his family time.

### **Adult Career Center Hires Director**

Kathleen (Kit) Tyler has been hired as the new director of the Adult Career Center. Kit has 30 plus years of experience in the adult education. Kit worked 11 years at Northwest State Community College and 25 years at Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio. During those years she was an ABLE & Federal Programs Coordinator, supervisor and director of adult education, consultant with North Central CASI working with adult certificate programs.

Kit is married to Eric, who works for Dolt Best Corporation. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. She is very excited to join Lorain County JVS, one of the most innovative Adult Career Center Programs in the state.

### **Council on Occupational Education (COE) Accreditation**

With the National Commission on Accreditation (NCA) deciding to withdraw from accreditation of postsecondary schools and concentrate on school improvement activities. The LCJVS Adult Career Center needed to seek another accreditation agency.

Accreditation by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education is a requirement for schools to receive Title IV Funding; Pell Grants. Additionally, a system of accreditation acts as a continuous improvement plan for the department as well as adding credibility to our school and programs we offer.

On June 10, 2013, after completing our application for Candidacy, the Adult Career Center hosted the initial documents review by two COE staff. They were pleased with their visit and impressed with our preparation. As a result, they recommended us for Candidacy Status. Once in Candidacy Status we are considered to be accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.

Director Kit Tyler and Rick Schau will attend a required self-study workshop at the end of July in preparation to complete our Self-Study. The Self-Study will be submitted between six and eighteen months from the workshop attendance. Once the Self Study is complete we will host an Accreditation Team Visit. Upon successful completion of this visit we will be fully accredited for up to six years.