

LCJVS Board of Education Report

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Business Partnerships Vital to the JVS Adult Career Center

The Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center hosted its bi-annual Business Advisory Council meeting with over 75 people in attendance. John Nolan, Assistant Superintendent welcomed the attendees. Adult Director, Chris Fletcher gave a brief overview of the programs and services offered by the Adult Career Center.

Following the overview, members of the Center's instructional staff led small group discussions on a variety of topics intended to help the school with their commitment to continuous improvement. Some of the topics included: recruitment of industry experts, marketing, and new essential equipment and technology.

Computerized Business Technology Work-Based Learning

The Computerized Business Technology (CBT) students have recently completed a 3-week, 120-hour work-based learning experience. These experiences are an integral part of the CBT career development program. Time spent in the work place provides students with the opportunity to develop professional attitudes, interact with business professionals, apply knowledge, and become acquainted with the work culture. Companies that hosted students included WOBL/WDLW, Boys and Girls Club, Discount Drug Mart Corporate Headquarters, Massotherapy Arts Center, Oberlin City Schools, Brunswick City Hall, Lorain County JVS, Lake Erie Crushers, Howard Hanna Realty, Green Circle Growers, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

We are happy to report that two of the soon-to-be graduates have recently secured full-time employment at Green Circle Growers. All students are preparing for the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Exam. To date, three students have successfully passed the exam. Fourteen students have successfully completed the program and will be receiving their career portfolios at the Adult Career Center graduation ceremony on June 11th.



Medical Assisting Externship

The Medical Assisting students are currently completing their 160-hour practicum experience. Students have been hard at work perfecting the skills they learned throughout the school year and learning new ones. Practicum sites are located in Lorain and Huron counties. A new site this year is the Lorain County Free Clinic. This site has provided a wealth of opportunity for one of the students. This new connection in our community allowed this student and future students to reach out to those in need and experience assisting patients with diverse needs.

Additionally, students are preparing for their National Certified Medical Assistant Exam. Students will be attending a “cram exam” on Wednesday, June 3 to further prepare them for the exam. The review includes; Jeopardy, Name That Disease, Bingo and testing techniques.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Diana Gott, Adult Career Center Program Developer, has contracted with the following companies to provide training:

Carroll Manufacturing & Sales, an American Institute of Baking, in Avon Lake has contracted with the JVS to provide 200 hours of training in the following areas: Supervisory & Managerial, Effectiveness, Workplace Ethics & Training, New Manager Training, Customer Service, Shop Math, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Outlook.

The cost of this training will be shared between the Carroll Company and a grant awarded from Project Ten.

Avon Oakes, A Caring Community is presently receiving 48 hours of training for their employees conducted by Frank Prihoda in the following areas: Elements of Proper Communication, Supervisory Training, Dealing with Difficult People and Customer Service.

Career Advancement Accounts (CAA)

Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center partnered with Lorain County Community College and the Employment netWork to respond to the recent layoffs at USS and Republic Steel in Lorain. The Employment netWork secured federal funds to pay for customized classes the Adult Career Center and LCCC created for the laid off employees.

These classes offer credentials that will assist the students in their current job if recalled and/or help them obtain future employment. Classes offered by the Adult Career Center included: HVAC, Welding, Industrial Electricity and Intro to PLC's.

