

JVS Board of Education Report By: Chris Fletcher, Director



May 2010

- **Medical Assisting Candle Light Ceremony**
- **New Horizon Café Open in May**
- **Computerized Business Technology Work Based Learning**
- **Medical Assisting Program IVDL Educational Opportunity**
- **Cosmetology Cut-A-Thon**
- **Intertek, Elyria**

Medical Assisting Candle Light Ceremony

The Adult Career Center held the annual Pinning and Candle lighting Ceremony for the Medical Assisting Class on Tuesday, April 27. The pinning ceremony is the culmination of the initial journey to medical assisting education and signifies the educational preparation of the wearer.

The Medical Assisting students honor the dedication of Florence Nightingale, who because of her selfless duty during the Crimean War became known as the “lady with the lamp.” As a tribute to Florence’s dedication each participant in the ceremony carried a candle.

The use of candles is not accidental as light symbolizes life, knowledge and hope. It has been encountered many times in the graduates’ journey and as a result these students commit to bringing a light to the lives of others. Their education efforts are to be commended. CMA’s (AAMA) comprise the majority of credentialed medical assistants in the workforce today.

Class speakers Lori Meyer and Sarah Fritsch applauded each of their fellow students for persevering and making it through to the end. Thanks went out to the school, instructors and families for providing the education and support needed to succeed. “A Woman’s Hands” was sung by students Irene Kellett and Kim Monhollen. Additionally, a skit was done demonstrating communications skills.

The “All Star” award was presented to Shannon Simonson for setting the best example, both in the classroom and when out at clinicals. The Classmate of the Year award was presented to Irene Kellett. Selection was based on classmate votes. The Florence Nightingale Award was presented to Kim Monhollen. Student selection for this award is based on being a class role-model with dedication to learning, displaying caring and compassion to patients and peers, leadership and above average performance in medical assisting. Near the end of the ceremony students took the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

Hors d’oeuvres and desserts were served for 150 people.



New Horizon Café Open in May

Beginning May 4th the Adult Cooking and Food Service Program will begin serving meals two nights per week from 6:00 to 8:30pm. The meals will consist of a salad, entrée and dessert. A limited number of presale tickets, ranging in cost from \$5.00 to \$6.50, are available in the Adult Career Center office. The profit from the sale is being used for the Cooking and Food Service Program end of the year celebration.

Computerized Business Technology Work Based Learning

Students enrolled in the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center's Computerized Business Technology program have begun a three-week, 120-hour work-based learning experience as the final stage in their 9-month training program. Since September, our students have been intensely training for careers as Secretarial Office Support, Accounting Clerks, Microsoft Certified Application Specialists and Administrative Assistants.

For three weeks, CBT students will work at local businesses in their specialty areas to take their classroom learning to the next level. While on the job, students will be exposed to professional attitudes, learn how to interact with business professionals, have the opportunity to apply their knowledge, and be involved with work place dynamics. Companies accommodating students for their internships include: Lorain County JVS – Adult Career Center and High School, Kendal at Oberlin, Ridge Tool, Prentke Romich in Wooster, Business Connections, Turtle Plastics, RMBJ Financial Services, and Oberlin College. We are thankful to our business partners for their role in preparing our students for the work force!

These internships have proven to be a great tool to connect classroom curriculum to real-world work experiences for our students. CBT students benefit from having the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained throughout the year in class while increasing their confidence in their abilities to support an office's needs. At the same time, employers benefit from having a professional on site that is trained in the latest technologies and methods to assist with the work load during the student's internship. Experiences such as these are a powerful way the JVS Adult Career Center helps our students to succeed.

Medical Assisting Program IVDL Educational Opportunity

The Medical Assisting Class participated in an educational opportunity via IVDL technology on Tuesday, April 27. The program was titled "Careers as a Medical Assistant" and presented by representatives from the University Hospital System from Cleveland, Ohio.

Round table discussion was followed by questions and answers. Topics covered were customer service, correspondence, scheduling appointments, liaisons between patients and medical personnel, and strong communication skills.

Medical assistant career opportunities are projected to grow much faster than the average through 2016. About 148,000 additional jobs are expected to be added to the field, thanks to an expanding health care industry, technological advances in medicine, including the EHR and an aging population. Certified Medical Assistants who can handle both administrative and clinical duties are expected to have the best job prospects. Employment opportunities available through University Hospitals in this expanding health care area were also presented.

Cosmetology Cut-A-Thon

On Monday, May 3, 2010, the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Cut-A-Thon was held at the Lorain County JVS EDGEducated Cuts Salon from 5:00-8:00 PM. All haircuts were only \$10.00. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure, a 60-mile walk with the aim of raising funding and awareness for breast cancer research. Together, our students raised \$370. Our local American Heart Association director even came out to visit, lending additional significance to our efforts. Thanks to the many people who participated in this worthy cause—our students are already working on ideas for next year.



Intertek, Elyria

Ralph Bentley, Program Developer, coordinated and conducted OSHA training for Intertek. Intertek is a contractor working in the steel mill and safety is a very important part of their job. Topics included: Walking and Working Surfaces, Electrical, Personal Protective Equipment, Machine Guarding, Material Handling and HazCom. Ten employees passed the test and will receive their OSHA cards.