

# TODAY

Medina County Career Center

## Student Chefs Support Chardon

On March 19 at AMP 150 in Cleveland, many of the city's top chefs came together to raise money for the families of the victims of the Chardon tragedy. When Chef and Restaurant instructor Tony Stanisló learned of the "Chefs for Chardon" fundraising event, he called to offer the help of our students with whatever was needed that night. Chef Tony assumed the students would be able to assist with washing dishes, emptying garbage, bussing tables, etc. However, the event coordinator offered MCCC a table at the event!

Chef Tony and his students were ecstatic over the opportunity to work alongside some of the best chefs in Cleveland.

The Chef and Restaurant Management team from MCCC specially prepared smoked scallops with house made brown sugar maple bacon topped with a chive cream sauce served on a bed of baby kale greens

and a chocolate and raspberry mousse dessert sampler.

Seniors **Lexy Oblak** and **Sarah Hamlin** helped at the event. Lexy said, "The experience was amazing! There were so many people there." Sarah added, "I learned a lot from observing some of the best chefs in Cleveland."

The students in the Career Center's Automotive Technology program donated \$1,000 to offset the cost of the food served by the MCCC team that night and requested that the remaining dollars be donated to the Chardon Fund.



### HVAC Skills Challenge

Five HVAC students competed at the Akron Canton Area Chapter HVAC Skills Challenge 2012. Over 50 competitors were present, representing ten area schools.

Placing from MCCC were: **Jerome Grzincic**, 3rd Place Soft Skills; **Jacob Keyes**, 3rd Place Electrical; **Jeff Krist**, 1st Place Electrical, Best Overall Individual Score, and Top Student, Medina County Career Center.

The MCCC team of **Jeff Krist**, **Ian Vikowski**, **Jerome Grzincic**, **Matthew Peyton**, **Jacob Keyes**, and instructor Rick Hopkins were rated Best Overall School.

### Ohio Future Educators Competition

The MCCC Teacher Education Academy students participated in the Ohio Future Educators Association State Conference and Competition at Muskingum University.

The class received the Honors Club plaque for competing in six areas, having a class average higher than a 3.0 GPA and doing school/community service.

### Ohio FFA Nursery & Landscape State Finals

Students in the Landscape Design and Environmental Management program at MCCC competed at the Ohio FFA Nursery & Landscaping State Finals.

**Alescia Coppolino**, **Jessica Dennis**, **Sarah Riffle**, **Katie Zwica**, and **Lindsey Zura** were one of the top ten best teams in the State of Ohio!

### Business Professionals of America Competition

MCCC's Computer Science & Forensics and Software Engineering & Web Development programs made a strong showing at the BPA state competition.

Taking top honors were: **Brandan Bentler**, **Jeff Futrell**, **Alex Gorges**, **Mike Hanes**, **Zach Kloock**, **Nick Malcolm**, **Kevin Maul**, **David Maynard**, **Erin McDermott**, **Cody Shellenbarger**, **Gerard Stein**, **Dallas Piorkowski**, **Devan Stojadinovic**, **Dan Tucker**, **Ian Wulfken**, and **Neal Willbur**.

## F1 Race Cars: Engineered for Speed

With a crowd of students and staff gathered around, students in the Engineering Technologies and Design program at MCCC raced their wooden Formula One cars on a track in the cafeteria. The future engineering and architectural students worked in teams to design and create a small-scale car resembling a real F1 race car. Their balsa wood creations, each powered by CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges, reached speeds of over 30 miles per hour.

"My team has been planning the design of our car since last year," explained **Kevin Calmer**, a senior in the ETD program. "We studied principles of aerodynamics. The goal is to get the cars to literally fly down the track."

Once a design was determined, the students used Auto Desk Inventor, a type of 3D modeling software, to create a virtual car. ETD junior **Christina Heishman** said, "We used the CNC machine, a type of computer guided drill, to carve the car from a block of balsa wood."

The students designed the wheels and manufactured them using a Dimension SST plastic printer. Senior **Wayland Harris** explained the details of wheel design. "The wheels needed to be hollowed out so they were lighter. The minimum car weight is 55 grams. We wanted our car's weight to be as close to that as possible." The students ran the designs through a virtual wind tunnel to determine pressure points

and wind velocity around the car.

Students manually release the CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges which propel the cars down the track. **Kaitlyn Kunz** explained, "The cars are airborne at first, so we have to secure them to a string that runs the length of the track. If they weren't tied on, bystanders could be injured by flying cars."

ETD juniors **Adam Harrell**, **Emily Chester**, **Jake Liszeski**, **Cooper Graham**, and **Greg Malena** were able to secure a sponsor for their team. Adam explained, "At the state competition, team members are required to match. Hawk Performance donated our team shirts." Other teams designed their team uniforms. Senior **KD Houseman** said, "Our team name is High Tyde. We have a sea theme and will be wearing matching tie-dyed ties at the competition. First, I tie-dyed the fabric, then sewed it into ties."

The design of the car and its racing speed contribute to only one-third of the overall points in the competition. The other two-thirds are divided between the marketing board and the oral presentation. Two teams from the Career Center competed at the state competition in Grandville, Ohio on March 30.



## Students of the Month

### December

**Angeleah Parey** is a senior in the Digital Design program and the MCCC Yearbook Art Director. She participated in Junior Leadership last year and is on the Faith in Action Teens Leadership Team. Angel was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society her junior year. Angel is involved in fast pitch softball and the Theatre Club, and has participated in a number of community projects including: Relay for Life, Guitars for Girls Program, and A Taste of Excellence. Following graduation, Angel plans to attend Baldwin-Wallace College, major in Digital Media and Design, and minor in Biology or Mathematics.

**David Crosby**, a senior in the Engineering Technologies and Design program, was involved in Junior Leadership and has been a student ambassador for the MCCC Road Show. He was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society as a junior and has been on the Honor Roll all through high school, earning an Academic Letter all four years. David was in concert band, 4H, and volunteers at his family's church. Following graduation, David plans to attend Grove City College.

### January

**Alina Schroeder**, a senior in the Animal Care program, has served as secretary for her 4-H Club since 2008. Alina volunteers at a veterinarian's office and is involved in concert band and marching band. She has earned both Academic and Band Letters from her home school. Following graduation, Alina plans to attend The Ohio State University to become a large-animal veterinarian.

**Kevin Calmer**, a senior in the Engineering Technology and Design program, currently serves as president of the Engineering Technology and Design Robotics Club and is Captain of the Medina Technology Club's Robot Hockey Team. Kevin earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. Following graduation, Kevin plans to attend college to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering.

### February

**Melanie Reinhart**, a senior in the Optical Technology program, is a member of the MCCC Key Club, has volunteered at the MCCC Bright Eyedeads Optical Clinic, and has been a member of the Strikers Bowling League for the last three years. Melanie has been awarded an Achievement Scholarship from Defiance College, where she plans to attend to study biology. Melanie then hopes to attend The Ohio State University to become an optometrist.

**Zachary Kloock**, a senior in the Software Engineering and Web Design program, is active in the Outdoor Adventure Club, Key Club and VOFT. Zachary's volunteer activities include teaching computer skills to senior citizens and helping elderly neighbors with yard work. He also wrote and published a book. Following graduation, Zachary plans to attend Baldwin Wallace College to study English and computers.

### March

**Jennifer Becker**, a senior in the Diversified Medical Technologies program, is active in the Friends of Rachel Club and the French Club. She served as a statistician for the swim team for two years and was involved in theater. Her community service includes serving at a Pancake Breakfast and helping with Relay for Life. Following graduation, Jennifer plans to attend college to study nursing.

**Zackary Wagner**, a senior in the Commercial Truck and Equipment Technology program, currently serves as president of his class and is a member of Presidents Council. Zack's academics have included College Composition I & II and American National Government through Tri-C. Zack has been involved in baseball for the last two years for his high school and for a Recreational League. Following graduation, Zack plans to attend the University of Akron.

## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

On February 9, the MCCC Presidents Council, in conjunction with Catan Fashions of Strongsville and American Commodore Tuxedo of Summit Mall, sponsored the 7th Annual MCCC Prom Fashion Show.

Students from eleven career programs were involved in the setup and operation of the event.

**Carpentry** students designed and constructed the stage. **Cosmetology** students assisted the models with their hair and makeup. **Landscape Design** students provided and arranged the foliage decorating the stage. **Public Safety** students provided the event's security. **Graphic Arts** and **Digital Design** students designed and printed promotional materials.

**Chef and Restaurant Management** students provided refreshments. **Diversified Medical Technologies** students provided the audience with life-saving first aid and CPR instruction. **Sports Fitness** students rallied the audience with a spirited dance routine. Students in the **Animal Care** program assisted well-dressed canine models as they paraded across the stage. **Video Production** students filmed and photographed the event.

Students practiced after school in the days leading up to the Fashion Show. Many Cosmetology students volunteered to style the models' hair.

**Michelle Otto**, a senior in the Cosmetology program, served as the assistant Master of Ceremonies.

Cosmetology students **Mallory Cummings, Kaylee Golod, Shannon Quinn, Abbie Sexton, Ashley Young, Rebecca Katona,** and **Alisha Spence** shared tips for creating and accessorizing trendy hair styles.



The 2012 MCCC Fashion Show models and canine handlers were: **Alyssa Ames, Jennifer Becker, Emily Beyman, Jamie Carson, Nikki Casper, Hannah Combs, Jessica Dennis, Tiffany Dreher, Faith Farnam, Halie Farrell, Rachel Gaishauer, Kelsie Geschke, Brooke Grayson, Halee Heironimus, Amiera Itayem, Nicole Jackson, David Kennedy, Kadie Lloyd, Allison Lynch, Gina Marella, Mariah Milioni, Alyssa Miller, Grace Muetzel, Jessi Murray, Emily Mustar, Heather O'Connor, Alex Pekar, Colin Pytel, Cara Razzante, Brandon Robinson, Jonathan Slifka, Rachel Smith, Tabitha Smith, Jill Tatro, Sonya Tereschenko, Gabe Thomas, Dan Tucker, Arabella Valencia, Mariah Valley, Zackary Wagner, Heather Washington, Clay Williams, and Angel Wiseman.**

The Sports Fitness dancers: **Callaway Berry, Julia Choueiri, Alyssa Gall, Karly Hill, Nicholas Oliveros, Triston Wasil, Allison Wiseman, Joseph Zitricki, Jenna Galloway, Miranda Hambley, Gabrielle Huffnagel, Alyson Joyce, Kristen Kilzer, Michelle Peicu, and Jaclyn Theobald.**

The DMT demonstrators: **Alyssa Bechke, Chris Carruth, Cassie Chasko, Ashley Deka, Richard Martin III, and Rebecca Surman.**



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## Student Volunteers

“Volunteering makes you feel good,” said **Jeremy Lansdowne**, a senior in the Chef and Restaurant Management program. Jeremy is the President of the MCCC Key Club. Key Club, the high school division of Kiwanis, is an international volunteer organization for students.

Students in Key Club want to give back to their community. Key Club participates in a number of service projects and community activities each year. **Jordan Clementz**, the

MCCC Key Club Treasurer, said, “We helped with the Medina Ice Festival, the MCCC From the Heart Benefit, and volunteered at a number of activities at the Medina Achievement Center.”

The MCCC Key Club isn’t all work, though. Junior **Austin Bates** added, “Key Club is a lot of fun. We went to COSI, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and a CAVS game.” The MCCC Key Club will attend the District Convention in Columbus.



Jeremy said, “We are currently working on a project to present at the convention.”

The MCCC Key Club meets on Wednesday mornings at MCCC and at the Medina General Hospital with the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Organization.

## Irrational Celebration

The ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle is the number pi. Pi is approximately 3.14. Therefore, on March 14, 3-14, math students around the United States celebrate Pi Day!

At MCCC, Pi Day was celebrated by the students and math department staff. Graphics senior **Dan Williams** designed and printed T-shirts celebrating the irrational number. He said, “My math teacher, Mrs. Kline, gave me the design on paper. I refined it using the program InDesign and screen printed the shirts for the math teachers.”

Several students brought in pies to eat on Pi Day. **Lexy Oblak**, a senior in the Chef and Restaurant program, arrived at school at 6:00 a.m. to make peanut butter cup pies for her class.

In addition to snacking on circular desserts, students learned about the history of pi, calculated pi by measuring the circumference and diameter of circular objects, and converted circular degrees to radians (a measurement using pi).

In the photograph below, Career Center students show their Pi Day spirit. **Kelly Helbling**, a junior in the Animal Management and Care

program, wears a Pi Day shirt she made. **Amanda Rohal** shows off a Pi Day treat. MCCC Preschool student, **Ronan Bracken** wears a Pi Day shirt created by **Dan Williams**. The preschool students whose mothers are Career Center math teachers wore Pi shirts on Pi Day.



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## Star Students

Star Students are recognized by their program instructors for showing extra effort and being outstanding in their fields. The students listed below are conscientious, reliable, and dedicated leaders.

Camden Annach  
Eric Bartinelli  
Tyler Baxter  
Savanna Becker  
Tori Bowers  
Samantha Brown  
James Bryant  
Cody Brown  
Nick Buonocore  
Derek Calta  
Emily Chester  
Jordan Clementz  
Michael Corrao  
Jessica Coleman  
Hannah Combs  
Darren DeHoff  
Jessica Dennis  
Keyan Frierson  
Marie Funfgeld  
Alyssa Galanek  
Kelsie Geschke  
Holly Gleisner

Nathan Graf  
Jerome Grzincic  
Anamaria Hall  
Zac Henriksen  
Jeremy Jones  
Nicole Kells  
Kaitlyn Kish  
Cameron Krettler  
Nathan Krettler  
Jeffrey Krist  
Eric Lind  
Jessica Loyer  
Cassandra Mathews  
Rebecca McFadden  
Logan Merritt  
Mariah Milioni  
Forrest Miller  
Greg O'Dell  
Colton Odorcich  
Joshua Oswald  
Angelica Parish  
Michaela Pfirsch

Colin Pytel  
Cara Razzante  
Baron Riedthaler  
Sarah Riffle  
Cory Runion  
Drew Schneider  
Mariyam Sharifi  
Jonathan Slifka  
Stephanie Slifka  
Michael Steidl  
Ryan Sulzener  
Todd Sutherland  
Gabriel Thomas  
Richard Torres  
Zac Torres  
Nicole Vance  
Katie Wade  
William Walker  
Neal Willbur  
Reba Whitacre  
The Graphics Seniors!

## MCCC Career Days

The Early Childhood Education seniors gave their students hands-on experiences by visiting various career programs at MCCC. The preschool children went on “field trips” to visit Animal Management and Care, Chef and Restaurant, Commercial Truck and Equipment Technology, and Landscape Design.



The ECE students hosted a Spring Family Event for preschoolers and their families. Career Center students led the children in crafts, games, and songs.

At the right, MCCC students pose with preschoolers in the Center Cafe and in Commercial Truck and Equipment Technology.



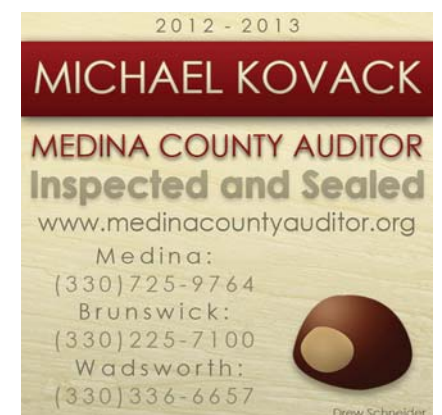
## Auditors Seal Contest

Students from around the county entered Auditor Michael Kovack’s Weights and Measures Seal Contest. The auditor’s seal, which will be affixed to measuring devices such as cash registers and gas pumps throughout Medina County, assures consumers that the device is accurate.

This year, MCCC seniors **Drew Schneider** and **Paige Farrow** earned first and second place, respectively, and junior **Mark Christe** earned sixth place in the Inspected and Sealed contest. MCCC junior **Sydney Miller** earned fourth place in the Price Verification contest.

The designs of contest winners will be used by the auditor and his staff in the 2012-2013 year.

Drew said, “I chose a simplistic



design with neutral colors instead of the typical patriotic theme. I’m pretty excited that I won. I have already seen my design a few places throughout the county.”

After graduating, Drew plans to earn a Fine Arts degree with an emphasis on Graphic Design.

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## Rising to the Challenge!

MCCC students competed in the Edelbrock Carburetor Challenge on Saturday, March 17. The contest, sponsored by Ohio Technical College, took place during the Autorama at the IX Center in Cleveland.

Teams from Commercial Truck and Equipment Technology, Automotive Technology, and Power Equipment Technology competed

with 27 teams from the region.

The team of **Andrew Widowski** and **Brian Sejd** from MCCC's Power Equipment Technology I program took first place and won \$5,000 scholarships to OTC! The 2nd place team of **Tyler Hollopeter** (PET II) and **Rick Larson** (PET I) netted \$4,000 scholarships to OTC.

The 3rd place team of **Brandon Jenkins** and **Ryan Sulzener** (both of Automotive Technology I) received \$3,000 scholarships.

Twenty-four students participated in the contest, and won a total of \$42,000 in scholarships!



Above: (standing left to right) **Tyler Hollopeter**, **Rick Larson**, **Brian Sejd**, **Andrew Widowski**, (front sitting left to right) **Ryan Sulzener**, and **Brandon Jenkins**.

## PMT: A Smart Choice

Students enrolled in MCCC's Precision Machining Technology program are making a smart decision about their career futures. There is a critical shortage in the industry for people with the proper skills and training. Precision Machining students learn manual machining basics and computer tooling operations.

**Ray Halblaub**, a junior in the PMT program, said, "Machining requires a lot of mathematical calculation. You can't be afraid of the



machines either." The skills being taught at the Career Center will prepare students for the machining jobs employers are desperate to fill.

## Important MCCC Dates

May 11	Mother's Day Flower Sale Landscape Design 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
May 12	Mother's Day Flower Sale Landscape Design 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 28	Memorial Day
May 30	Senior Awards Ceremony Medina Senior High Gymnasium - 7:30 p.m. Tickets required
June 4	Summer Break Begins

## International Visitors

The Career Center was excited to receive visitors from the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP). The scholars who visited the Career Center were hosted by Kent State University, and were eager to establish collaborative projects with faculty at MCCC.

The visitors had the opportunity to sit down and talk with students in the Business Marketing Technology class and exchange cultural insights

and perspectives.

The international educators pictured below are: Abha Vishwakarma (India), Sharin Raj (Malaysia), Agneter Omusulah (Kenya), Houria Kherdi (Morocco), Imouri El Mustapha (Morocco), Jon Duarmas (Indonesia), Rougui Sow (Senegal), Umi Safari Rukailah (Indonesia) and Yacine Ndiaye (Senegal).

