



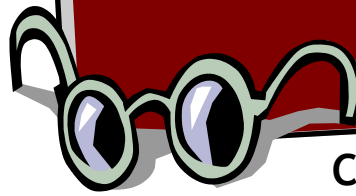
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CAREER CENTER**

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SNEAK A PEEK

Career Development Events in Your Schools

Cuyahoga Heights Local School District

GLASS CEILING ROUNDTABLE



The Glass Ceiling Roundtable held its year-end event at CVCC on April 29. The high school juniors and seniors from Cuyahoga Heights, who were selected for the program based on their leadership potential, enjoyed meeting girls from Garfield Heights, Independence and Nardonah high schools. Pat Butler, CVCC Career Specialist, coordinates the Glass Ceiling program at Cuyahoga Hts. High School.

After brunch served by CVCC's culinary students, Patricia Coyne, Career Development Program Developer, led a group activity focused on self-examination. The girls were challenged to assess their identity and determine what aspects they would like to work on before leaving high school for college life. Common themes included decision-making, time management, self-confidence and concern for others.

The keynote speaker, Barbara Daniel, publisher and editor of the Cleveland Women's Journal East Edition, spoke of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the next generation of women leaders. Ms. Daniel reminded the girls that they will be empowered through knowledge.

Sneak a Peek newsletters are published in December and June to highlight Career Development and Career Pathways activities in your schools. Newsletters are edited and produced by Donna Hessel, Career Pathways Specialist.

THIRD ANNUAL "GIRLS DAYS"

One hundred girls in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades assembled in the library January 16th to 18th for activities focused on empowering girls to achieve, and encouraging self esteem.

The Girls Days theme was "RUBIES" – Realizing Unique Beauty Inside Every Student. The featured speaker, Lori Alba, shared her career experiences with the girls.

Activities were coordinated by Carolyn Douglas, team leader for the 7th and 8th grades, with assistance from Kathy Richards, Career Specialist at Cuyahoga Hts. Middle School.



Lori Alba, Director of PR & Marketing, DAS Construction, spoke about women in the world of work and working in a predominantly male career field.

CVCC Career Development Department Activities

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

COLLEGE SURVIVAL SKILLS 101



On February 13 from 7 to 8:30, a panel of experts addressed issues critical to college-bound students. More than 70 parents and students attended the session. Panelists were Alma Sealine, Director of Housing at CWRU (social and emotional ramifications), Danny Shoo, senior at CWRU (a student's perspective on college life), David Pelland, CFP, Bear Pelland Associates (financial responsibility); and Sgt. Chad Cunningham, University of Akron (safety and legal aspects of being 18). Each family received helpful articles and a checklist of "must-have" conversations prior to a student's leaving for college.

2008 STUDENT JOB FAIR ATTRACTS 850+



Students from all eight districts age 15 and up met employers, interviewed and completed applications for part-time and summer jobs on March 13 at CVCC. Students were prepared for the event by their career specialists through instruction on interview techniques, professional appearance and resume preparation. More than 50 employers were arranged at color coded tables according to the age groups they were hiring, facilitating students' job search. Members of the Cleveland Society for Human Resource Management assisted students with completing applications. Parents who accompanied students were able to get handouts on child labor laws, work permits and occupational trends, as well as other events of interest at CVCC.

Career Pathways

CVCC DISTRICT STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The Ohio Robotics Club held its spring HORD robotics competition at CVCC on April 19. Teams from Brecksville-Broadview Hts., North Royalton, Independence and CVCC entered Ant weight (1-pound) robots constructed in their industrial technology classes. CVCC program instructors conducted a workshop in February on design and building techniques for district teachers. Career Pathways donated the basic components to participating schools to build and operate the robots. The students built wedge and spinner type robots. While they didn't win, the students fared well in their first competition and learned a lot from watching the winning combatants.



Dan Dulik and Ron Surace, teammates from Independence, exhibited high confidence in their robot, "Gold Digga" prior to the fight. They won in the first round, but were eliminated in the second.

SOUP WITH THE SUPE



Community Seniors enjoyed a soup and salad lunch buffet prepared by CVCC culinary arts students in December. Roscoe Schlachter, CVCC Superintendent, welcomed guests. The luncheon was one of three hosted by Career Development Community Liaisons, Bridget Murphy and Marie Elias that targeted community groups.

TECH COMPETITION SUPPORTS "STEM" EDUCATION

Career Pathways and the industrial technology district teachers held the 8th consecutive Technology Competition at Independence Field House on May 2. Students used their pre-engineering knowledge and skills to design and build structures and vehicles. Airplanes and magnetic levitation cars were timed and the winner was selected based on optimum performance. Towers and bridges were stressed to failure to determine the winning design. Technology Wars pitted four school teams against each other in a problem-solving event.



Students from Brecksville-Broadview Hts. celebrate winning the trophy for the second year in a row.

CVCC AND CSU PARTNER TO PRESENT "COLLEGE ROAD RULES"



In February and April, senior and junior students respectively attended a presentation of CSU's "College Road Rules." The agenda covered college planning and resources, the value of a college education, financial resources, scholarships and other options. Students who might not have been planning to attend college learned of various ways to achieve a college education. The event was initiated to meet the state challenge to increase college attendance and college graduation rates. The event was the first partnership between high schools and a 4-year college.

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**Career Development
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Our objective is to prepare all district students, K-Adult, to make the best possible informed career choices and position them for future career success by providing impactful age-appropriate resources and relevant experiences

CVCC Coming Events

- Career Connections Workshop
(New Teacher Orientation)
August 11, 2008
 - Teacher Externship Luncheon
November 6, 2008—12 Noon
- Parent Speaker Series**
College & Career Planning Seminar
November 12, 2008- 7-9 PM
- High School Student Job Fair
March 12, 2009—4-7 PM