

JVS Board of Education Report

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Kailey Kawolics, ABLE Literacy Tutor, Wins Award

Kailey Kawolics was chosen as the winner of the CSWSP student of the year by the Bonner Center for Service & Learning at Oberlin College. ABLE coordinator, Bev Moffatt, presented Kailey with her award on April 29th at the End-of-Year Celebration. Ms. Moffatt nominated Kailey for the Community Service Work-Study Program (CSWSP).

Kailey began working as a tutor for the ABLE program September 2007. This year Kailey took on the role of site coordinator for the CSWSP literacy tutors working with the Lorain County JVS ABLE/GED program. Kailey demonstrates excellent leadership skills, a very strong interest in the needs of the students, commitment, and a “can-do” attitude.

Medical Assisting - Concurrent Enrollment

On Monday, April 6 Peggy Michener of InnovatEd and Theresa Cassidy, Academic Advisor at LCCC, presented information on Concurrent Enrollment to the Medical Assisting (MA) class. Concurrent enrollment within the University System of Ohio occurs when an adult student is enrolled in two educational institutions at the same time receiving educational programs, services and/or benefits from each. Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center has a state approved CT2 Medical Assisting agreement; therefore, our students have the opportunity to be concurrently enrolled at the JVS and LCCC. This new system created easy access for LCJVS adult students to access college credit; they took the COMPASS test on-site at Lorain County JVS on April 8. They will begin College 101 on May 29. This one credit hour course will be held at the JVS for its introductory session. Students will complete this course on-line. Students will gain important skills in time management, study habits, decision making, and testing abilities.

Medical Assisting Candle Light Ceremony

The Adult Career Center held the annual Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony for the Medical Assisting Class on Thursday, April 23. 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: At some moment, they saw the light and chose to pursue a career in medical assisting. Aware that they had contributions to make, they followed the light. When they were in the classroom, the light went on. As they neared completion of their course work, they looked for the light at the end of the tunnel. These students commit to bringing a light to the lives of others.



Class speaker Vanessa Leon applauded each of her fellow students for persevering and making it through to the end. “We can rest easy at night knowing that we have chosen a career that will see us through and help provide for our future.”

The Florence Nightingale Award was presented to Kathryn Biddinger. Student selection 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.

JVS Adult Career Center Hosts Cut-A-Thon for Charity

The Lorain County JVS Adult Cosmetology students hosted a “Cut-A-Thon” and raised over \$500 for the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. During the event Adult Cosmetology students performed a variety of salon services in the EDGEucated Cuts Salon including haircuts, paraffin wax hand treatments, and chair massages.

“There was a large crowd of people who came out to support the event and help us raise money for breast cancer awareness, education and research,” stated Adult Career Center Instructor, Marge Lucas. “I’d also like to thank our students for demonstrating their skills and doing such an incredible job.”



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Phoenix Faucets, Avon Lake

Ralph Bentley, Program Developer, coordinated and instructed a 6-hour Power Industrial Truck Safety (PIT) class to ten employees at Phoenix Faucets. The training included a combination of classroom instruction and driving safety. After successfully completing the course, the student is issued a license to drive a PIT truck. The training was partially funded through Project Train Grant money.

Triumph - Forest, OH

Ralph Bentley, in partnership with Ohio State University, is conducting HAZ-COM training for Triumph. The 11-hour training will be conducted during all three shifts for approximately ninety employees. Topics included training on the Right to Know and Triumph’s new computerized MSDS system.