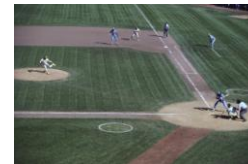


# JVS Board of Education Report

## Chris Fletcher, Director



May 2011

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### 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 28. 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 Jacquelin Woodings and Kriana Miller 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.

The Florence Nightingale Award was presented to Emily Saccardi. 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 and read the AAMA creed.



### Computerized Business Technology Work Based Learning

Students enrolled in the 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, the students have been intensely training for careers as Medical/Secretarial Office Support, Electronic Health Records 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: Elyria Internal Medicine, Ridge Tool, NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Attorney Matthew Hawley, EMH, RAK Corrosion Control, Kingston of Vermilion, Montgomery Chiropractic Center, Inc., Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Vermilion River Regional Vet Hospital, Coleys Inc., Kendal at Oberlin, and Angney’s Import Service. Three of the CBT students have recently been gainfully employed at EMH, Nelson Stud Welding, and Fidelity National Financial. We are thankful to our business partners for their role in preparing our students for the work force!

Experiences such as these are a powerful way the JVS Adult Career Center helps our students to succeed.

## 2010 – 2011 Scholarship Recipients



### **Recipient of the John L. Kopronica Memorial Scholarship: Logan Fleck, Welding and Fabrication**

The John L. Kopronica Memorial Scholarship was established in 2006 in memory of John L. Kopronica by his wife, Robin, other family members and friends. John worked as a welder at Lorain Products and the Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Adult Career Center student enrolled in welding courses. The scholarship was presented by Robin Kopronica who is the widow of John L. Kopronica.



### **Recipient of the Robert D. Beecheler Memorial Scholarship: David Kapalin, Building Trades Program**

The Robert D. Beecheler Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Robert D. Beecheler by his brother William Beecheler, and other family members and friends. Robert D. Beecheler served in the Navy during World War II. He was a retired teacher from Admiral King High School and also taught in the JVS Adult Career Center.

The Robert D. Beecheler Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an Adult Career Center student enrolled in the Building Trades program who is a veteran or the child of a veteran. David Kapalin is a veteran who served in the US Marine Corp from 1989 to 1993. The scholarship was presented by Robin Kopronica, who is the daughter of Robert D. Beecheler.

### **Recipients of the Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship**

The Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship was established in 2008 by the Hampson Family Foundation. Three scholarships are awarded annually to Adult Career Center students in need of financial assistance. Antuone, Krianna, and Brian were selected by their instructors for their excellence and dedication in the classroom. The scholarships were presented by Rebecca Dandurand and Rick Schau, Student Services Coordinators for the JVS Adult Career Center.



**Brian Trifiletti**  
Computerized  
Business Technology



**Krianna Miller,**  
Medical Assistant  
Program



**Antuone Johnson,**  
Precision Manufacturing  
Technology Program

### Spring Advisory Meeting

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center hosted its bi-annual Business Advisory Council meeting with the county's industry leaders. Advisory members play a valuable role in ensuring adult programs at the JVS maintain the rigor, relevance, and vision to keep the JVS at the forefront of worker retraining in Lorain County. Attendees were treated to some of the recent success stories of our students, as featured in the district's "I'm What Works at the JVS" video journalism project (<http://whatworksatlcjvs.wordpress.com/>).

JVS Cooking and Food Service students were showcased during the luncheon, in which they prepared Beef and Bell Pepper Tournedos, Seafood Tart, Beef with Burgundy Sauce in Puff Pastry, Old Fashioned Chicken Pot Pie, Mini Pork Tamales, Green Beans and Mushroom Au Poive, Asparagus Crème, Honey-Lemon Wings, Wasabi Wings, and an assortment of desserts. Their culinary expertise allowed our business partners a real world demonstration of how our students perform after being trained through the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center.

Long standing business and industry partnerships are vital to the success of our programs and subsequently the students. In addition to guiding our curriculum, our business partners provide necessary networking and employment opportunities to help our students succeed.

