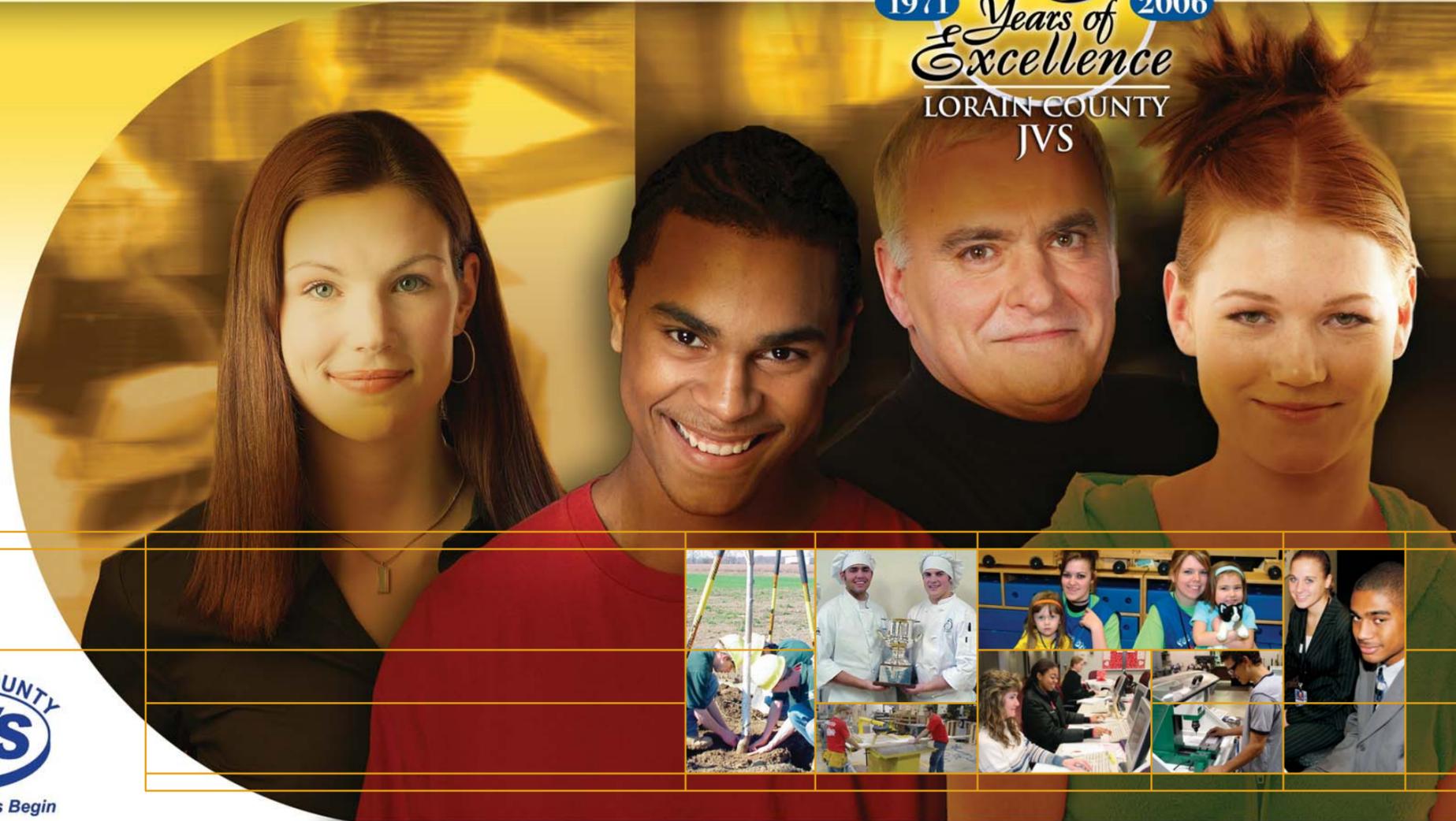
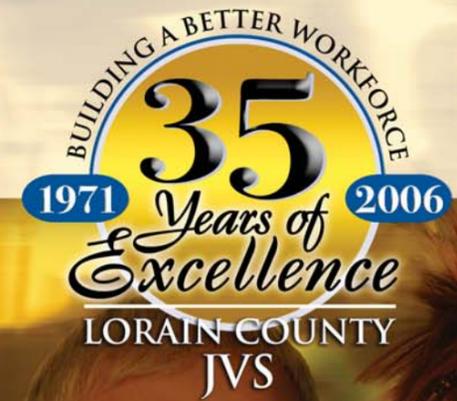




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35 YEARS OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Many advances have taken place in the 35-year history of the Lorain County JVS as we have responded to changes in education, technology, society, and Lorain County's workforce.

A "JVS" — Joint Vocational School — was envisioned by the late Governor James A. Rhodes in the 1960s during the decline of the coal and heavy manufacturing industries in Ohio. In order to avoid the economic and social issues of unemployment, he believed Ohio's schools needed to prepare a more technically skilled workforce.

Although vocational education was available in most city school districts, rural schools did not have the financial resources to offer technical training to their students. Therefore, these schools pooled their resources and created Joint Vocational School Districts that students from all of the participating districts could attend.

The Lorain County JVS is one of 49 Ohio Joint Vocational School Districts built in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1971, six participating school districts began

classes and we have since grown to encompass a total of 13 associate schools. Moreover, the JVS Adult Career Center enrolls over 4,000 adult students annually.

The JVS provides students with a sound academic foundation taught with relevance to the real world and opportunities for structured on-the-job training. Students are well prepared

to enter the workforce directly upon graduation or to continue their education at college.

The history of the JVS is rich in achievement because our graduates are successful! We are proud of the contributions they have made to our communities and Lorain County's economy.

While it's important to remember our history and celebrate our accomplishments, it's even more important to thoughtfully plan for the future. As we look to the future, one thing is certain, the JVS will continue to evolve and remain committed to providing the highest quality career-technical education to high school students and adult learners in Lorain County.



In the Beginning...

In 1971, after years of preparation and construction, Lorain County JVS opened its school doors to 320 students from six school districts — and with that, history was made.



Growing in Numbers and Support...

In the 1980s the curriculum expanded to 23 program options for students. The school also partnered with business and industry members to form advisory committees and dedicated the William R. Burton Building in honor of the founding JVS superintendent.

Changing with the Times...

With the technology boom of the 1990s came new opportunities. Along with the addition of college tech-prep programs, the JVS instituted a Summer Youth Internship Program with the help of our business and industry partners.

Agreements were also formed with area colleges to help students earn college credit for select JVS courses. A dual career path was developed to prepare students to enter the workforce upon graduation and attend college.

Computer technology infiltrated the curriculum. Personal computers were made accessible to all students and networking programs were added to the high school and adult curriculums. A school-wide computer network was established.

The JVS Educational Foundation was created to support and enhance the education of all JVS students.



New Beginnings in a New Century...

Today, the JVS embraces academic content standards to insure student mastery of language arts, math, science, and social studies skills.

The high school is organized around the academy concept. Students are part of a small community of learners. Curriculum includes integrated academics and multiple pathways to postsecondary education.

The Landscape and Greenhouse Management and Teacher Education Exploration programs help expand program options for students. A 2,400 square foot greenhouse is constructed; the first addition to the building since 1972.

Flags are raised over the Courtyard of Excellence as symbols of the school's partnerships and commitment to quality and excellence. These affiliations include: National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER), American Culinary Federation (ACF), Cisco Systems Networking Academy (Cisco), National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), and Automotive Yes (AYES).



Times of Acknowledgement...

During its 35 years, the JVS has been recognized for its accomplishments at local, state and national levels. In a community survey, 10,000 participants gave the JVS an "exceptional" rating on its economic development value to Lorain County.

Students in career-technical organizations consistently excel in local, state and national competitions. National contest winners earn thousands of dollars in college scholarships.

The State Department of Education Report Card shows that over 90%



of Lorain County JVS students graduate with a high school diploma, vocational certificate and employment.

Culinary and Building Trades Academies were named "exemplary" by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education.

The Adult Career Center earned an ISO 9001:2000 Certification and was accredited by the North Central Association; documentation that the Center is managing its operation by standards that are recognized worldwide.

