

## APS OFFERINGS

- Administrative Office Technology
- Animal Management
- Automotive Collision
- Automotive Technology
- Automotive YES
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Finance
- Career Prep
  - Business Technology
- Integrated Software
- Career Based Intervention
- Commercial Art
- Computer Aided Design
- Computer Aided Manufacturing
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Dental Assisting
- Early Childhood Education
- E-Commerce
- Electrical Trades
- Electronic Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Fire Safety/EMT
- Graphic Arts
- Heat, Ventilation & A/C
- High School of Business
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
  - Information Support & Services
  - Interactive Media
  - Network Systems
  - Programming & Software Development
- Integrated Software
- Marketing Education
- Masonry
- Medical
  - Diagnostic
  - Therapeutic
- Plumbing
- Pre-Engineering Bio-Technical
- Pre-Engineering/  
Pre-Architecture
- Restaurant Management
- Teacher Academy
- Transition-to-Work
- Welding
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## Career Education in Action

If you want to have a student get excited about learning, teach them what they need to know, why they need to know it and then provide them a relevant way to apply their learning. This is exactly what happens daily in Career Education programs, our students are excited about learning!

Teachers provide students with many project-based activities to help them learn. Classrooms are equipped with current equipment that provides the students with realistic opportunities to practice their knowledge and skills. Career Education students find learning challenging and fascinating!

Students like to test their skills, so competition and leadership development are a part of the Career Education instruction.

Students who apply themselves in our programs not only gain an excellent education, they develop leadership skills, provide community service, win awards and scholarships, earn college credits, and have exceptional high school experiences.

This issue features Career Education students' successes for this year. As you see the student's excitement in these photos, we believe you will agree "**Career Ed, It Works!**"

Students  
Enthusiastic  
About  
Learning!



Representative Brian Williams



Representative Stephen Dyer



Senator Kevin Coughlin



Representative John Otterman's aide Billy Benner

Career Ed Students  
visit Legislators!

# CAREER ED IT WORKS!

## Buchtel - Marketing

Buchtel High School marketing students collected and donated cell phones to a local battered women's shelter. This will last until the end of the school year. The students collaborated with the Mary Chapter #47 of the Eastern Stars in Akron, a service oriented organization. This initiative is a DECA community service project.



**House Project**  
 This years' house project was a challenge for all students and teachers but it also was a great learning experience for our students. The following Career Ed programs participated:  
 Construction at Ellet and Kenmore, Electrical Trades at Kenmore, Plumbing at Buchtel, HVAC at North, Masonry at East.

## Local Skills Contests

APS continues to foster relationships with the business community with our various skill contests:

- Auto Collision
- Computer aided Manufacturing
- Masonry
- Welding
- HVAC

The benefit of these partnerships has resulted in increased participation in skills USA activities. This year Akron sent 33 contestants to the skill contest in Columbus and the State Skills USA conference.

The outcome results in students working for various contractors in the area while in school and after graduation.



**Firestone – Pre Engineering**  
 Northeast Ohio Robotics  
 2nd place for engineering logs  
 Summit County  
 Bridgebuilding Competition  
 4th place overall



Sophomore Bobbi Brown was awarded Minorities in Technology Award from the Mayor

**IT- Garfield**  
 Juniors Jeremy Armocida and Brandon Billings participated in BPA, placed 2nd in Computer Animation  
 Senior Kevion Wilson has been working on an Internship laying cable for the new Akron Public Schools



Garfield Restaurant students with Iron Chef Michael Symon.



## Garfield Restaurant Management

Teacher, Diane Zupke organized a Career Week within her Restaurant Management program. Students heard speakers from Atlantic Foods, Lake Erie Foods, Tyson Foods, and Katie's Korner Ice Cream. Each speaker discussed their careers and then demonstrated a variety of food items for the students. Students were able to actively interact with the professionals making their learning relevant.

## Buchtel Restaurant Management

Leon Evans, a junior in the restaurant management program at Buchtel High School, participated in FCCLA's Dining Room Attendant Event. Leon received gold honors at district and state levels. He took 2nd place overall in the state competition. Leon has received scholarships from Connecticut Culinary and Hocking College for his performance at state. Way to go Leon!

## FEA News

Buchtel Teacher Academy rated Excellent at State for the banner and the scrapbook.

Banner group of students are; Kayla Brown, Ashley Clark, Briana Fields, Ayanna Johnson, Akil Gregory and Abbey Loraditch.

Scrapbook group of students are; Destiny Kimbrough, Damarah Chapman, Chelsea Scott, Paula Thomas, Latoya Hollinshead, Keneasha Pitts and Diamond Sadler.



**2008-2009 BPA Competition Winners**

**DID YOU KNOW**

that there are over 215 APS students working in paid employment opportunities thanks to the training they are receiving in their Career Education programs? Also, 16 APS students are serving in Apprenticeships with the following organizations: IBEW, Plumbers and Pipefitters, City of Akron, Mason Contractor's Association, Sheetmetal Local 33, and local machining and welding training businesses. CAREER ED IT WORKS!



**Integrated Software News at North High School**

The best thing that happened this year is that there are now 180 students that can be added to the computer literacy world! These students are now more knowledgeable about computer technology, its development and usage, and Microsoft Office Suite programs. Integrated Software is offered at all high schools for incoming freshmen.



North Akron Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 18th Annual Career Education Tops Awards program at North High School on April 1, 2009. Two hundred and sixteen Career Education students were honored. Awards were announced by the building principals and students were congratulated by Superintendent Mr. David James, School Board President James Hardy, and NACC Treasurer Leonard Falcone.



**Skills USA State:**  
Alexander Hawks, Rakia Wolfe, Branden Simone, Ashley Wisberger  
Video Production Team, Top 10

**Other CTSO News**

DECA District competitions- 159  
State competitions- 75  
National competitions-8

FCCLA Regional competitions-44  
State competitions-33  
National presenters- 3

Skills USA -  
Regionals - 34  
State Competitions - 21  
Nationals - 1

BPA -  
Regionals - 136  
State Competitions - 12

**National Presenters**

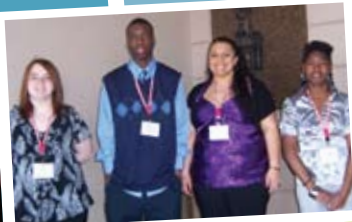


**BPA News**

**October 2008** - Students from Ellet and Firestone High Schools were selected to be regional officers for Business Professionals of America (BPA). They were: Ayeshia Wims, Verona Miller, Evan Faidley, Ashley Brannen, Melanie Wright, Nitizia Townsend.

**January 2009** - 12 Students from Buchtel, Ellet, and Firestone advance to State BPA competition. Clubs included Buchtel Administrative Office Technology; Ellet Administrative Office Technology and High School of Business: Ellet Information Technology; Firestone Administrative Office Technology and Business Finance. 10 of these students placed in the Top Ten in State.

**March 2009** - BPA students from Ellet and Firestone raise \$550 for Special Olympics. Todd Eisinger (multiple gold medal winners) and the coordinator of the Area Ten Special Olympics received the check on behalf of Special Olympics.



This year the Garfield CADD (Computer Aided Drafting and Design) Skills USA CTSO took responsibility for the paper recycling program in our high school. Students participated in a presentation by Shelly Kadilak from Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Association who brought us 75 recycling containers

to place one in each of the Garfield classrooms and offices. Students placed flyers announcing the recycling program into all the teacher mailboxes and every Thursday a team goes around the school building collecting all the recyclable paper products and placing them into the recycling containers.

Richard Hickman, David Tell, and Joe Nicolino received gift cards to Best Buy for submitting the winning Public Service Announcement on how to get and keep good credit.



**Ohio Attorney General: 2009 Take Action Public Service Announcement Contest**

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## Purpose of the newsletter:

Welcome to the Akron Public Schools, Office of Career Education Newsletter. This newsletter is produced to: highlight the accomplishments of our students, share the excellent educational opportunities available to Akron Public Schools' students, develop an awareness of community contributions by the Career Education programs, and inform and build partnerships with our community members. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative.

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## Snow Scholarship Winners

Mr. William Bryan Snow, a First Merit client, was in the long distance trucking business, and this scholarship is named in his honor. The purpose of the W.B. Snow Scholarship is to promote the professional growth of all persons seeking training and education in the manual skills and trades in Summit County. This scholarship program is open to Akron Public School Career Education seniors enrolled in a skilled trade program, who are on track for graduation and who will attend a post-secondary institution immediately after graduation.



Martez Williams



Tazo Harper



Tylan Stone



Felton Sharpshire



Elizabeth Aromhalt



Usaanam Tangier



Alex Darkow

**\$1,500**  
renewable  
scholarships  
given to  
Career  
Education  
students.

## University of Akron Pre-Engineering Internships:

Alex Darkow and  
Zach Schroeder

Anna Dorfi and  
Angel Pay

Bruce Perry and  
Shammas Malik

Parker Miller and  
Katie Graham



9 Garfield students took their State  
Cosmetology Licensing Exam and passed!

## Scholarships

Rotary Awards - \$200 scholarships  
given to 10 APS students and 18  
\$100.00 scholarships awarded to  
Career Education students.



## Buchtel - Medical- PreNursing

15 students took state test for  
nursing assistants, 15 passed!

