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Students Meet Their Legislators

Many people associate April 15th as tax day, but for 11 Akron Public Schools' students it was truly an exciting, educational day in Columbus! The Legislative Luncheon is an opportunity for students to meet with their legislators and share with them the impact that Career Education programs have had in their lives. Student ambassadors for Akron Public Schools Career Education were: Sha Nay Bushner, Brandy Cannon, Armin Cvoric, Larry Dobbins, Alex Harris, Kyle Mc Mullen, Erica Morris, Latashia Neal, Jessica Syler, Ayeshia Wims, and Aubrey Young. The legislators were very impressed with the students and their achievements.

Highlights of the day included: hearing all of the state presidents of the Career and Technical student organizations; conferencing with Representative John Otterman and Senator Tom Sawyer in their offices; engaging with Senator Kevin Coughlin's aides over lunch; and being recognized as visitors on the floor of the House of Representatives by Representative Brian Williams and the floor of the Senate by both Senators Sawyer and Coughlin.

The Legislative Luncheon was sponsored by the Ohio ACTE organization. Students were accompanied by Gloria Harms, Richard Messenger, and Frank Meyers.





Students enrolled in Career and Technical programs have the opportunity to join student organizations. These organizations allow the students to develop leadership skills, apply their program skills and knowledge to a competitive event, and provide community service.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA) prepares business students for the workplace by developing their leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills.

DECA is an organization for students enrolled in Marketing Education. Students compete at the district level and earn the right to compete at both state and national levels.

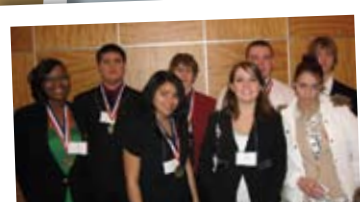
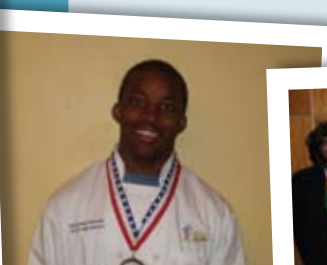
FAMILY, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)'s purpose is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Students must win at Regional competition to advance to State competition, and win first place at State to advance to Nationals.

NATIONAL FFA (FFA) is an organization that prepares members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture.

OHIO FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA (OFEA) is a student organization for students interested in a career in education. The Buchtel Teacher Academy program competes in this organizations' state competition annually.

SKILLS USA is a student organization that serves students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Competitive events may be held at either the district and/or state level.



Career and Technical Student Organizations

Buchtel Cluster

BPA
Advisor: Gloria Fenner
Region/District Participants: 26

DECA
Advisor: Virginique Whitmore
Region/District Participants: 25
State Qualifiers:
Rinaldo Finsley, Anthony Parmer, Andrea Bushner, Shawnta Davis

Skills USA
Region/District Participants: 7

State Qualifiers:
Sha'Nay Bushner, Nurse Assistant
Instructor: Debbie Gray
Martell Lowery, Plumbing

Instructor: Mike McGill
Aschante Carmona, Steve Simon, Emma Thornton
Promotional Bulletin Board

Brian Westfall
Fire Fighting
Instructor: Henry Lewis

College Tech Prep Showcase
(only HS juniors entered in this contest)

Instructor: Henry Lewis
Airway Management Team - 2nd place overall
Emma Thornton, Miles Webb, Tyquay Bromme, Aschante Carmona

Save a Life Team -
Steve Simon, Nick Boware, Ron Carroll, Delvin Beasley

OFEA
Advisor: Linda Glover
State Qualifiers:
25 competed. Chapter placed in Top 10 in Banner and Display Board competition. Four other events received ribbons.

National Qualifiers:
11 competed at National FEA conference. In addition to competitions, Latoya McDaniel, Laterica Jackson, Davontae Hullum, Cheney McKenzie, and Tiffany Tucker, with instructor Linda Glover were invited to present at the conference.

FCCLA
Advisor: Susan Huntley
Region/District Participants: 2
State Qualifiers:
Shaianne White and Naiya Thomas - Gold at State

East Cluster

BPA
Advisor: Rob Bryant
Region/District Participants: 18

DECA
Advisor: Sue Schutte
Region/District Participants: 21
State Qualifiers: 19
Top Ten at State were: Emily Eskaov, Courtney Hays, Richard Johnson, David Esakov, Ellen Esakov, John Gray, Miles Hamilton, and Darrell Shuler

FCCLA
Advisor: Pam Jones
Region/District Participants: 1

State Qualifiers:
DeKontee Morris

Skills USA
Region/District Participants: 8
State Qualifiers:
Tameka Bayless, Ciara Morris, Dominique Mingo
Community Service

Katelyn Goodwin
Dental Assisting
Instructor: Michelle Johnson
Bryant Taylor, Devan Micochero
Robotics

Instructor: Fred Weiss
Eric Cosey, Devon Lochert
Promotional Bulletin Board

Instructor: Ed Moats
Gloria Brown
Promotional Bulletin Board
Tyler Murray - Job Skills Demo,
2nd place in State for Poster Contest

Natalie Batten - First place in State for T-shirt Design Contest

Instructor: Kay Dreslinski
Alex Harris
Welding

Instructor: Bill Troutman
National Qualifiers:
Katelyn Goodwin, Tameka Bayless, Ciara Morris, Dominique Mingo

Graphic Arts Council of Cleveland

Benny Award Winners:
Tiffany Cotto, Sara Shreve, James McGowen, Brittany Tucker

Instructor: Kay Dreslinski

Ford-AAA
State of Ohio Auto-Skills Competition
Cody Jones, Justin LaFever
8th place overall
Instructor: Robert Joseph

Ellet Cluster

BPA
AOT Advisor: Tracy Ebner & Tari Nockengost
Region/District Participants: 24
BPA IT Advisor: Barb Williams
Region/District Participants: 40

State Qualifiers:
Larry Dobbins - Insurance concepts

Paul Bralek, Tyler Lower - Global Marketing Team
Richard Hickman, Erika Slaughter - Video Production Team

FCCLA
Advisors: Linda Dillon, Michele Whitehurst, Carol Zona, Deb Firtha
Region/District Participants: 17

State Qualifiers:
Ellet: Susan Wallis- Gold

Hyre: Tristen Hinchee, Alicia Ivanoff, - Gold
Julie Culp, Megan Anderson, Haley Powers - Gold
Laura Faverty, Autumn Davis- Gold

Amanda Rowe, Jessica Haynes- state awards

National Qualifiers:
Hyre: Julie Culp, Megan Anderson, Haley Powers.

FFA
Advisors: Ann Rose, Judy Blower
Region/District Participants: 15

State Qualifiers:
State Winners:
1st place team: Dog Grooming- Amanda Kesler, Ashley Goodwin, Meranda Smith, Amy Dailey, Dani Reedy, Sarah Pratt, Danielle Cole, and Cory Hammer

1st place: Dani Reedy
2nd place: Amy Dailey
4th place: Sarah Pratt
5th place: Ashley Goodwin
6th place: Amanda Kesler
7th place: Meranda Smith
8th place: Danielle Cole

8th place team: Animal Management



Organizations – A fun way to learn and grow!

Firestone Cluster

BPA

AOT Advisor: Heather Curry
Region/District Participants: 23

State Recognition:
3 Torch Award Winners:
Jordan Lee, Cory Strempek,
Ashley Fitzgerald

National Recognition:
18 Torch Award Winners:
Anthony Ancona, Grant Backus, Lea Bagley, Jazzmin Bowman, Krystine Brown, Doneric Chatman, Latitia Corbin, Jabrel Dawson, Nick Delagrange, Travis Kesecker, Justin Lynch, Racquel McCord, Verona Miller, Ben Patrick, Michael Senn, Velma Walker, Chris Wertz, Autavia Hinson

Business Finance Advisor:
Rose Van Valien
Region/District Participants: 19

State Qualifiers:
Andra Grecu -
Advanced Accounting

Ayeshia Wims -
Presentation Management
Janae Paradis -
Insurance Concepts

National Recognition:
6 Torch Award Winners:
Andra Grecu, Porshia Green,
Maximilian Henry, Nitzia Townsend, Kayla Williams,
Nyeeshia Graham

State Treasurer's Portfolio Investment Simulation

Region/District Participants: 16
Took First and Second place at April competition

First - Isaac Kawa, Max Henry
Second - Duane Clemmons, Ross Davis, Johnny Stafford

Business Finance Advisor:
Rose Van Valien

DECA Winners

Advisor: Jill Sweitzer
Region/District Participants: 44

State Qualifiers:
29 students competed at State: Kayla Anderson, Kate Englehart, Brendan Gwin, David Nees, Christina Stembidge, Jacob Rosen, Paige Smith, Christine Saidi, Aisha Hicks, Jeff Brantley, Andrew Kopp, Harry Crawford, Mike Wise, Anne Julian, Tiffany Tichon, Richette Burand, Molly Putnam, Danielle Shaw, Andrew Gallo, Zach Michael, Elizabeth Haase, Steve Forfia, Alexis Latson, Sara Smith, Christina Brooks, Lindsay Marsh, Angel Townsend, Ayrika Wright, Julie Sweitzer

National Qualifiers:
8 competed: Jacob Rosen, Paige Smith, Christina Stembidge, Lindsay Marsh, Christina Brooks, Andrew Gallo, Julie Sweitzer

Project Lead The Way

Instructor: Dan Spak
Local Competitions:
Balsa Wood Bridge
1st place -
Stephen Freitag, Rob Culp
2nd place - Brandy Cannon, Dillon Bonine and Bruce Perry

Cardboard Canoe Race
Tie for 1st place:
Team 1
Jordan Shaffer,
John Hoffman, Danicha Neal
Team 2
Andrew Durkin,
Nate Shaffer, Abigail Freitag

Skills USA

Instructor: Dan Spak
Region/District Participants: 1

State Qualifiers:
Brandy Cannon,
prepared speech, 4th place

Garfield Cluster

FCCLA

Advisor: Diane Zupke
Region/District Participants: 4
State Qualifiers:
Theresa Jones- Silver

"Formula One Technology Challenge" sponsored by Buckeye Educational Systems

Advisor: Shane Klopfer
Region/District Participants: 15
Goodrich students

State Qualifiers:
Team: Steven Sakacse,
Miranda Christensen,
Chue Vang - First Place in State

Skills USA

Region/District Participants: 11

State Qualifiers:
Tashae Jackson,
Kristy Raines, Ahlam Suleman,
Davina Foreman
-Health Knowledge Bowl

Kaylynne Hardman,
Destiy Smith,
Marcellous Smith, Eric Wilson
- Promotional Bulletin Board

Sharon Sandival
- Medical Assistant

Instructor: Lois Gardner

Greg McHood
-Precision Maching
Nanlon Bibey
-CNC Milling

Instructor: Phil Mitchell

Tim Chounramany
-Auto Refinishing
Instructor: Bob Robinson

Kenmore Cluster

DECA

Advisor: Julie Garcia
Region/District Participants: 29

State Qualifiers:
Isaiah Chapman, Keith Despot,
Nathan Lewis, Wesley Payne,
Jerome Watson

FCCLA

Advisors: Steve Frank, Mary Ann Horak

Region/District Participants: 7

State Qualifiers:
Innes: Danielle Goodwin,
Andrea Hubbard, Taylor Dunkley,
Jessica Johnson, Jamie Sullinger - State Awards

FCCLA

Advisor: Therese Chadbourne
Region/District Participants: 3

State Qualifiers:
Riedinger: Tiara Hatch, Tianah Cherry, Leanna Sherman -
State Awards

Skills USA

Advisor: Dennis McAviney
Region/District Participants: 4

State Qualifiers:
Robert Scaduto
Industrial Motor Control
Jacob Hildreth
Electrical wiring

North Cluster

BPA

Advisor: Mary Hnath
Region/District Participants: 28

DECA

Advisor: Linda Godfrey
Region/District Participants: 35

State Qualifiers:
13 competed: David Maze,
Koblia Vue, Brittany Weaver,
Alicia Cooke, Ebony Scruggs,
Yusef Bridges, Jessica Syler, Brad Mayhew, David Stoneking, Stephen Triola, Tibor Gal, Kaedra Herink, Dejana Soprenic.

National Qualifiers:
Brad Mayhew, Yusef Bridges,
Kaedra Herink, Jessica Syler,
Dejana Soprenic

FCCLA

Advisor: Pat Gibson
Region/District Participants: 6

State Qualifiers:
Ben Fluellen - Gold
Amanda Edwards - Bronze

Skills USA

Advisor: Kevin Cook
State Qualifiers:
HVAC: Cody Behrens

Rotary Continues to "Give Back" to the Community

Annually the Akron Rotary Organization grants scholarships to Career Education students. Students may receive one of two scholarships, either the Rotary Student of the Year, where they compete against others in the district for this \$200 scholarship, or the Rotary Outstanding Students of the Year, which is a competition within their program. This is a \$100 scholarship. Once selected, the students are invited to a Rotary luncheon where they are recognized for their achievements and receive their scholarships.

The Rotary Student of the Year \$200 scholarship recipients were: Erica Morris, Ben Fluellen, Devon Micochero, Latashia Neal, Shatira Freeman, Dominique Jackson, Stephen Triola, and Shomari Akhdar.

The Rotary Outstanding Students of the Year \$100 scholarship winners were: Shana Alton, Natalie Batten, Cody Behrens, Whitney Brown, Sha Nay Bushner, Amira Carswell, Jessie Colbert, Devan Curet, Cissy Hazelett, Tedette Jones, Josh Lewis, LaToya Lewis, Markesha Mason, Zachary Michael, Sandra Miller, Amber Monahan, Kayla Rosekelly, Amber Schmitt, Christopher Smelko, and Bryant Taylor.

Congratulations Students!



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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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Special Recognition:

On Monday, May 5th, Dan Spak was awarded Project Lead The Way Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the University of Akron and the Minorities in Mainstream Technology Committee. The award was presented to Mr. Spak by Dr. Small, Superintendent of Akron Public Schools, at the Mayor's 23rd Annual Awards Banquet. Dan is the PLTW teacher at Firestone High School.

Both Heather Curry and Rose Van Valien's Firestone Business Professionals of America (BPA) organizations were recognized at the National Level as chapters achieving Quality Distinction. This award is given to BPA chapters that are actively involved based on specific and elective criteria. Only 10 chapters in Ohio were awarded this distinction in 2007-2008.

Congratulations to these teachers!



Seventeenth Annual Tops Awards Recognition Night

Over two hundred and thirty Career Education students from all of Akron's high school career programs were recognized for their achievement at the Top Awards Recognition program on April 2, 2008. Students were eligible to receive the *Ambassador Award*, the *Career Excellence Award*, or the *Robert Hughey Award*. The awards were announced by their building principals and distributed by James Hardy and Jason Haas, members of the Board of Education.

Additionally, the W.B. Snow Scholarship winners were announced and presented by First Merit Bank. Six students each received a \$1,500 renewable scholarship. The scholarship winners were: Alex Snyder, Anthony Wheeler, Justin LaFever, Cheney Mc Kenzie, Cierra Clark, Cody Jones, and Telissa Smith.

Three Career Education students were the recipients of a new scholarship, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Scholarship. This scholarship includes \$1,500, two summer paid internships and a laptop computer. The recipients of this scholarship were: Andrew Gallo, Lordell Horne, and Kevin Gray.

A reception followed the awards program for the students and family members. The Tops program is sponsored by the North Akron Chamber of Commerce, hosted at North High School and is organized by the Office of Career Education and the Tops Committee.

Congratulations Students!

