

## January 2011 Newsletter

### Employer of the Month Honored

Warren County Career Center recently honored Interstate Ford as the January 2011 Employer of the Month. Over the past six years, the car dealership's body shop has hired 10 WCCC students from the Automotive Collision program, and has also provided 30-day internship experiences for all Automotive Collision students.

Body Shop Manager Diania Ringer said she enjoys serving on the school's advisory committee and helping with the program. "The students come in with a lot of knowledge when we hire them, but it is still a learning process for them," she said. "They have learned the basic skills in their lab, but then in a real business they learn time management and how to work under pressure, which is very critical in our industry."

WCCC student Mike Moore, Franklin, is a current employee at Interstate as he finishes his senior year of high school. "It is way different working in the body shop from our experience in the lab," he said. "We see many different types of repairs in the body shop and learn to perform more extensive repairs."

"My students learn the basics in my lab, and then they learn how to use those skills in the shop,"



From left, WCCC Secondary Education Director Gary Patton, WCCC Treasurer Karen Royer, WCCC Superintendent Maggie Hess, Automotive Collision Business Advisor Nick Fazio of State Farm, Diania Ringer of Interstate Ford, WCCC Adult Education Director Tom Harris, WCCC Senior Mike Moore of Franklin, and WCCC Automotive Collision Instructor Virgil Neal.

WCCC Instructor Virgil Neal said. "I could not do what I do without my business advisors. They help to provide opportunities for my students and were with me to assist with the recertification process for NATEF (National Automotive Technician Education Foundation)."

**Celebrate Career-Technical Education Month in February!**

## CenturyLink Donates Funds for Technology

CenturyLink recently donated \$12,650 to the Warren County Career Center to be used for distance learning and conferencing equipment. Mark Bennett, Area Supervisor, attended the December 2010 board meeting to present the check. CenturyLink, formerly Embarq, is a long-time business partner and supporter of the Warren County Career Center. “We appreciate our business partners who support our mission of preparing our students to enter, compete and advance in a changing work world,” Board President Bobbie Grice said. “This donation will be used to provide technology to benefit not only our students and staff, but also community members who use our facilities for meetings.”



Board President Bobbie Grice is pictured accepting the check from Mark Bennett.

## Enroll Now to Update, Learn New Skills

Learn the newest versions of Microsoft Office at the Warren County Career Center. Classes in Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook, and One Note 2010 will help you stay current as businesses and homes update their computer systems to 2010 versions. Class start dates and times vary so check our newest catalog to see a schedule, or log onto [www.mywccc.org](http://www.mywccc.org), choose Adult Education, and find the [link to our online catalog](#). For your convenience, you can even [register online](#) for any part-time class. Four business-oriented workshops will be held in March, April and May on the subject of social media marketing. Learn from expert Michelle Beckham-Corbin, owner and principal of C3: Creating Connections Consulting. Our instructor has over 20 years experience in the corporate, non-profit and small business arenas and will teach you more about Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogs, Mobile Marketing, LinkedIn, and Google. See our [catalog](#) for details.

## WCCC Students Attend SkillsUSA Leadership Conference



Brent Taylor, Senior Automotive Collision, Little Miami; SkillsUSA National Vice President Emily Combs, Senior Cosmetology, Little Miami; and Jackson Ertel, Junior Graphic Arts, Little Miami; visit with U.S. Rep. Jean Schmidt while attending the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in January. The team won a Gold Medal in Opening/Closing Ceremony and a Silver Medal in Quiz Bowl at the conference. Advisor is WCCC Instructor Virgil Neal.

## Coming Up in February!

- February is Career-Technical Education Month
- Feb. 4 District Business Advisory Council meeting, location at Aerospace Academy
- Feb. 17 Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Presidents' Day
- Feb. 28 Take a Legislator to School Day, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

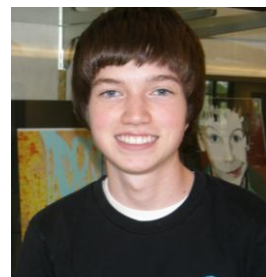
## Heavy Equipment Students explore virtual operation



Warren County Career Center Heavy Equipment students in the high school and adult education programs explored CAT simulators recently in a hands-on demonstration at the school. Andrew Cardinal of CAT Simulators brought four stations to WCCC and set them up for the students. Ben Courson and John Young, both Ohio CAT Technical Training Supervisors also attended and worked with students. At left, Mr. Young watches as adult student Mark Monk, Springboro, drives the simulator.

## WCCC/Kings Student Competes for Overture Award

Grant Leung and Brooke Johnson, AP Digital Media Arts students at Kings High School, a satellite program of the Warren County Career Center, were judged recently in the semi-finals competition of the Cincinnati Arts Association's Overture Awards. Grant is one of the top four visual art finalists and will compete in the Overture Finals competition on Feb. 26 at the Aronoff Center. He has won a guaranteed \$500 and will be in competition for a \$2,500 scholarship.



## BPA Region 17 Holds Competition at WCCC



Business Professionals of America Ohio Region 17 competitions were held at WCCC recently. Hundreds of students in business and information technology programs from all over the area vied for spots in state competition, to be held in Columbus March 17-18. At left, Legal Office Technology senior Nicole Baase, Little Miami, talks to her instructor, Pam Plunkett, after her Interviewing Skills competition. She was one of six from that WCCC program who competed. Students from Little Miami, Kings and Springboro WCCC satellite programs also competed.

### Mission

To prepare youths and adults to make informed career choices and to successfully enter, compete, and advance in a changing world.

### Vision

WCCC is the valued partner of choice within the educational and economic systems of our communities, by providing quality academic and career technical education. We pave the way for a future of opportunities unique to each of our learners.