

## May 2011 Newsletter

### WCCC Project Excellence Teacher Named

Culinary Instructor Teresa Collins was named the 2011 Excellent Educator for the Warren County Career Center through Area Progress Council's Project Excellence. She was honored, along with 17 other teachers from all districts in the county, at a banquet held at WCCC on May 3. Ironically, she helped prepare and serve her own meal, because the Culinary program caters the annual event.

"I love to watch my students succeed," she said. "I watch them come in with no real career goals and see them become accomplished and find their direction."

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Teresa Collins, top left, is surrounded by her students

### Sign-A-Rama Named Employer of the Month



At left, Kathy and Steve Bahns with WCCC staff and students

Sign-A-Rama in Lebanon was honored as the May 2011 Employer of the Month for the Warren County Career Center. Owners Steve and Kathy Bahns have employed a student from the Graphic Arts program and have plans to employ more as their business grows. They also offered the students a tour of their shop recently, showing them how a sign business operates.

"I am overwhelmed by receiving this award," Steve Bahns said. "I look forward to future projects with the Graphics students."

## WCCC Senior Awards Ceremony Held May 26

Tori Randolph, Franklin, Greentree Health Science Academy, was the WCCC 2011 Valedictorian. She spoke at the Senior Awards Ceremony, held May 26, about how Career-Technical Education helped her reach her career goals. Tori has been a cheerleader at Franklin for five years, and was also in competitive cheer. She is a member of the Franklin High School National Honor Society and the WCCC National Technical Honor Society. Nearly \$727,000 in scholarships was awarded to the 336 seniors.



Tori Randolph receives her Valedictorian award.  
See more photos in the [Photo Gallery](#).

## Adult Education Offers 1+1 Programs

Warren County Career Center Adult Education and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College have partnered to offer “one plus one” programs bridging WCCC career training programs in advanced electrical occupations to an Associate of Technical Studies in Electrical Power Technology. Students will have the advantage of taking their first year at WCCC in either Electrical Power Line Mechanic or Electromechanical-PLC Technician to earn industry certifications and gain workforce skills, and then take the second year through Cincinnati State to earn an associate degree. The programs currently have about a 90 to 100 percent placement rate for successful completers. There are expected to be many job openings in advanced industrial and utility electrical occupations due to retirements, and workers coming into the field will need to be highly skilled. For more information about the programs, contact Ben Brigham at 513-932-8145 ext. 5272.

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## Friend of Education, Students Recognized at Board Meeting

Tim Ely, Beacon Electric, was honored as the 2011 WCCC Friend of Education through the Ohio School Public Relations Association. He was recognized at the May board meeting for providing educational opportunities to WCCC students, and for serving on the District and Electricity Advisory Committees. “Tim Ely is a friend of students,” Electricity Instructor Rick Centers said. “He gives each one a chance to be successful. He truly believes that there is good in every child, you just have to find it.”

Also recognized at the May board meeting were all the students who excelled at the state and national levels in Career Technical Student Organizations.



From left, WCCC Board President Bobbie Grice, Superintendent Maggie Hess, Friend of Education Tim Ely, Director of Secondary Gary Patton, Electricity Instructor Rick Centers.

## Project SEARCH Equips Students for Life, Work



Mrs. Hempel congratulates her students. See more photos in the [Photo Gallery](#).

Project SEARCH, a program for students with special needs located at Otterbein Lebanon, held Graduation May 24 for the students completing the program. "I truly believe that throughout our lifetimes we are given opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of other people," Superintendent Maggie Hess told the group. "As I think about my conversations with our graduates, and look at them this evening...I know without a doubt Project SEARCH has been one of those opportunities for each of us."

## Greentree Health Science Academy Moving Forward

The long-time dream of educational partners coming together to offer health career programs in one facility is finally coming to reality. The new Greentree Health Science Academy is on track for completion in July 2011. Located on the Atrium Medical Center campus in Middletown and built by the City of Middletown, it will house WCCC's two-year Health Science Tech Prep high school program and Adult Education health care programs including Medical Assistant and Billing and Coding. Miami University will move its nursing lab to the site and will offer general education classes. Miami also hopes to offer a Health Information Technology program in the fall. Cincinnati State will offer a Paramedic degree program.

## 14 Complete Gateway to Success, Earn HS Diplomas

Fourteen area students completed their high school credit requirements this year and earned their diplomas through WCCC's Gateway to Success program, located at Miami University Middletown. This program for young people ages 18-21 whose classmates have graduated, is offered at no cost through WCCC. At right, Superintendent Maggie Hess congratulates one of the graduates. See more photos in [Photo Gallery](#).



## Coming Up in June!

- **June 7**, Last Day for High School Juniors
- **June 9, 7 p.m.**, Adult Education Recognition, WCCC Commons
- **June 14-16**, High Tech Career Camp
- **June 16, 6:30 p.m.**, Regular Board Meeting
- **June 27, 5:30 p.m.**, Special Board Meeting for final appropriations

### 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.