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A Family Affair



5 Members of the Caine Clan Launched Careers at CVCC

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“We are family...” These lyrics made famous by Sister Sledge also apply to the Caine family of Brecksville, whose four children graduated from CVCC and became a part of our family. The sons and daughters of Bill and Sharon Caine have made their parents very proud.

Will Caine completed our Programming & Software Development program in 2004. Caroline Caine graduated from our Digital Design program in 2005, and twins Jackie Caine and Joe Caine completed The Company program and Electronics program respectively, in 2006.

Mr. William Caine, father of the four graduates, took the time to write to Susan Hoopes, CVCC’s job placement coordinator, updating us on the progress of his children, including daughter-in-law, Tracey Oryl, a 2004 CVCC graduate of the Cosmetology program.

“I plug your program all the time as a great option to help get internships/jobs to help pay for college and then get a job,” Mr. Caine writes to Mrs. Hoopes.

As the oldest, Will blazed a trail for his siblings.

“I do not remember what made me decide to go, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions I could have made for my career,” Will says. “Spending half the school day at CVCC for two years earned me way more experience than my peers at home school. This made my first year intro college classes much easier since I knew most material covered. It also helped me get my internship that became my full-time job for the past six years.”



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COVER PHOTO: Left to right: Jackie, Caroline, Joe, Tracey and Will at the 2009 wedding of Tracey and Will.

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ADULT ED DELIVERS TOP-NOTCH TRAINING

95% of Adult Career Students Land Jobs

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Adult Education classes offer residents the ability to retool their skills and enter or advance in the 21st Century workforce.

In 2010-11, 228 adult students who took classes in health careers became certified or licensed dental assistants, medical assistants, practical nurses, EKG technicians, phlebotomists and emergency medical technicians.

Eighty-eight adults came to CVCC for our quality industrial training in Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning, Computer Numerical Control, Programmable Logic Controllers and Electrical Apprenticeship classes. Many students were sent by local companies to learn new skills needed for advanced level jobs.

Your Place or Ours
Through CVCC's customized training program, which sends instructors to the workplace, 182 people at local businesses

learned new computer skills to meet unique job requirements.

Keeping pace with ever-changing technology, 362 adults took computer classes ranging from introductory level Microsoft applications to instruction in graphic design and web production using Adobe CS5 software.

In as few as five months, CVCC's Adult Education programs in health care and public safety offer students the education needed to gain certifications that document skills and training.

The Adult Education department's most recent performance data show 95% of students who completed career programs find employment.

Following successful completion of academic coursework, clinical experiences and externships, the most recent pass rates on state and national certification and licensing exams are as follows:

National Certification Programs	
◆ Dental Assisting	100%
◆ Licensed Prac. Nursing	92%
◆ EKG Technician	91%
◆ Phlebotomy	96%
◆ Reg. Medical Assistant	83%
◆ Emergency Med. Tech.	89%

These pass rates are consistently above the state and national average and are indicative of the quality education at CVCC.

For more information about customized training, industrial training, computer training, career program training and leisure/special interest classes, visit www.cvccworks.com or call 440.746.8230

Register to vote for the Nov. 8 general election at:

Your local public administration facility or your local public library, at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us> or <http://www.summitcountyboe.com/>.

★ Registration Deadline for Cuyahoga and Summit counties is **Tuesday, Oct. 11**

Absentee Voter Information

★ Deadline to submit an application for an absentee ballot is noon on **Saturday, Nov. 5.**

★ Absentee Ballots must be postmarked no later than **Nov. 7** or returned in person to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (by 7:30 p.m. on **Nov. 8**) at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

★ For Summit County, absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than **Nov. 7** or returned in person to the Summit County Board of Elections (by 7:30 p.m. on **Nov. 8**) at 470 Grant St., Akron, Ohio 44311.

★ For more information, contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216.443.3200 or 216.443.3298 (absentee ballots), or the Summit County Board of Elections at 330.643.5200.

Five Students Place in National Competitions

Five Cuyahoga Valley Career Center students -- three juniors and two recent graduates -- did CVCC very proud this spring and summer.

Jesse Yagl of North Royalton and **Matthew Selander** of Twinsburg together placed third at BPA (Business Professionals of America) national competition as participants on the Web Applications team. Matthew was also featured this summer on the website of the Ohio Department of Education for his many achievements at his home school and at CVCC during his two years of perfect attendance.

In addition, two junior Dental Assisting students, **Catherine Baldner** of Garfield Heights and **Caitlin Kraus** of Brecksville-Broadview Heights, placed sixth out of 80 teams at national HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition this summer. They competed in the Career Health Display category with their presentation on forensic dentistry.

Junior **Daniel Mitocky** of Cuyahoga Heights, a student in the Power Equipment program, brought home a 16th place showing in national SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City.

Congratulations to all these students on their fine accomplishments. They first had to earn top finishes in regional and state competitions in order to advance to national level contests.

Caine Family Dynasty at CVCC

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Since mid-year of 2003, his senior year of high school, Will has been employed as a programmer for the Sherwin-Williams Company. Last December, Will graduated Cum Laude from Cleveland State University (CSU) with a master's degree in computer engineering. His wife, Tracey, from Cuyahoga Heights, is also pursuing a master's degree at CSU.

Caroline graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ohio University with dual degrees in Digital Interactive/Multimedia in the summer of 2009. She currently works full-time as a motion graphic designer at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Jackie graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bowling Green State University in May 2010. She started graduate school there last year, studying accounting.

"I'm proud to say that she received a full academic scholarship for her master's program," adds Mr. Caine.



Sharon and Bill Caine are the proud parents of four successful CVCC alumni and a daughter-in-law who is also a CVCC graduate.

Joe is studying electrical engineering at the University of Akron and plans to graduate this year. He is working at his third internship with First Energy in Shippingport, Pennsylvania.

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We are proud to recognize the Caines as part of the CVCC Family and would be equally as proud to welcome you as members of our family, too!

For additional information about any of our 29 high school programs, please call 440.746.8286, or visit our website: www.cvccworks.com.



Jesse Yagl Matthew Selander Daniel Mitocky



Left to right: Caitlin Kraus and Catherine Baldner

Programs for All Ages Offered...Most are

Providing career direction to all of **YOU** is a vital part of our role here at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, no matter your age or circumstances. Although career-focused activities are provided to **26,000** students and **1,600** educators in our CVCC school district, we offer a host of programs to non-students and non-educators through our Career Development, High School and Adult Education departments.

For more information about our services and programs, please visit www.cvccworks.com. Here are highlights from School Year 2010-11:

- ◆ **STUDENT JOB FAIR** - 970 students, 300 parents and 39 employers participated. Employers interviewed and hired students for part-time, seasonal and volunteer positions. (Next Job Fair Thursday, March 8, 2012.)
- ◆ **JOB-SEEKER SERIES** - 340 adults attended the series, featuring assistance with career assessments, résumé preparation, interviewing skills and labor market information. Since Job-Seekers began, more than 1,000 adults have participated. (Next Job-Seeker event Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 to 11:15 a.m.)
- ◆ **SUMMER CAREER CAMPS** - 300 students entering eighth, ninth and 10th



High school students acquired ample information on careers in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** during our third annual STEM career expo featuring several northeast Ohio companies, professionals in these fields and numerous colleges showcasing related programs.

grades attended summer career camps that allowed them to experience one of 15 careers.

- ◆ **STEM EXPO** - 300 students and parents attended this event featuring 44 companies and professional organizations, 50 professionals from the high demand career fields of **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**, and 14 colleges. ("Discover Engineering" will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.)

- ◆ **CAREER EXPLORATION** - 2,200 middle school students explored career activities and assessments here at CVCC during February, March and April.

- ◆ **SEMINARS FOR PARENTS** - 243 parents and students attended **FREE** seminars including "College and Career Planning," "Career Assessments" and "College Survival Skills 101." (Next seminar: "College and Career Planning" for Parents and Students - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 to 9 p.m.)

- ◆ **COLLEGE NIGHT** - Nearly 2,000 students and parents met with 135 college representatives, sponsored by 10 area high schools and CVCC. (Next College Night Oct. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m.)

- ◆ **"IT's FOR GIRLS,"** a forum designed to foster interest in Information Technology (IT) careers, included 64 young women and 32 professionals. (Next forum Friday, Dec. 9.)

- ◆ **GLASS CEILING LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** - More than 50 junior and senior girls representing five high schools converged at CVCC for a motivational talk and sessions to help them prepare for a successful future.

- ◆ **YOUNG MEN IN MEDICINE** - 42 Middle school boys who expressed an interest in science, physiology or biology learned about the variety of careers available in health care by participating in interactive activities and having lunch with health care professionals.

- ◆ **HER IDEAS IN MOTION** - 50 girls participated in a web design workshop sponsored by CVCC and Rachel Wilkins Patel, owner, Bridge Interactive LLC. Ms. Patel and other women IT professionals, artists and designers introduced girls to careers in media science.

It's Right in Your Own Backyard

Did You Know ALL this about CVCC?

◆ Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) serves people of all ages who reside in our eight associate districts: Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nardon Hills, North Royalton, Revere and Twinsburg.

◆ On Nov. 8, CVCC will have a 1 mill renewal levy on the election ballot. The 25 communities that compose the eight associate school districts served by CVCC have renewed this 1 mill levy repeatedly since 1982, attesting to our quality career programs and training.

◆ When you view your Nov. 8 election ballot, you may see not only CVCC's renewal issue, but also an issue for your local school district.

◆ Millage is not transferable between associate school districts and CVCC. Passage of the 1 mill renewal levy will not increase or decrease tax dollars for associate districts. Likewise, passage of millage in associate districts does

not generate additional dollars for CVCC.

◆ All CVCC and associate district students -- K-12, even if they attend parochial schools, are offered Career Development activities, such as career portfolios, job shadowing, mock interviewing, as well as job placement, internships and career coaching.

◆ Employers of CVCC students have said, "yes," to the question: "Would you hire another CVCC student?" (Answers span school years '04-'05 to '10-'11.) **91% 96% 99% 99% 94% 91% 97%**

◆ Percentage of CVCC grads who pursue higher education continues to rise: (Answers span school years '04-'05 to '10-'11.) **47% 54% 56% 59% 58% 58% 63%**

◆ College credit (Tech Prep) earned by our high school students (see chart) while they attend CVCC continues to increase. In 2011, 103 students collectively earned 1,093 credit hours.

◆ In 2011, 224 students were eligible to receive college credit via the Ohio Tech Prep initiative, and more than \$60,000 in scholarship money was awarded to CVCC seniors.

◆ CVCC offers many career programs for people with special needs, so that they may enter the workforce.

◆ CVCC was recently ranked #1 out of the 91 Career-Technical Planning Districts (CTPD's) in Ohio, according to the Ohio Career-Technical Education 2009-2010 Secondary CTPD Workforce Development Performance Reports.

◆ Based on 2010 data, 96% of our high school graduates go to work or college, or both, and 95% of adults go to work.

◆ CVCC offers discounted services to our communities, such as lunches at the student-operated restaurant, salon services and special event facilities.

◆ CVCC Adult Education is accredited

by the North Central Association (NCA) Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, an accreditation division of AdvancED®.

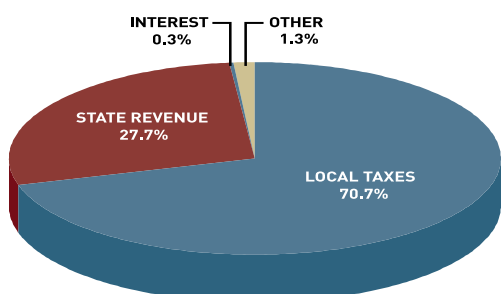
◆ In the past five years, CVCC Adult Education trained 343 practical nurses, plus 1,312 other healthcare providers including EMT's, EKG technicians, STNA's, medical assistants, dental assistants and phlebotomists.

◆ CVCC provided more than 70 Northeast Ohio companies with customized training over the past five years. This training provides employers with a skilled workforce to meet current, ever-evolving, industry demands.

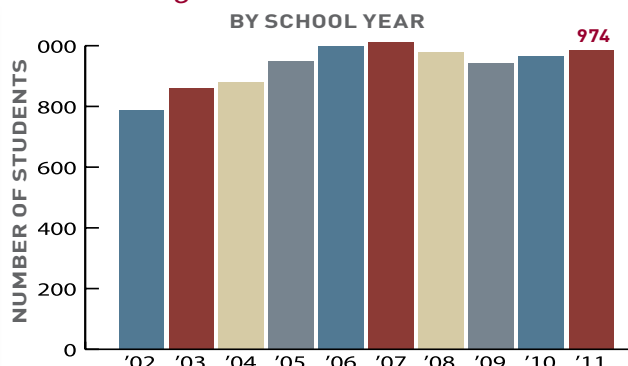
◆ CVCC Adult Education teamed up with Microsoft Corporation to offer "Elevate America," a program providing free training and certification that helped 555 people in the greater Cleveland area upgrade their technology skills to the standard needed for employment.

*The chart below (far right) represents the number of tuition-free college credit hours earned the last four school years. Considering the current cost of a Tri-C semester hour (\$91.22), CVCC graduates saved \$99,703 based on the 1,093 hours they earned in 2010-11. If a student transfers those credits to a four-year institution, such as the University of Akron which costs \$385.19/credit hour, the savings becomes \$421,000! Copies of our Annual Report are available in our School Treasurer's office.

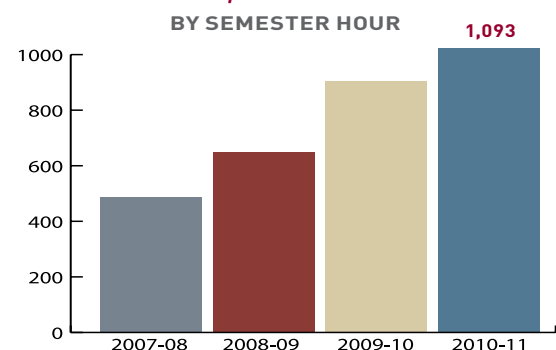
CVCC 2009-10 Revenue



High School Enrollment



Tech Prep Credit Earned



You're Invited to Join us for ... Soup with the Supe



Dr. Celena Roebuck, named superintendent of CVCC last spring, greets Joyce Durkot of Broadview Heights, a guest in The Valley Inn, during a "Soup with the Supe" event.

Please come to a Soup with the Supe luncheon (or breakfast) event in our beautiful Valley Inn restaurant where you will meet new Superintendent Dr. Celena Roebuck. Guests can participate in an exchange of ideas and learn what CVCC has to offer. After enjoying free soup, salad and dessert or a hot breakfast, you can tour our facility.

All we ask is that you make reservations at least seven days prior to the scheduled event so we plan accordingly. *Reservation information appears at the end of this article.*

- ◆ For North Royalton residents - Friday, Oct. 7, noon to 1 p.m.
- ◆ All district residents - Tuesday, Oct. 11, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Nordonia Hills residents - Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Joint Chamber of Commerce networking event, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- ◆ Job-Seekers group, - Friday, Dec. 2, noon to 1 p.m. Call 440.746.8233 for Job-Seekers reservations.

To make reservations for all other events, contact **Bridget Murphy** at 440.746.8127 or email Bridget at bmurphy@cvccworks.com. **Note:** The Valley Inn restaurant is also available for rental for community group meetings and conferences. For more information about renting the restaurant and catering choices, also contact Bridget Murphy.



They've only just begun

Pictured above are students just starting out in their fields of study -- left to right -- juniors Sarah Borovicka, Nicole Zippay, Lily Varga, Paige Lucas and Angel Rivera, all from Nordonia Hills. The group represents three of the 29 programs offered at CVCC: Health Careers, Dental Assisting and Cosmetology.

COLLEGE NIGHT for all high school students and parents from ALL our surrounding communities who are interested in learning more about higher education opportunities are invited to attend College Night, hosted at our Brecksville campus, by a consortium of 10 area high schools and CVCC, on **Oct. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Registration not required.

CVCC Renewal Levy on Ballot

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) has played a vital role in developing the area workforce and strengthening the economy for nearly 40 years.

Since 1981, the 25 communities CVCC serves have renewed their support with a 1-mill tax levy, so they could continue to provide quality career training programs to high school students and adults - and quality employees to companies like yours.

This November, CVCC must ask its communities to once again renew this 1- mill levy. This is NOT a tax increase, but it renews our current local support.

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it works!



40th Anniversary Celebration

A day of family fun and activities celebrating Career & Technical Education
ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

- Pancake Breakfast - 9 a.m. to noon
- Job-Seekers Workshop - 10 to 11:15 a.m.
- High School Open House - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Ceremony - 2 to 2:30 p.m.
- Complimentary Dance Lessons
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Children's Career Activities



- Music, Food & Refreshments
- Demos, Workshops
- Prizes & Giveaways
- Senior Citizens' Activities and Hospitality Suite
- Ohio Solar Tour Site
- Guest Presentations
 - Cleveland Metroparks
 - AAA

Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CVCC Campus (It's FREE): 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141

For more information on all these events, visit www.cvccworks.com.

Mission: To prepare youth and adults to enter, compete and advance in an ever-changing work world

Coming Events

- ◆ **College Night** - Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Nearly 135 colleges and universities will be represented.
- ◆ **Cheer for Careers 5K and Walk** - Saturday, Oct. 8, registration at 7:30 a.m., events begin at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration \$20, Race Day \$25. For more information, visit www.cvccworks.com.
- ◆ **Valley Inn restaurant opens** Oct. 12 - Our student-operated restaurant will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. when school is in session. For reservations, call 440.746.8293.
- ◆ **College & Career Planning Seminar** - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call 440.746.8115 or visit our website: www.cvccworks.com.
- ◆ **Job-Seeker Series** - Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 to 11:15 a.m. - "Conducting an Effective Job Search;" Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to noon - "What Recruiters Want;" Friday, Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Enjoy a luncheon and presentation on how to penetrate the job market. Reservations required, call 440.746.8127.
- ◆ **Holiday Craft Show** - Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Sponsored by the Dental Assisting students.
- ◆ **CVCC Cosmetology Salon** • For daytime appointments, call 440.838.8954. For evening appointments, call 440.746.8145.

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