

## WCCC Honors Johnson Controls as Employer of the Month September 2008

Johnson Controls was chosen by the Warren County Career Center as its Employer of the Month for September 2008. The building efficiency division, located in Cincinnati, is part of a world-wide full-line service provider of mechanical equipment as well as systems that control heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, security and fire management in non-residential buildings.

Johnson Controls has supported the high school Environmental Controls Technology (HVAC) and adult HVAC programs through helping the district design and set up the lab and reviewing curriculum for the new programs. The company has also allowed its employees to help WCCC with recruitment for the programs. The high school program began this fall with 10 students and the adult education program, which began in June, currently has 22 students.

Mark Pearce, Johnson Controls Service Operations Manager for the 16 branches in the region, attended the luncheon and accepted a plaque from the school. Also attending the luncheon were Justin Lee, Springboro, a high school junior in the Environmental Controls program; Jim Blankenship, Carlisle, adult student in the HVAC program; Deon Gephart, high school instructor; Bob Saunders, adult instructor; Maggie Hess, WCCC Superintendent; and Peg Allen, WCCC Public Information Specialist. The lunch was prepared and served by the WCCC Culinary program.

“Johnson Controls has been a partner with the Career Center for a number of years,” Mr. Pearce said. “To see this program come together so fast and work so well, I know this is going to be good for our company and our industry. We are hard pressed in this industry to find individuals who are prepared with the needed skills and ready and willing to work. This field encompasses a lot more than heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, including electrical, plumbing and customer skills. There is a wide range of options available to students interested in the field.”



Photo caption: from left, Bob Saunders, Jim Blankenship, Maggie Hess, Mark Pearce, Justin Lee and Deon Gephart.