

Ceremonies mark student accomplishments



Nakita Sanders, Franklin, Graphic Arts Tech Prep, was the first recipient of the \$500 Education Partners/George Henkle Scholarship. She is being congratulated by WCCC Superintendent Maggie Hess.

May brings to a close the 2008-09 school year, ushering in a flurry of award and recognition ceremonies to honor our students. Many individual programs, both high school and adult education, have had end of the class banquets. The high school Senior Awards Ceremony was held May 21 at Oasis Church in Middletown. The Adult Education Recognition Ceremony was held May 27 at WCCC.

High school seniors from Franklin, Kings, Lebanon, Little Miami, Springboro and Waynesville wearing their home high school caps and gowns in red, black, blue, maroon, white, green, gold, and orange made a colorful procession into their awards ceremony. Seniors who completed all requirements for their programs received certificates of completion in their Career Passport - a document that students may use for job and college interviews. Along with the program certificate, the Passport contains a resume, any industry certifications earned and other documents outlining accomplishments. Nearly 270

seniors participated in the WCCC Senior Awards Ceremony, and an additional 22 seniors from WCCC were honored at the Greentree Health Science Academy Senior Awards Ceremony, held May 26.

Approximately 430 students completed full time WCCC Adult Education programs in the 2008-09 school year, and over 4,000 part time students took individual classes and shorter term programs. Cosmetology, with a 100% State Board Exam pass rate, had 14 completers as of June 2009. Electrical Power Line Mechanic completed 30 students. Heavy Equipment/Site Construction completed 79 students. HVAC completed 17 students. Industrial Maintenance completed 10 students. Approximately 526 students completed Certified Nursing Assistant and another 50 students completed Medical Assisting and Medical Billing & Coding. Welding completed 18 students. Over 100 students completed Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician certifications. Information Technology served 113 students. ABLE/GED/ESOL served 1,559 students with 74 GED graduates.



Crystal Lowery, Electric Power Line Mechanic Class of 2009 and one of the Adult Education student speakers, shakes hands with WCCC Adult Education Director Tom Harris.

WCCC Valedictorian plans career in marine mechanics

Theodore Brocker, Franklin, is the 2009 Warren County Career Center Valedictorian. Theo, who was born and raised in Fairfield, moved to Franklin about four years ago and made the decision to attend WCCC in his junior year in the Power Systems program.



"The program helped me decide that I could actually work on motors - take them apart, fix them, and put them back together," he said. "It showed me that I can do this, and I enjoy it, too. I have helped work on race cars with my dad since I was six years old. He used to have four cars and raced in the area."

After high school graduation, Theo plans on continuing to work at Voss Village Cadillac as a detailer and saving his money to prepare for college in February 2010. He will be attending Marine Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Fla., in a 14 month program that will certify him to repair seven different marine engine types. When finished, Theo will be certified to work on marine engines by Mercury, Honda Marine, Yamaha, Volvo Penta, Suzuki, Johnson and Evinrude.

After he graduates, he plans on coming back toward Ohio and settling on a large lake in a 30-40 foot cruiser yacht, perhaps in Kentucky or North Carolina. Theo said he has heard it is very pleasant living on a boat, so he plans to do just that! His long-term goal is to operate his own marine engine repair business.

Franklin Chamber members meet at WCCC



The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce went on the road recently to hold its regular May meeting at the Warren County Career Center. Members were treated to lunch prepared by the WCCC Culinary students and heard about a WCCC satellite program at Franklin High School - Exercise Science Tech Prep.

Instructor Kristin Wineberg and juniors Chase Stover and Grace Montefusco told the group

about how the program prepares students for careers in sports medicine. Foundation courses in the ninth and tenth grades cover health and wellness, physical fitness and related areas. Students have the opportunity to be certified in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid. Juniors and seniors take classes that earn not only high school credit, but also college credit toward a degree in the field. The students explained their projects for the

Miami Valley Tech Prep Showcase, in which they conducted research into the effects of "energy drinks" and extra weight on exercise performance.

WCCC Superintendent Maggie Hess welcomed the group and updated them on the Phase I construction progress, due to be completed by the first day of school in August, and on WCCC Adult Education offerings.

Tri Health honored as WCCC May Employer



From left, WCCC Treasurer Karen Royer, WCCC Medical Programs Coordinator Jenni Arns, former WCCC students Jennifer Salas and Ethan Balsler, TriHealth Director of Emergency Services Bonnie Sheedy, WCCC Adult Education Director Tom Harris, and WCCC Superintendent Maggie Hess.

TriHealth, a network of hospitals that includes Bethesda Arrow Springs, Bethesda North and Good Samaritan, were honored as Warren County Career Center's May 2009 Employer of the Month. Many students who complete the medical programs in WCCC's Adult Education have been hired at TriHealth locations.

TriHealth also provides internship experiences for WCCC high school students and externships for WCCC adult students. Bonnie Sheedy, RN, Director of Emergency Services at Bethesda North and Arrow Springs, attended a lunch at WCCC recently and accepted the award.

"We appreciate Warren County Career Center's work and all the great students they turn out," Ms. Sheedy said.

Also attending the lunch were two former WCCC students, now employed at TriHealth. Ethan

Balsler, Cincinnati, said he needed to find a new career path when business slowed down at his previous job. Jennifer Salas, Maineville, was working in a job with no chance for advancement.

Both enrolled in the Medical Billing and Coding program at WCCC in fall 2006. In less than a year, both students finished the program and within the year, were employed at TriHealth as outpatient coders.

"We are proud of Ethan and Jennifer," Tom Harris, WCCC Adult Education Director, said. "They are two examples of the many excellent students we have here in our adult education programs. Although the job market is tight right now, there are many openings in healthcare."

The lunch was prepared and served by WCCC Culinary Technology students.

Learning Lab Preschoolers finish the year



Learning Lab Preschoolers celebrated the end of the year with a graduation from preschool ceremony and cupcakes afterward. From left, Rianna Mueller shows her certificate; Dawson Seibert and Kaitlyn Sergent reach for cupcakes after the event; Angel Wilson with her mom, Angie; and Emily and Julia Powell with their mom, Lisa.