



WCCC Values Business Partnerships

Approximately 220 business leaders and Warren County Career Center board members and staff met recently to celebrate the 2008 Business Advisory Kickoff dinner. The core mission of the Career Center is to prepare youths and adults to make informed career choices and successfully enter, compete and advance in a changing work world. To that end, each Career-Technical program has a business advisory committee that helps ensure that programs prepare students with skills that meet current industry standards.

"As a career technical school district we understand the importance of working closely with business and industry, governmental and local agencies and post secondary institutions within our community," Maggie Hess, WCCC Superintendent, said in her opening remarks. "Our high school and adult instructors truly value the support they receive from our program advisory committees. Your involvement on these committees not only gives us direction but also fuels both our students' success and the growth of our district."



Doug McNeill, CEO of the Atrium Medical Center, above, gave the keynote address on the value of partnerships between business and industry and educational organizations. Below left, Electricity Instructor Rick Centers with his student, Isaiah Tussey, Franklin, who thanked the business advisors for their support. Below right, Culinary students Tori Bignon, Franklin, and Jamie Kramer, Springboro, smile as they decorate cheesecakes served for dessert.



WCCC Learning Lab Preschool Wins Award

The Learning Lab Preschool at the Warren County Career Center was recently selected for an award by the Coalition for Public Education as an example of "Success in Public Schools."

The Learning Lab is a fully licensed public preschool operated within the WCCC. Families are considered an integral part of the Warren County Career Center Learning Lab. They are encouraged to be active participants in their child's educational program.

"Our goal is to respect and reflect the value and diversity of individual families in our program and community," Kendra Murphy, Director, said. "The Preschool provides opportunities for parents to be involved by having parent events and a parental advisory committee. Also, community relationships with area groups and a partnership with the Otterbein community help to develop strong social interactions and community awareness."

A partnership with Otterbein Lebanon has allowed the children to travel to the retirement community on a regular basis to experience activities with the residents. From visits to their Shaker museum, to projects such as baking cookies, making Valentine's Day cards and dying Easter eggs, the residents and the children enjoy this intergenerational friendship. Language and Literacy programming is a monthly occurrence at



Maddie Schmitz, Lebanon, shares a laugh with a Fire Science student during a safety lesson.

Otterbein between preschoolers and the "neighbors."

The WCCC Early Childhood Education program, which serves high school juniors and seniors, provides enrichment, comprehensive education techniques and instruction to the Preschool through their periodic involvement that reinforces their classroom instruction. ECE students provide the children with additional literacy support and skill enhancements as they work side by side with the preschool teachers.

Other students from the Career Center visit the preschool or host the children in their labs. This gives the preschoolers the opportunity to explore careers. Fire Science students, in full gear, teach the children about fire safety and to not be afraid of a firefighter wearing an oxygen mask. Criminal Justice students talk about safety and create positive relationships around law enforcement. Landscape students plant flowers with the children in the spring.

The Coalition is a statewide alliance of education, parent and civic organizations interested in improving public education for Ohio's children and increasing accountability to taxpayers. It selects "innovative, creative and unique public school programs" to highlight each year.



Kale Kessler, Lebanon, tries on headgear.

Programs honored by Ohio School Board Assn.



WCCC programs were honored by the OSBA recently. Veterinary Science and the Learning Lab Preschool will be featured at the Student Achievement Fair, held at the OSBA Capital Conference. Digital Media Arts students will demonstrate their skills at the OSBA conference. Gateway to Success is the 2008 Outstanding Multi-District Impact program.

From left, Andi Schmidt, Veterinary Science instructor; Kendra Murphy, Learning Lab Preschool Director; Mari Kay Miller, Digital Media Arts instructor at WCCC's Springboro High School satellite; Assistant Director Jeff Lumpkins, Mikele Giambra, Gateway to Success coordinator; Gary Patton, Director of Secondary; and Kim Gambill, Assistant Director at the OSBA SW Ohio banquet.

Auto Collision students learn new paint techniques



An Automotive Collision student learns about water-based automotive paints from industry representatives from PPG Paints and Ohio Auto Kolor with a hands-on demonstration. WCCC students benefit from area expertise as they learn the newest technology in their industry.