



Ottawa County Business Advisory Council

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Annual Report

MISSION

"The mission of the Ottawa County Business Advisory Council is to engage the business and education communities to understand and support the educational and employment needs within Ottawa County."

2023/2024



SKILLED TRADES ACADEMY

The STA is a comprehensive, credit-based program designed for high school seniors interested in skilled trades.



Signing Day & Graduation / May 2023

- 15 skilled trades students for the 2022/23 year - 4th year
- Signing Day held May 16, 2023. Students gained employment with Northern Manufacturing, OC Engineer's Office, Local 224, Holcomb Enterprises, Chipmatic, OC Sanitary Engineers, Catawba Island Club.
- Graduation held May 18, 2023

LogistiQ Golf Scramble / July 2023

- LogistiQ held their 1st golf scramble at the Oak Harbor Golf Club on July 29, 2023 and raised \$10,000 for the Ottawa County Skilled Trades Academy! Owner Jerry Guerra matched the amount - doubling the impact - to \$20,000.
- The funding will assist with purchasing new equipment, tools and more for the academy.



SkillsUSA / April 2024

- STA students Joseph Apple (Port Clinton City School District) and Kaden McWatters (Genoa Area Local Schools) together placed 7th out of 14 teams in the Mechatronics competition.
- This was the second year the STA represented at SkillsUSA State Competition in Columbus.

Signing Day & Graduation / May 2024

- 22 skilled trades students for the 2023/24 year - 5th year
- Signing Day held May 22, 2024. Students gained employment at LogistiQ, Village of Oak Harbor, Village of Genoa, Telamon Construction, Port Clinton Mfg, Northern Mfg, Holcomb Enterprises.
- Graduation held May 23, 2024
- Jacob Minton-Lewis earned the Phoenix Award
- Ethan Crawford earned the William Hutchisson Leadership Award



HEALTHCARE CAREERS ACADEMY

The HCA is designed to provide students with education and practical experience needed to enter the healthcare field.



State Testing Success / February 2023

- Brigitte Schroeder (Port Clinton) successfully passed her state tests through the educational training of the program.
- She was Port Clinton's first student to pass her state tests prior to graduation.

Graduation / May 2023

- 11 students for the 2022/23 year - 1st year
- Graduation held May 18, 2023



Classroom Instruction / February 2024

- STA students Joseph Apple (Port Clinton City School District) and Kaden McWatters (Genoa Area Local Schools) together placed 7th out of 14 teams in the Mechatronics competition
- This was the second year the STA represented at SkillsUSA State Competition in Columbus

Graduation / May 2024

- 17 healthcare students for the 2023/24 year - 2nd year
- Participated in job shadowing and clinicals
- Students gained employment at Magruder Hospital, Luther Home of Mercy and Genoa Retirement Village
- Graduation held May 23, 2024
- Molly McCarthy earned the Joy Roth Spirit Award



TEACHER BOOT CAMP



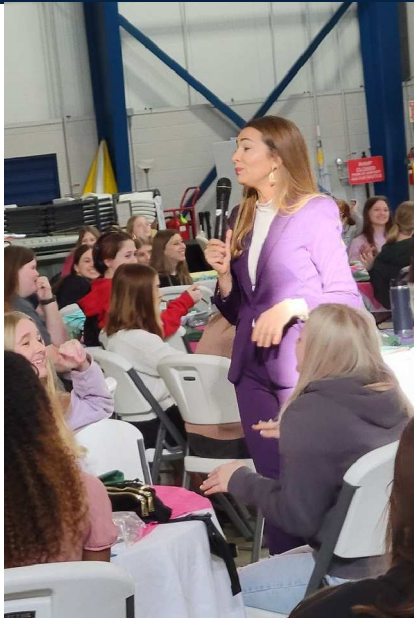
- 15 local teachers completed the second Ottawa County Teacher Boot Camp during the week of June 7-9, 2023
- Participating businesses included Erie-Ottawa International Airport, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Luther Home of Mercy, Catawba Island Club, Port Clinton Manufacturing and C. Nelson Manufacturing
- Each teacher presented a project that was turned into curriculum that can be used in the 6th through 12th grade classrooms

OTTAWA COUNTY CAREER SHOWCASE

- The BAC held its 9th annual Ottawa County Career Showcase on October 4, 2023 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds
- 450 11th grade students from Ottawa County's six school districts participated in the event
- Participating businesses included LogistiQ, Jet Express, The Wellness Project, OC Dept. of Job & Family Services, Catawba Island Club, Materion, Genoa Retirement Village, OC Sheriff's Office and more
- Prior to the event, students engaged in the YouScience Aptitude & Career Discovery program to gauge their interest and skills
- Cathy Witte of CIFT toured the event and presented a proclamation from Governor DeWine recognizing October 4, 2023 as National Manufacturing Day



YOUNG WOMEN LEAD



- Ottawa County's freshmen girls spent the day at Ohio's Inaugural Young Women Lead Conference on Thursday, March 21, 2024 held at the Liberty Aviation Museum
- Julie Carrier, CEO of Girls Lead Worldwide, was the Keynote
- A video message from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and a special appearance by Second Lady of Ohio, Tina Husted, shared their experience and leadership advice
- The conference brought nearly 200 girls in attendance along with school representatives, almost 20 volunteers from the community and over 20 local business sponsors
- Young Women Lead is the nation's leading trusted provider of life-changing and experiential leadership events for high school young women



\$1.5 MILLION AWARDED FOR WORKFORCE PROGRAMS



- Ottawa County received \$1.5M for expansion of the Ottawa County Skilled Trades Academy and Healthcare Careers Academy
- State Representative DJ Swearingen and Senator Theresa Gavarone were instrumental in helping to secure these funds
- Funding came from the one-time Strategic Community Investments fund



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