SATELLITE PROGRAMS FLOURISH

Starting last fall with just a few flowers and a lot of elbow-grease, students in Ashland County-West Holmes Career’s (ACWHCC) satellite Agriculture program brought the former Ashland High School horticulture greenhouses back to life. The program literally blossomed as students took ownership under instructor Tod Fox who teaches a three-pronged program covering Agriculture Production, Greenhouse and Nursery Management, and Floral Design. As Fox and his students prepared for the annual community spring plant sale, they were asked to take on a major project - supplying all the plantings for the campus of Ashland University (AU) that had lost its plant supplier. The ambitious project was a challenge for the fledgling program but the end result was praised by the University.

In the south of the ACWHCC district, the former Industrial Arts lab at West Holmes High School buzzed again with the noise of power tools as the satellite Manufacturing program took off with instructor Tom Kalo’s leadership. Kalo taught a mixed-age group of about one hundred forty eager students who enrolled in the program. Starting with simple projects, students learned basic tool use, plan reading, and safety procedures, and graduated to more sophisticated projects by year’s end. Kalo aims to have his students ready to walk into any wood-product industry and apply the skills learned in his program. Kalo also initiated a mini-manufacturing program at West Holmes Middle School with the younger students learning many of the same basic skills as his older students.

MORE SATELLITES FOR FALL 2018

Three new Ashland County-West Holmes Career satellite programs will be making their debut this fall in three different areas of the district.

- The Business College-NOW program meeting at Ashland University (AU) will appeal to students who are interested in entering the business world. Those who meet the entrance and graduation qualifications will earn an Associate Degree in Business from AU along with their high school diploma.
- Computer devoteés enrolling in the Computer Science program at Loudonville High School will enhance their knowledge and skills with the opportunity to learn basic coding and applications.
- Students attending the Ashland County Community Academy will be hands-on as they learn basic skills in areas such as welding, construction, etc. in the Manufacturing & Career Preparation program. Students who meet the requirements may earn industry-level credentials that can be applied toward graduation via the Ohio Industry-Recognized Credentials provision.
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Great news! Thanks to your willingness to allow your student to attend Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center, our school is the fastest growing career center in the State of Ohio! We’re pleased with the progress we are making and greatly appreciate your confidence, support, and cooperation.

I would attribute our stunning growth to an increasingly better understanding of what is happening at our school, our online application process, and expanding programs. New on-campus programs introduced last fall - Animal & Veterinary Science (page 3), Hospitality & Tourism, and Mechanical & Maintenance Training - have been successful and so have the satellite (off-campus) programs – Agriculture at Ashland High School (page 1) and Manufacturing at West Holmes High School (page 1). We fully expect the same success with three new satellite programs beginning this fall - Business College-NOW at Ashland University, Computer Science at Loudonville High School, and Manufacturing and Career Preparation at Ashland County Community Academy (page 1). Through these satellites, we are introducing many more students to the benefits of career-technical education, even if they opt not to attend our campus full-time. We aim to connect to our communities by taking our programs out to meet students where they are.

This fall each student will receive a Chromebook as part of our “one-to-one digital learning initiative,” delivering a Chromebook to every student in an on-campus program. Students who successfully meet requirements will take the Chromebook with them upon graduation. Another change will find this year’s seniors tackling new, more stringent requirements for their senior projects as we ask them to focus on more complex, more product-oriented topics. We have many very creative students and we are encouraging them to think “out-of-the-box.”

We look forward to continued growth and finding more ways of serving you as we meet the needs of students in our communities and prepare them for bright futures. Please feel free to call or stop in to find out more about what we are doing.

Michael Parry, Superintendent

ECE BOOK DONATION GOES TO SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

Students in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center bundled and delivered over 200 books to UH Samaritan Regional Health System, Ashland, as a community service project. The students aimed to promote language literacy for children who must visit the Emergency Room.

Photo: Displaying just a few of the book packets donated to the Emergency Room are (kneeling in front) Marla Decker, Sr, home schooled, (standing) RN Heather Flenner, Tiffany Franklin, Jr, Ashland, Savannah Shepherd, Jr, Loudonville, and RN Elaine Siewert.

SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH $68,000

Twelve Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center students received scholarships totaling over $68,000 at the Senior Farewell Assembly in May. Locally sponsored scholarships worth over $5,000 went to seven students while the big money came from Tuition Freedom Scholarships from North Central State College benefitting six 2018 graduates with $10,633 each.

Student of the Year, Casey Freeman, Auto Body, Triway, receives the Strive Rotary Scholarship from Mrs. Deb Gilson, Interact Club Advisor.

FIRST SENIOR ONLY PROGRAM GRADUATES

Three high school students from Mapleton – left to right: Brian Paramore, Kristopher Kopchak, Jesse Grunden - took advantage of the first offering of the no-cost Senior Only Welding program at Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. The Senior Only option is designed for ambitious high school students entering their senior year and on track for graduation in January or May. Classes can be adjusted to meet schedules and needs. Via the program, seniors can broaden their marketable work- or college-ready skills by earning industry-recognized credentials.

Another Senior Only option is a Business and Finance class which offers up to six Microsoft Office Specialist credentials. The Senior Only options are taught at the Career Center by experienced, industry-credentialed experts, licensed through the Ohio Department of Education, and teaching with the Career Center’s Adult Education Department.
ANIMAL & VET SCIENCE COMPLETES 1ST YEAR

The first junior class in the Animal & Veterinary Science (AVS) program at Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center began the year teaching simple tricks to dogs and learning basic animal care procedures. By the end of the year, students were identifying various common animal parasites and picking out specific organs in pig and cow entrails.

A variety of situations and animals presented challenges during the program’s first year as students cared for a micro-mini pig, a diaper-wearing lamb, two alpacas, a calf abandoned by its mother, plus a parade of the usual cats and dogs. They also took on the challenge of grooming, treating, and socializing almost twenty dogs that had been seized by the Ashland County Humane Society.

Two Pamper Your Pet fund-raiser events put students in charge as they learned to handle different animals while bathing and clipping the pets and raising money for their organization, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

The Early Childhood Education preschool was a regular visitor as AVS students taught preschoolers about a different animal each week and, if possible, provided a chance to pet or simply touch the “animal of the week.”

BUILDING TRADES LENDS A HAND TO SENIOR PROJECT

The 2018 graduating class of West Holmes High School was aided with their “class legacy” project by the skills of senior classmates in the satellite Building Trades (BT) program of Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center. The class donated a concrete statue of a knight, the West Holmes mascot, to be placed on the school grounds and BT seniors prepped the statue with a sealer and then framed and poured the concrete pedestal on which the statue was placed. The knight was donated to the class by Wilson’s Country Creations, Glenmont.

INDUSTRY-LEVEL CERTIFICATIONS EARNED

Students in the Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing (RAM) and Engineering & Design Technology (ENG) programs are prepping for future success. During the 2017-2018 school year, all juniors in the RAM program earned a certification in Computer Numerical Control (CNC) and at least one welding certification.

Above:  ENG seniors (l to r) Jonathan Goines, Loudonville; Hunter Martin, Loudonville; Jeremy Butler, West Holmes; Cory Norris, Loudonville; Alex Gray, Ashland; Chris Eagle, Hillsdale; Dakota Miller, Mapleton; Forrest Pratt, Mapleton; Nate Mangon, Ashland; Andreah France, Loudonville.

All ENG seniors received a minimum of three industry-level certifications and up to six certifications in areas such as Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), hydraulics, and robotics.

Above:  RAM juniors hold their CNC certificates: (l to r) Kyler Mills, Ashland; Grayson Mounts, home schooled; Wyatt Filger, Loudonville; Kyle Wilson, West Holmes; Jacob Ashby, Loudonville; Troy Radcliff, West Holmes; Justin King, Loudonville; Nolan Glazier, home schooled; Jared Beardsley, home schooled; Absent: Bryce Piar, Mapleton.

Right: Building Trades seniors pose with the West Holmes knight statue they helped to place at the school’s entrance: kneeling (l to r): Quinton Schlabach, Skylar Cline, Thane Kaufman; standing (l to r): Tyler Johnson, Kyler Collins, Will Rowe, Michael Taylor, Paul Ramirez, Jeff Miller, Building Trades instructor David McMillen, and Mark Lowe.
The Awards and Recognition Night in May, 2018, honored students who had outstanding performances during the school year. Among those honored were: six Outstanding Career Technical Achievers, five students with perfect attendance, sixty-two students with Honor Roll status for three of four grading periods; sixteen junior and senior students of the month; and ten Interact Club members. The evening also included the induction ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society with membership of twenty-five students (pictured), the largest number of members in years.

Front row from left: Helen Swaisgood, Sr, Graphic Communications (GRA), Ashland; Makala Etzwiler, Sr, Health Tech (HTC), Ashland; Taylor McCarty, Sr, HTC, Ashland; Sydney Anderson, Sr, HTC, Loudonville; Autumn Breslin, Sr, Criminal Justice (CJ), Ashland; Malorie Kinney, Jr, HTC, Clear Fork; Daisy Rausch, Sr, Auto Body (AB), Ashland; Madelyn Abbruzzese, Jr, Sports Medicine, Mapleton; Leah Miller, Jr, Animal & Vet Sci (AVS), home schooled; Rear: Wylynn Skelly, Sr, Cosmetology (COS), Loudonville; Brianna Woodward, Jr, COS, Ashland; Isaac Miller, Jr, Engineering (ENG), West Holmes; Casey Freeman, Sr, AB, Triway; Emily Dalton, Jr, HTC, Hillsdale; Gordon Herndon, Sr, CJ, Loudonville; Blake Gilmore, Jr, CJ, Ashland; Samantha Raubenolt, Sr, Auto Tech, Hillsdale; Martin Maynard, Jr, ENG, West Holmes; Absent: Cadence Seffens, Sr, CJ, Loudonville; Felicity Etzwiler, Sr, GRA, West Holmes; Makayla Keene, Sr, Culinary Careers, Ashland; Kaycee Newlan, Jr, AVS, Ashland; Kailyn Ritenour, Sr, GRA, Mapleton; Chloe Wright, Jr, GRA, Mapleton.