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## Director's Notes

by Nate Bishko

Welcome back!!!! The 2017-2018 school year is shaping up to be unlike any other year in the history of Excel TECC. As of today, we have almost 1100 students in Excel TECC programs. This is the largest enrollment in the history of Excel TECC since we came into existence in the early 1970s. In addition to the brand new program facilities in Willoughby-Eastlake, students in Cosmetology/ Mayfield, Construction Trades and Career Based Intervention, will move into brand new locations which will provide a more authentic learning spaces for our students. On top of that, Excel TECC has collaborated with Kent State University to add even more opportunities for students to earn college credit while in their program (see here: <https://www.kent.edu/techprep/articulated-credit-application>). In fact, there are over 800 college credits available to our students spread out to various universities and colleges through our tech prep and CT<sup>2</sup> agreements! We are also coming off our best showing ever at Skills USA at the state and national levels. Now this year will not be without challenges (in fact, they've already begun). However, I never get too worried about our challenges because of our staff. Have a fantastic school year everyone!

## Program Power

### 2017: Excel TECC Golden Summer

by Ron Suchy, Skills USA Advisor/ITP Instructor

The 53rd Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference was held in Louisville Kentucky on June 19th through the 24th. The Ohio SkillsUSA State Champions from Excel TECC did a magnificent job representing our CTE Consortium as well as the State of Ohio at the 2017 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships. Our students were among 6,000 student competitors, all state gold medal champions, representing the top one-percent of all career-technical education students in America including DC and three territories. It was an amazing week, full of energy and enthusiasm and excellence. As a teacher, it's almost a magical time, to be immersed in a pool of such motivated and talented young adults, and witnessing firsthand the amazing skills and accomplishments of these future leaders of America in their respective trades and technical professions. We

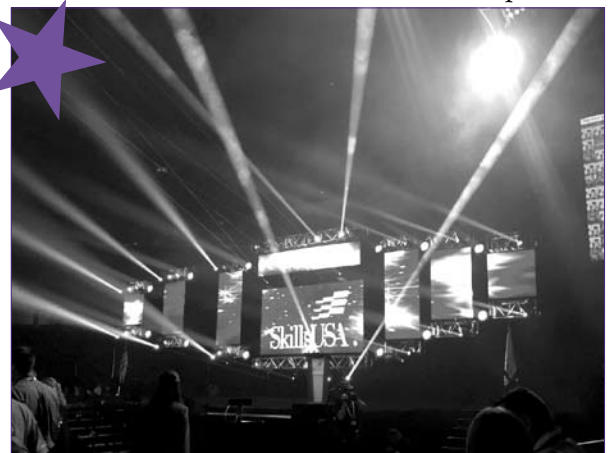


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### Cosmetology/WE: National Winner!!

by Peggy Jean Teske and Mindy Montello, Instructors

Our amazing skills representative Savanna Kubish who took Nationals at the Skills USA contest last June, started off in our junior cosmetology department last year with a little fire and excitement. She decided to try out and made the first cut. Then went on to Columbus to compete in state competition and took home a Gold medal. From state competition she exceeded with the utmost determination and went on to take a Gold Medal at the National contest. She's absolutely amazed and surprised at the results and the experience - we are so proud of her. We also would



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*Welcome New Excel TECC Teachers!*

**Kim Nye:** Kim is a registered nurse teaching high school juniors and seniors this year at NCI in Eastlake. She has a bachelors degree in nursing and a masters degree in education. She has been an instructor with NCI for ten years teaching adult nursing students. Prior to teaching, Kim worked at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation as a pediatric nurse on a medical/surgical nursing floor for 16 years. She is excited to be teaching high school students and is looking forward to a fresh outlook with young people.



**Nathan Inbody:** Nathan was recently hired as the Welding Instructor for NCI-Willoughby. He has ten years experience in the classroom as an Industrial Technology Instructor prior coming aboard NCI. He has a fairly diverse background but his strongest attributes lie in motorsports and fabrication.



**Justin Murphy:** Justin is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association with an undergraduate degree in exercise science from Malone University. He has over twelve years of experience working in clinical, athletic, commercial and academic roles throughout the health and fitness industry. Justin taught for the past five years at Glenville and MLK high schools for the Cleveland City Schools.



**Golden Summer....**(continued from pg 1)

should all be tremendously proud of our Excel TECC Team, truly the best of the best. Here are the results:

★ ITP junior students Max Brinton, and Mitchell McLaughlin placed 21st in Web Design. With nearly 40 teams in the contest, almost all of which were seniors in dedicated two-year Web Design programs. A showing to be proud of and build on for next year.

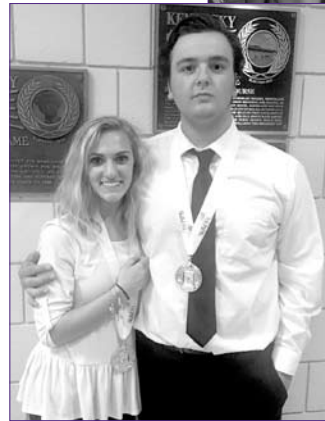
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like to give a shout out to Joey J. from the Welding program who, with the same determination made it to the state contest where he took home a gold medal. He then, with determination, excelled in his field and went on to take a Gold medal as well at Nationals. Everyone is so proud of him - also congratulations!

We thank all participants from NCI for showing us the true excitement and sharing the experience of a lifetime that is SKILLS. Proudly, Mindy and PJ.

► Winners of the Customer Service award at SkillsUSA, including Savanna

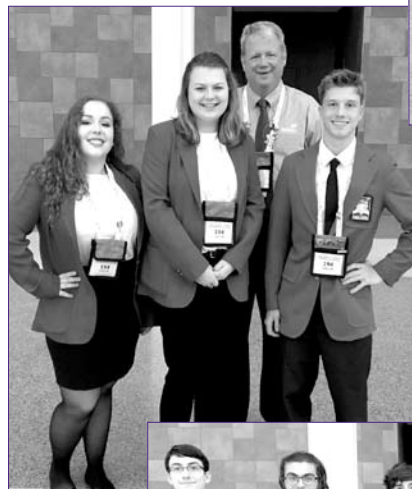
▼ Savanna and Joey



TOP: Construction Trades Team: David Gelo, Instructor Rick Zivny, Kyle Ross

CENTER: CADD Team: [L-R] Emily Pietrantone, Devon Medsker, Instructor Craig Schmidt, Ryan Previte

BELOW: ITP Team: Joshua Jaffe, Dominic Ferrante, Max Kotlan, Instructor Ron Suchy, David Bryson, Mitchell McLaughlin, and Max Brinton



**Golden Summer....**(continued from pg 2)

- ★ Mr. Zivny's Construction Trades Team; consisting of Kyle Ross, David Gelo, and Charlie Cole finished 13th in the Industrial and Engineering Showcase.
- ★ ITP Graduate Dominic Ferrante finished 10th in Computer Programming, earning National Finalist recognition.
- ★ Mr. Schmidt's CADD Team; consisting of Devon Medsker, Emily Pietrantone, and Ryan Previte finished 5th in the Industrial and Engineering Showcase. The CADD team also earned recognition as National Finalists.
- ★ Mr. Suchy's ITP Team; consisting of David Bryson, Max Kotlan, and Joshua Jaffe earned First Place in the Business and Technology Showcase earning the Gold Medal. This year's team earned the fifth SkillsUSA National Championship for ITP in five appearances at NLSC and are proud to have brought home the "one for the thumb".
- ★ Savanna Kubish of W-E NCI, earned the 2017 NLSC National Championship Gold Medal in the Customer Service competition.
- ★ Joseph Jarmuszkiewicz from W-E NCI, earned the 2017 NLSC National Championship in Welding, earning the Gold Medal.



TOP: Construction Trades Showcase - Charlie, David (not pictured: Kyle)

CENTER: CADD Engineering Showcase - Ryan (standing), Devon (kneeling), Emily (seated), speak with and present the "Artificial Hand" project to SkillsUSA National Conference spectators.

BELOW LEFT: ITP Showcase - Max, David and Joshua: SkillsUSA National Champions 2017

We enter the 2017-18 school year with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and look forward to discovering which Excel TECC students will earn the distinction of being CHAMPIONS AT WORK! For further information on SkillsUSA or the 2017 NLSC, visit [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org).

**PRESS RELEASE**

From: Beachwood High School Excel TECC Marketing/Junior Achievement

**The ONE Campaign promotes Unity, Diversity and Acceptance**

The ONE Campaign is a societal marketing and public relations campaign that the Excel TECC Marketing students at Beachwood High School will be implementing for the 2017-2018 school year. The mission of The One Campaign is to promote unity and diversity in our global community.

Highlighting The ONE Campaign will be a public art display installed in the spring of 2018 on school and city land in the City of Beachwood. Billboards with original art celebrating unity will be created by area artists. Each billboard will be sponsored by companies and organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. Colorful pathways of hand-painted rocks will connect many of the billboards. 10,000 rocks will be painted throughout the year by community members of all ages beginning at the City of Beachwood's Fall Fest on October 8, 2017.

The Junior Achievement Company Program will serve as the learning foundation for the Marketing students as they develop The ONE Campaign. The students created the tagline: *One can change the world* Their hope is that through the public art campaign and related programming they can inspire a positive movement of acceptance and a celebration of diversity. Students will be working with The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio.

The Marketing students feel that Excel TECC is an excellent example of bringing students together from a broad range of backgrounds. More information will be coming soon to [www.theonecampaign.com](http://www.theonecampaign.com) or contact Mr. Greg Perry [gwp@beachwoodschoools.org](mailto:gwp@beachwoodschoools.org)



Sean Walker, Joey Rini, Alex McCullough, Ryan Turk and Prabhjot Toor are working on their team's music wall at the Mayfield Innovation Center Fab Lab

2017 CADD graduates Devon Medsker, Ryan Previte and Emily Pietrantone are at the SkillsUSA National Championships in Louisville, KY



For 2017-2018 \*10th graders...Find out about Career Technical programs available for 2018-2019

**OPPORTUNITY DAY/ NIGHT - Thursday**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2017**  
 Field trip during the day for current 10th grade students;  
 Evening session for parents & students at 7:00 pm  
 -all day at Mayfield high school-

## CADD Senior Team Earns Fifth Place at the SkillsUSA National Championships

by Craig Schmidt, Instructor

The CADD Engineering Technology program experienced an incredible year in 2016-17. Students from our program, which was named an Exemplary Program by Lakeland Community College Tech Prep, earned a SkillsUSA State Championship and a prestigious Architectural Award of Merit in state and local competitions. But, they weren't finished.

Ohio State Champions, and CADD graduates, Devon Medsker, Emily Pietrantone and Ryan Previte traveled to Louisville, KY last summer to compete in the SkillsUSA National Championships in the Career Pathways Showcase – Industrial Engineering. The team presented their Prosthetic Hand Project, which documented their two-year experience with the project. The team was recognized as National Finalists, and earned 5<sup>th</sup> place in the nation in their category! Congratulations to Devon, Emily and Ryan!

We plan to increase CADD student participation in SkillsUSA Regional and State competitions in 2017-18, expanding the opportunities to junior students as well.

Our program is off to a great start in 2017-18, too. In addition to our largest senior class ever, with 22 students, we also welcomed our largest junior class ever, with 26 students from all 11 consortium high schools.

Last spring, CADD Juniors began collaboration with 4<sup>th</sup> grade music students at Gates Mills Elementary to create Music Walls. These walls utilize various materials, such as pipe, pans, spoons, bottles, etc. to produce "music". In addition to brainstorming ideas with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, CADD juniors modeled solutions using the SolidWorks application. The designs of Alex McCullough, Carter Heffern, Anthony Favazzo and Dylan Kachline were selected by the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Late last spring, Mrs. Bender, principal of Gates Mills Elementary, and Mr. Schmidt, CADD Engineering Technology Teacher, decided to extend the project into this school year, giving students the opportunity to make this project even better! The completed music walls will be unveiled early this semester at Gates Mills Elementary. This project has linked our program with the arts, moving us from STEM to STEAM! Plans are also underway to support collaboration with preschool students, and a middle school social studies class.

CADD seniors also are beginning their collaboration with Construction Trades students for the 2017-18 Homes Project. Entering our 7<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration between the two programs, the Construction Trades Program will spend the year constructing homes designed by CADD seniors. This year's project has a new twist: Construction Trades will relocate to a new space mid-year. The homes will be designed so work can begin in the current Construction Trades lab, and end in their new lab. This project is not only about architecture, but engineering as well, as the home designs will need to support pre-fabrication.

To keep up with events in CADD Engineering Technology, follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @excelteccadd.

## Studio Art & Design

by Dan Whitely, Instructor

This year, Studio Art & Design is building upon the record setting three National Scholastic Arts Medalist Awards won during the 2016-17 school year.

Our junior artists have already demonstrated their artistic potential for future Scholastic Art Awards. The juniors' large drawings have focused on the subtle "Glories in Nature". Their artwork has caught the attention of many students and staff at Orange High School. The school's prominent "Fishbowl" gallery, located in the main hallway, proudly displays the first public exhibition of the talented group.



Studio Art Seniors 2017-18

(back row): Lara Sheludkova (Mayfield), Dominic Dixon (Brush), Mr. Whitely (Lake Catholic 78), Aidan Hoffner (Solon), Jack Wesley (Mayfield), Francesca Hadzima (South), Izzy Tartaglia (Mayfield), Sam Richards (Orange), Carly Stark (Orange), Ruby Castellani (Chagrin Falls)  
 (front row): Kayleigh Bentley (South), Niya Witcher (Brush), Lauren Harris (Mayfield), Riley Finch (South), Ainsley Carran (Orange)



## Culinary Senior Students Experience Farm-to-Table

by Danette McHale, Instructor

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Excel TECC culinary arts senior students visited two local farms to learn about organic farming and conventional farming. Jake and Dawn Treathaway at Maplestar Farm in Auburn and Craig and Annie Sirna at Sirna's farm in Mantua hosted our students. We toured the respective farms, learned about the challenges Ohio farmers face and how farmers earn a living. Both farms have business relationships with local restaurants as produce suppliers. Additionally, Sirna's farm has their own pizzeria and Maplestar operates a roadside stand.



Culinary senior students with instructor, Chef McHale [far left], observe the farm operations

More than **88** percent of CTE students are planning to continue on to postsecondary education.

**6** in 10 students are planning to pursue a career related to the CTE area they are exploring in high school.

Almost **1/3** of CTE students have the opportunity to earn college credit and/or an industry certification through CTE.

source: My College Options<sup>SM</sup> ACTE research study (2016). National sample includes 40,192 high school CTE students.

## Mayfield Cosmetology

by Maryanne Hummell and Debby Kall,  
Instructors

The Mayfield Cosmetology program is off to a great start and would like to welcome the new junior students to the program.



The seniors are excited to have opened their customer clinic to the public and will be preparing to take their State Exam this May. The Juniors have already been busy learning their facial manipulations, cutting hair and are starting to learn their other State Board of Cosmetology procedures. Hours of operation are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is recommended that you make an appointment by calling 440-995-6740. If you need a price list just call us and we can send one out to you. It is a great time to schedule a manicure or pedicure before winter comes. We look forward to seeing you this year.

Our senior students will be starting their Internship in a Salon in September and continue through January. This will give the students the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with a Managing Cosmetologist and will be able to perform the skills they have learned in their program. Our students have been placed in a number of salons in all of the school districts that send students to us. If you see them out there please say hi to them.

### *ExcelTECC...by the numbers*

**10** - # of school districts in Excel TECC

**28** - # of CTE programs

**98** - % of students who go to college, military or immediate employment after high school

**100** - % of programs who have students attend college/university

**615** - # of years of career technical teaching experience of Excel TECC staff

**66** - # of 2016-17 inductees into National Technical Honor Society

**10,639,171** - dollars in scholarship earnings by 2017 graduating class [400 students]

## Travel, Tourism and Hotel Management

by Cathy Covill, Instructor



Seniors display their Hospitality & Tourism Management Program certificates for completing Year 1 from American Hotel & Lodging

Students in TTHM are off and running! As students study all the opportunities in hospitality management, seniors begin **ServSafe Manager** for certification in food safety and sanitation this September with **District Chef Mike Chapin**. Following that, seniors begin **Guest Service Gold** to earn certification through **American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute**. Juniors have already completed workplace safety through the **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health**.

**Kathy Kosmos** from **Dream Vacations** is scheduled to speak to seniors in September and **Jodi Campagne** from **AAA (American Automobile Association)** will be speaking in October. **Panera Bread** has also been in contact to speak to students in both classes. **Melissa Stevens** from **Johnson and Wales** will return to speak to juniors in October. Johnson and Wales is recognized as the top culinary and hospitality management school in the United States. Ninety-two percent (92%) of students receive scholarships to attend the school.

Both classes will travel to **Put-in-Bay** for the day at the end of September. In addition to planning the trip, students will learn about the significance of Lake Erie in the history of America and will also visit caves and other fun attractions. Students will also visit **Courtyard by Marriott in Willoughby**, **LaVera Party Center** and the **Patrician Party Center**.

Project choices the first grading period include: designing a water park, a mini golf course, or theme park as well as collaborating on the design of a food truck and planning a Thanksgiving Day meal. Work has begun on securing a visit from a working food truck to NCI Willoughby so that students may tour and ask questions. Seniors will be completing Event Planning projects this fall with visits from sales and catering managers representing **Embassy Suites Beachwood** and **InterContinental Hotels Cleveland**.

Congratulations to the seniors, who last year passed the American Hotel and Lodging Year One Hospitality and Tourism Management assessment!! Upon completion and passing the assessment for Year 2, seniors will become **Certified Hospitality and Tourism Management Professionals** through **American Hotel and Lodging Association!**

## Medical Technologies

by Joanna Davidson and Debbie Elam, Instructors

The 2017 -18 Medical Technologies school year is off to a great start. We hope everyone had a restful summer and is looking forward to having a successful school year. Medical Technologies welcomed 46 junior students from our eleven consortium schools. Seniors returned anticipating their internship experiences at Cleveland Clinic and/or University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Juniors have started the school year off in their clean and crisp new Caribbean blue medical scrubs along with their professional medical lab coats. The first day of school was all about meeting and greeting new friends and maneuvering their way around Mayfield High School and the Innovation Building. Juniors attend their Medical Technologies academic classes at Mayfield High School. Mr. Eric Davis teaches Anatomy and Physiology and Mrs. Amy Meade and Ms. Jennifer Cioffi teach English 3.

The junior class is looking forward to “Professional Panel Discussion Day” at Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals. Each hospital will host a morning with four to five health care professionals presenting their educational background and sharing their present job description and explanation of day to day responsibilities. Question and Answer segment will follow the presentations. Students will then be taken on a tour of the hospitals with lunch immediately following. Some of the professional speakers will be from pediatric care, cardiology, surgery, labor and delivery, emergency medicine, and medical surgical departments. Professional health care speakers will also be visiting Mayfield’s Innovation building to speak to the juniors about their careers with the objective being to share their professional expertise to help the juniors narrow down their personal interest in health care.

The senior class was extended an invitation from Hillcrest Hospital to participate in a disaster drill on September 9, 2017. Those seniors that participated played the role of an injured individual that had been involved in some type of community disaster. Local Municipalities responded to the practice disaster drill to assess the effectiveness of their medical interventions. This is one example of many local health care agencies that contact the Medical Technologies program for assistance in public health care. We look forward to working with the National Kidney Foundation and the Upside of Downs, a Downs Syndrome Organization, this coming school year.

First semester seniors will begin their ten-week health care internship this coming October. Ten seniors will be attending Cleveland Clinic competency testing on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. These seniors will attend a two-day orientation and skill evaluations; along with other health care workers newly hired by the Cleveland Clinic. The Medical Technologies instructors are proud of the ten students and wish them well. All first semester seniors will be certified in Health Care Provider CPR on September 9<sup>th</sup> by the Mayfield Village Fire Department under the direction of Chef Eugene Carcioppolo and Lt. Jason Brothers.

We are excited and looking forward to our second participation in



Medical Technologies Class of 2018

SkillsUSA, a Career and Technical Student Organization, with the senior class. Late September, early October, seniors will begin the process of choosing which health care competition they would like to participate in and begin to ready themselves for this endeavor. We look forward to the challenge. A new experience for this year’s senior class will be collaborating with Ms. Kristy Palmeri’s freshman Bio Med class through an unresolved medical scenario. The freshman STEM Bio Med class will meet with Medical Technologies seniors throughout the third quarter investigating the cause of their patient’s signs and symptoms to solve the mystery of their mysterious illness. A Cardiologist from Hillcrest Hospital is planned to meet with the students to review the student’s medical case and help identify any missed signs and symptoms. Stay tuned for the patient outcome.

Everyone seems to be settling in to the routine of school as if they never left for summer vacation. We are excited about all the new learning opportunities that are available to Medical Technologies students as the program continues to grow and flourish. We are thankful for all of our student successes and accomplishments and look forward to many more years of medical growth.

## Environmental Education - Sites Around Town

by Rebecca Gardner, Kim Haydu, Kym Judson, Ed Tuhela, Instructors

### Fall Fest Preparation

Our Annual Family Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Students are busy preparing for the much anticipated Hay Ride. They have begun planning and creating displays in the back portion of our property for the community to enjoy while they sit on hay baled trailer being towed by our tractor. The displays are children friendly and environmentally educational. The student's FFA club will also provide 'Roast Your Own' marshmallows at our fire pit at no charge to the community. Students from other Excel TECC programs will be helping with the carnival type games for our younger guests. Our students from the Fire/EMS Training Academy will have a fire truck available for you to check out. The highlight of the festival is the Costume Contest beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you have a new born -12 year old they can register for the contest by 2:45 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be vendors and food for all to enjoy. Please join us on October 7 from noon-4:00 p.m.

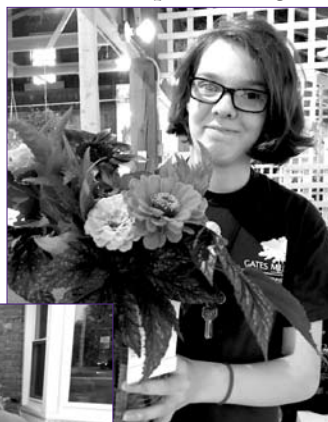


Jason, Joey, Deonte and Tim prepare for Fall Fest



### The Great Geauga Fair

Eight students from the Floriculture and Gardening Operations program volunteered their time this summer to work with the members from the Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners in the organic vegetable garden located at the Environmental Education Center. Students planted vegetables and flowers that they incorporated into their floral designs to be judged at the Geauga County Fair. The students enjoyed a field trip to the fair and got to see their arrangements on display! Several students received ribbons for the hard work! Ryan Penicka received a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish for his design while Danielle Kaufman, Cole Carver, Sydney Diamond and Kris English all earned a fourth place ribbon for their designs. The students are already planning for next year!



▲ Sydney with her floral display at the Fair



◀ Rayne with her 2nd Place winning frog at the Fair

### ACE Program

The students in the ACE program have been busy with off-site landscape projects, studying plant identification, hydroponics and nutrition, equipment safety and usage and professionalism. The students are required to participate in training sessions and pass a safety test with a score of 100% before they are allowed to use a piece of power equipment. Proper measuring techniques are imperative to the success of a hydroponics system. Students quickly learn by failing crops if their measurements are incorrect.



▲ Joey adds chemicals to the Hydroponics system

◀ Hannah displays Personal Protective equipment

### Cleveland Botanical Garden



Our students enjoy working and learning in our extended classroom on the grounds of Cleveland Botanical Garden. We do every task that the horticulture staff is responsible for in the most beautiful gardens. While completing the various hands-on projects the students are rapidly learning tree identification before fall begins and the leaves have fallen. We will continue the rest of this growing season with fall clean-ups, winterizing gardens, and help with the seasonal shows and displays. Check out the students work and other various activities held at CBG and the Holden Arboretum by visiting [cbgarden.org](http://cbgarden.org).

We also are busy volunteering at two local urban gardens in Cleveland. This is where the class learns about harvesting organic herbs



**Environmental Education - Sites Around Town...continued**

and vegetables. The produce is sold at the local markets by the Green Corps. The students pick, wash, package and store the produce fresh for the markets. Being sold through September and October are tomatoes, greens, basil, dill, peppers, carrots, eggplants, squash, and beans. The money raised goes directly back into the Midtown Garden and Buckeye Learning Farm that housed the Green Corps Program.

Also please support your local farmers for they give you produce fresh, more nutritious, better tasting, cheaper, and better for the community and the Earth!



Jada harvesting blackberries and April harvesting carrots

**Landscape Construction & Design**

The Landscape Construction and Design students are off to a great start. The new students are extremely excited to learn to operate the landscape machinery. The seniors stepped up to demonstrate their skills that they learned last year and give a helping hand to the new students with the details of safe and efficient use of the equipment. The landscape class is partaking in two volunteer projects this fall. The first is to participate in a beach study with the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The students will go to Euclid Beach and do a few studies and measurements such as ph, long shore current, animal and human activities count, air and water temperature, trash removal among others. The results will be recorded in a national data base. The students will also go to Holden Arboretum and take part in the restoration of the naturals area. The project will involve removal of invasive species, restoring creek habit and planting new native plant material. These activities will demonstrate to the students that environmental concerns are now part of the landscape industry.

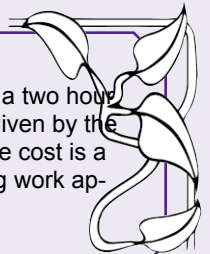
The highlight of our Fall semester will be participating in The Ohio High School Land-

scape Olympics. It is a new state level, two day competition at ATI where students display their skills in various landscape projects including installing a landscape form a design, installing a paver entertaining area, building columns and retaining walls (hardscape installation), cost estimating form a landscape plan, irrigation troubleshooting and operating landscape machinery such as a compact excavator, driving a truck and trailer in a obstacle course, and skid steer operation. The test is set up and judged from landscape professionals that donate their time for the students.

All of this is to prepare the students for a career in the landscape industry. Each senior is developing a career path plan which will be a work in progress. The goal is to have a plan on what particular job they want and steps to reach that goal. In March the goal is for each senior to have been hired and their job ready to go. All plans for college or apprenticeships will be completed and scholarships applied for. This will be the start for each student for a exciting, challenging career in the green industry.

**WORK PROJECTS**

Students edge, prune, mulch, seasonal clean-up, etc in a two hour time frame. The teachers lead the class with the tasks given by the customer. The class brings the tools and equipment. The cost is a donation of \$75.00. Schedule for fall season now; spring work appointments will be scheduled after the first of the year. Call Ed Tuhela for more information at (440) 995-7556.



**Plant of the Month**

Offered by the Floriculture and Garden Operations class. Enjoy six months of beautiful plants/floral designs delivered right to your school if you are a staff member in the Excel TECC consortium. All other customers must pick up at the GMEEC location. Call Kym Judson for more information at (440) 995-7553.

**\*Also special event flower orders can be ordered!!!**

**\*CLIP COUPON\***  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE**  
**Friday December 8 - 8:00am-6:00pm**  
**390 County Line Road - Gates Mills**

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### DATES TO MIND:

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE/ PLANT SALE

Friday DECEMBER 8-2017  
 8:00am-6:00pm

#### SPRING OPEN HOUSE/ PLANT SALE

Friday MAY 4-2018  
 8:00AM-6:00PM

Both Open Houses held at Gates Mills  
 Environmental Education Center  
 390 County Line Road  
 440-995-7565

### Check out our public services & events:

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### Culinary Arts

*by Danette McHale, Instructor*

The Beachwood Bistro is a 100-seat student-run public restaurant operated by the Excel TECC Culinary Arts program housed inside Beachwood high school. Our students converge from ten school districts to participate in this two-year program. Please come out and see what a great job our students can do preparing and serving you lunch!

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Beachwood Bistro

@ Beachwood High School  
 25100 Fairmount Blvd.



For Carry-Out Orders  
 (place before 10:30am)  
 and Reservations call:  
 216-831-2080 x131

Open Wednesday-Thursday-Friday  
 11:00am-12:30pm  
 Opening Day: October 18

**GO TO:** <http://www.mayfieldschools.org> >ExcelTECC  
 for news, program information & calendar of events

