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MVCTC Masonry Students Learn Art of Concrete Finishing

Clayton, Ohio - The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Masonry students are gaining competencies in the area of concrete finishing. The Masonry Program at the MVCTC is a two-year program designed to prepare students for careers in brick and block masonry, cement masonry, and concrete finishing. This program, as well as the other Construction Trades Programs at MVCTC, is a College Tech Prep Program with opportunities for School-to-Apprenticeship, Dual Enrollment College Credit, and certifications in NCCER, OSHA, and First Aid/CPR.

The graduates from the Masonry Program at the MVCTC have a bright future ahead of them as the opportunities for brick and block masons, cement masons and concrete finishers in Ohio are expected to be good, particularly for those with the most experience and skills according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Ohio, the top 90% percentile of brick and block masons can expect to earn a mean hourly wage of \$30.07 and an annual mean salary of \$62,550 and the top 90% percentile of cement masons and concrete finishers can expect to earn a mean hourly wage of \$28.70 and an annual mean salary of \$59,700.

For additional information on the program, contact the Masonry Instructor, Craig VanCulin, at 937-854-6080, or MVCTC Principal/Supervisor, Dale R. Winner, at 937-854-6084. For more information about Masonry and other MVCTC career technical programs, please visit <u>www.mvctc.com</u> or <u>www.ctctube.com</u>.

Photo: MVCTC Masonry students learn how to finish concrete. Pictured Left to Right: Taylor Landes (Jr. Masonry from National Trail) Mr. Craig VanCulin (MVCTC Jr. and Sr. Masonry Instructor) Mackenzie Denlinger (Sr. Masonry from Franklin Monroe).