

Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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MVCTC FCCLA Chapter Off to Great Start

Submitted by: MVCTC FCCLA Public Relations Officer, Lindsey Varner (Tri County North)

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter held their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, August 26. The new FCCLA president, Brittany Wagner (Tri County North) started the meeting by introducing herself, other officers, and this year's advisor, Mrs. Barb Leis. The meeting continued with the officers explaining to the chapter FCCLA's purpose, which according to their web site is, "a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus."

A "get-to-know-you" game was played in order to help the new members of FCCLA feel comfortable. The game required groups of five or six students to work together to make the most paper chain links in six minutes. The first three minutes had to be done without talking. This challenged students to work together with different means of communication. The three teams who had the most chain links won candy.

At the end of the meeting, advisors asked different questions to students quizzing them on what they learned and what they thought were good qualities for an FCCLA member. For correct answers, students received candy. The meeting went well and all students got involved in the events and had fun.

The 2009-2010 MVCTC FCCLA Chapter Officers are President - Brittany Wagner (Tri County North), Vice President - Marah Penny (Arcanum), Public Relations – Lindsey Varner (Tri County North), and Historian - Anne Marie Bierly (Eaton).

MVCTC students in the career technical programs of Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, and Hospitality Services participate in FCCLA. This organization allows students to develop leadership and professionalism, and to demonstrate their knowledge in contest at the regional, state, and national levels. For more information on MVCTC career technical programs, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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Photo: MVCTC FCCLA Members for the 2009-2010 school year. Back row left to right – Olivia Slade (Culinary Arts student from Preble Shawnee), Christy Stonerock (Early Childhood Education student from Tri County North), and Brittany Wagner (Culinary Arts student from Tri County North). Front row left to right – Lindsey Varner (Culinary Arts student from Tri County North), AnnMarie Bierly (Culinary Arts student from Eaton), and Marah Penny (Early Childhood Education student from Stude