

## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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## **MVCTC Youth Connections Starts 11<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Dayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Youth Connections** alternative school is beginning its 11<sup>th</sup> year in operations. Youth Connections has helped approximately **650** students earn his or her high school diploma. Over the last two years, Youth Connections graduates have earned approximately **\$700,000 in college scholarships** to Sinclair Community College. Youth Connections is currently serving students from twenty local school districts, for an enrollment of approximately 150 students.

The MVCTC Youth Connections is an alternative educational program that targets students who are:

- Disconnected from school due to non-attendance or an inability to succeed in a regular school setting
- Lacking in credits for his or her age group
- Deficient in the areas emphasized in the Ohio Graduation Test
- Under expulsion for non-violent reasons

Youth Connections is based on instruction in a small personal setting with a great deal of flexibility and a curriculum that will allow students to receive their high school diploma and gain skills necessary to lead to long-term employment. All students enrolled in Youth Connections are a part of the Career Based Intervention (CBI) program, which is the largest one site for a CBI program in the state of Ohio. While attending Youth Connections students are still considered a part of their home school, and are able to participate in extra-curricular activities and graduate with their home high school.

For more information about the MVCTC Youth Connections program, please visit <u>http://www.mvctc.com/youthconnections</u>.

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