

## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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## Tracy Kelly of Expressions Studios Receives Award from MVCTC

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) named Tracy Kelly, owner of Expressions Studios in Englewood, as the recipient of the 2010 Friend of MVCTC Award. Mr. Kelly received the award at the 20th annual All Advisory Dinner held on Thursday, September 30, in the MVCTC Student Activity Center. MVCTC Superintendent, Dr. John Boggess, describes this yearly award as, "This award is given each year to someone who is always supportive of our mission, our programs, and our students. Those nominated are the professionals who willingly give a tremendous amount of time and talent to insure MVCTC has continued success".

The Graphic Commercial Photography instructors, Jay Vada and Troy Baker. nominated Mr. Kelly, for his continued support of MVCTC students and staff. Mr. Kelly is a 1982 graduate of then Montgomery County Joint Vocational School (MCJVS) Graphic Commercial Photography program. After completing the program, he started his own photography studio in 1989. The MVCTC instructors said of Mr. Kelly's support, "He is a great example of the possibilities our students are capable of. He is proof that one can take the knowledge learned, apply it successfully, and build a business that is an asset to the community."

The evening focused on MVCTC's commitment to the Miami Valley as all career programs met with area business partners to discuss program curriculum and ensuring MVCTC students are learning what is necessary to be successful in today's workforce. A panel of MCJVS/MVCTC alumni was the highlight of the

evening, as they shared how their experiences at MVCTC helped them find success in their careers. The panel consisted of:

- Tiphany Anderson, a 2010 Adult Education Licensed Practical Nursing graduate currently employed with Bethany Lutheran Village Nursing Home and pursuing her RN.
- Craig Burkholder, a 1991 Cosmetology program graduate and currently the owner of Affinity Salon and Day Spa in Dayton.
- Michael Evans, a 2000 Electrical Trades graduate and currently the IBEW Local Union #2 Membership Development Coordinator.
- Kelsey Jackson, a 2005 Pre-Professional Teacher graduate and currently a seventh and eighth grade Language Arts teacher with Oakwood City Schools.
- Tracy Kelly, a 1982 Graphic Commercial Photography graduate and owner of Expressions Studio in Englewood.

For more information about MVCTC and the opportunities for high school and adult learners, please visit www.mvctc.com. Members of the community may also learn more by planning to attend one of the several upcoming events scheduled at MVCTC. This includes the Sophomore Early College Connection Night on Thursday, October 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Adult Education Open Houses on Thursday, November 11 from 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. - noon or the Sophomore Open House scheduled for Thursday, December 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. As the needs of the Miami Valley's workforce are redefined, you can count on the Miami Valley Career Technology Center to provide students, employers, and communities with the skills needed for on-thejob success.

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Photo: 2010 Friend of MVCTC Award recipient was Mr. Tracy Kelly, 1982 graduate of MCJVS/MVCTC and owner of Expressions Studios in Englewood. (Pictured left to right) Jay Vada (MVCTC Photography Instructor), Tracy Kelly (2010 Friend of MVCTC), Troy Baker (MVCTC Photography Instructor), and John Boggess (MVCTC Superintendent).