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MVCTC Students Win First Annual Bridge Building Competition

Clayton, Ohio – Electrical Trades students from Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) won first place in the Gene Cifel Scholarship Bridge Building Competition at the Ninth Annual Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana (OKI) Construction Career Days. This event held on September 22 and 23, at the Butler County Fairgrounds, had student participants from 28 schools in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

The OKI Construction Career Days is a two-day event that lets students explore the many opportunities the construction trades have to offer. It is a hands on event that allows students to operate the latest equipment and tools from all the different construction trades. This year's event had 71 sponsors from companies, organizations, universities/colleges, and professional organizations.

New to the OKI Construction Career Days this year, was the Gene Cifel Scholarship Bridge Building Competition. The objective of the contest was to design/build a bridge spanning greater than 24 inches, weighing less than 25 grams, which will support the maximum load at mid-span. The bridges had to be entirely designed and constructed by students attending the OKI Construction Career Days. Students were only allowed to use wood materials and glue to construct their bridge. The bridges were tested by hanging a load connected to the bridge with harness hooks within the middle two-centimeters of the bridge.

MVCTC students won first, second, third, and fourth place in the competition. The winning team was Electrical Trades juniors, Landon Bowman (Franklin Monroe), Alex Shahan (Tri-Village), and Kenneth Strole (Northridge). Baker Concrete employees and Construction Career Days Committee members Allison

Lyons and Tonya Beasley awarded the students \$150 scholarship check at the MVCTC SkillsUSA meeting on October 11.

For more information about MVCTC and the Construction Trade programs, please visit www.mvctc.com or plan to attend the MVCTC Sophomore Open House on Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 4:30 – 7 p.m.

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Photo: MVCTC Electrical Trades Juniors won the First Annual Gene Cinfel Scholarship Bridge Building Competition at the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana Construction Career Days in September. Pictured left to right – Robert Ewry (MVCTC Electrical Trades Instructor), Tonya Beasley (Baker Concrete/Construction Career Days Committee member), Kenneth Strole (Northridge), Alex Shahan (Tri-Village), Landon Bowman (Franklin Monroe), and Allison Lyons ((Baker Concrete/Construction Career Days Committee member).