



## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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### **MVCTC Celebrating 40 Years of Commitment to Career Education in Miami Valley**

**Clayton, Ohio** – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) formerly the Montgomery County Joint Vocational School is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011. The career center started as an idea in 1965, after a community survey pointed out the need for students to learn skill development for success on the job. Representatives from several groups came together to forge a plan for a joint vocational school (JVS), these included members of the Montgomery County School Board, civic, educational, and business leaders. The first school districts involved in the JVS were Bethel, Brookville, Jefferson, Miamisburg, Milton Union, New Lebanon, Northridge, Tippecanoe, Tri County North, Trotwood Madison, Valley View, Vandalia, Wayne, and West Carrollton.

With the passage of a two-mill levy in 1968, the 200-acre site on Hoke Road was purchased and two buildings were constructed and are now known as the East and West Buildings. In addition, in 1968 the school districts of Carlisle and Miami East became a part of the JVS District.

In 1969 the school district of Northmont, became a member of the JVS and 1970 added the school districts of Eaton, Preble Shawnee, and Twin Valley South.

After six years of work, the Montgomery County Joint Vocational School (MCJVS) opened their doors in March of 1971 with the first Adult Education programs. The following September, the first classes of high school students started programs, with 1,200 students enrolled.

In 1974 the school districts of Ansonia, Arcanum, Franklin Monroe, Mississinawa Valley, C.R. Coblentz (National Trail), Tri Village, and Versailles joined the JVS

district to bring the total number of partner school districts of 27. With the addition of these partner school districts, the South Building was added on campus the same year.

MVCTC still serves these 27 partner school districts and communities from a five county area. MVCTC offers over 50 career technical programs for high school juniors and seniors, and lifelong learning opportunities for adult students in the Adult Education programs. Working with local business and industry partners, MVCTC continues to help attract and create jobs for the region's economic growth.

In honor of the 40-year anniversary of MVCTC, a community recognition and all class reunion is planned for Saturday, May 14, 2011. All graduates from the Montgomery County Joint Vocational School (MCJVS) and the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) both high school and adult education programs are encouraged to attend. The event will be on the MVCTC campus at 6800 Hoke Road in Clayton, Ohio, from 2-6 p.m. Please visit <http://www.mvctc.com/reunion.php> to learn more and to pre-register for the event.

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