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MVCTC Construction Challenge Team Wins 1st Place Overall in National Competition

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Construction Challenge Team won first place overall in the national Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) Construction Challenge at the CONEXPO-CON/AGG construction industries trade show in Las Vegas. The team consists of MVCTC students Cody Johnson (Heavy Equipment student from New Lebanon), Nathan Landis (Heavy Equipment student from Valley View), Riley McGlosson (Electrical Trades student from Preble Shawnee), Brenden Brown (Carpentry student from Northmont), Lane Riffey (Masonry student from New Lebanon), Mike Murphy (Heavy Equipment student from Milton Union), and Mason Schwytzer (Carpentry student from Milton Union). Their advisor for the challenge was MVCTC Heavy Equipment instructor, Mr. Ron Kauffman.

According to the AEM Construction Challenge website, the “Construction Challenge is an innovative career-education initiative designed to engage high school students with real-world, hands-on experiences in the construction industry. Through competition, youth teams explore key elements of the highly diverse industry such as new technologies, research, engineering, project management, product development, manufacturing, service support and career pathways. “

The MVCTC team first competed in one of eight Regional Rally Sites in the United States and Canada. The winning teams from the Regional Rallies then moved on to the competition in Las Vegas. During the competitions, teams were given challenges involving transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, and infrastructure policy. The challenge would give teams a scenario and they must design and create a solution to the problem.

The MVCTC team was one of 24 teams competing at the Construction Challenge Championship Finals in Las Vegas. Ohio CAT and Caterpillar Inc. sponsored the MVCTC Team. This competition is a great opportunity for students to highlight the skills they have learned while attending MVCTC and to demonstrate their problem solving and creative thinking abilities.

This is not the first time that an MVCTC Construction Challenge Team has come home a winner. The 2008 team competed in the same event and placed second in the nation.

AEM is the North American-based international trade group providing innovative business development resources to advance the off-road equipment manufacturing industry in the global marketplace. AEM membership is comprised of more than 800 companies and 200-plus product lines in the agriculture, construction, forestry, mining and utility sectors worldwide. AEM is headquartered in Milwaukee, with offices in the capitals of Washington, D.C., Ottawa, and Beijing, as well as a European presence in Brussels. For more information about AEM, visit www.aem.org.

MVCTC is extremely proud of our students and the dedication, teamwork, and skills they showed in their performance. For more information about the construction trades programs at MVCTC, visit www.mvctc.com.

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Photo: AEM Construction Challenge Championship 1st Place Overall team from MVCTC – Mason Schwytzer (Carpentry student from Milton-Union), Lane Riffey (Masonry student from New Lebanon), Nathan Landis (Heavy Equipment student from Valley View), Riley McGlosson (Electrical Trades student from Preble Shawnee), Mike Murphy (Heavy Equipment student from Milton-Union), Brenden Brown (Carpentry student from Northmont), and Cody Johnson (Heavy Equipment student from New Lebanon).