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MVCTC Legal Assistants Collaborates with Sinclair Community College Legal Research Class

Clayton, Ohio –Mrs. Jenna Beck’s **Legal Research and Writing II Class** from Sinclair Community College held their class in a different setting on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. The instructor along with the sixteen (16) college students traveled to Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) to work with Mrs. Kelly Haws’ **Senior Legal Assistant Class**. The Sinclair students are enrolled in the Paralegal Associates Degree program and shared their knowledge of Lexis database and their legal research skills with MVCTC’s legal class. The students at MVCTC are writing research papers on a legal topic and Sinclair’s students assisted each MVCTC student in finding a case to go along with their topic. This collaborative educational experience was beneficial to both groups.

Mrs. Haws said of the experience, “Legal Assistant students were so impressed with the presentation from Sinclair’s class and were thankful for the articles and information Sinclair shared to assist with their RAP research papers”. Mrs. Beck added, “It was an exciting opportunity for our students at Sinclair to come and present Lexis to the MVCTC students. It was a chance for our students to refine their Lexis skills and encourage others to enter the legal profession. We look forward to working with the MVCTC Legal Assistant program in the future.”

A student in the MVCTC Legal Assisting Program learns highly skilled training such as office technology, law office procedures, legal terminology, accounting, and records management for an in demand career field. After completing the two-year program, students are able to pursue a career as a legal assistant, judicial assistant, court system clerk, court runner, insurance office support, and with additional education may be able to become a paralegal or even an attorney. The Legal Assisting program at MVCTC is a Tech Prep program, which means all students meeting specific criteria may be eligible for college credit and scholarship money towards Sinclair Community College. For more information about the Legal Assisting Program or any of the other exciting 49 career programs offered at MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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Photo 1 : MVCTC Legal Assistant student, Elizabeth Hayworth (Northmont) working with Sinclair student Autumn Blackford.

Photo 2: MVCTC Legal Assistant student, Erica Stone (Tri-County North) working with Sinclair students Stephanie Travis and Mary Jane Clark.

Photo 3: MVCTC Legal Assistant student, Dairyale Guest (Northmont) working with Sinclair student Chantrell Webb.

Photo 4: MVCTC Legal Assistant student, Jessica Poe (Brookville) working with Sinclair student Angi Stephens.

Photo 5 – MVCTC Legal Assistant student, Jordan Murphy (Arcanum) working with Katie Burns from Sinclair.