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MVCTC Legal Assistant Students Learn First-Hand about Career Opportunities in the Legal System

Dayton, Ohio – The Legal Assistant program at Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) enhanced their understanding of the justice system on Wednesday, April 11, by visiting The Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center, Montgomery County Jail, and the law offices of Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz.

Junior students first toured the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center, where Hearing Officer William Jarvis allowed students to visit a ward. Students were put in individual cells to see what it feels like to be locked up as a juvenile. After the Juvenile Justice Center tour, the juniors toured Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz law firm. Students were shown how the legal team of a litigation assistant, a paralegal, a team coordinator, and an assistant manager assist their attorney. They learned the organizational structure of the law firm as well as how they produce their own commercials. Past graduates of the Legal Assistant program continue to work for the firm and have done very well in the advancement of their legal career.

While the juniors were touring the Juvenile Justice Center and visiting Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz, the senior class went to the Montgomery County Jail to experience the legal system as an adult. The Corrections Officers took the students on a tour and shared the reality of adult confinement. The most important factor of the day was that the Legal Assistant students learned about all the career opportunities available to them at each of these facilities. MVCTC Legal Assistant teacher, Mrs. Kelly Haws, said of the visits, “The Legal Assistants enjoyed touring the facilities and feel they are ready to enter the workforce based on what they have learned/accomplished thus far in their legal studies.”

A student in the MVCTC Legal Assistant Program will learn 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 would be 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 Assistant Program or any of the other exciting career programs offered at MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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