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MVCTC Youth Connections Team – State Champions in Knowledge Bowl

Mount Vernon, OH -- The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Youth Connections team won first place in the Junior Division of the State Knowledge Bowl Competition on April 20, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The team of nine students was asked 60 questions and answered 59 of them correctly.

Knowledge Bowl is an academic competition that allows Career Based Intervention (CBI) students to compete against each other in both regional and state competitions. Teams can have up to ten (10) students. Each student is responsible for learning his or her categories. Preparation for Knowledge Bowl requires both in school studying and studying at home. Knowledge Bowl encourages teamwork, demonstrates that learning can be fun, develops student pride, and is good for community relations. The contest has 20 and at least 11 contain information geared for the Ohio Graduation Test {OGT} and Ohio State Standards.

The MVCTC Youth Connections Knowledge Bowl Team included Tyler Koppin (Northmont), John Husko (Northmont), Nikki Weller (Tri-County North), Dylan Tucker (Tri-County North), Caleb Reese (Tri-County North), Madison Robinson (Carlisle), Logan Zinck (Carlisle), Evan Wertz (Arcanum), and Geoffrey Hudson (Oakwood).

MVCTC Youth Connections teacher, Todd Engel, shared, "Knowledge Bowl provides our at-risk students with an opportunity to see their true potential and abilities if they truly apply themselves. They realized that learning could be fun if they work together as a unified team to accomplish things that they never thought was possible. The students became very passionate and committed to the studying and learning of their categories with hours of preparing both at school and at home."

MVCTC Youth Connections is based on instruction in a small personal setting with a great deal of flexibility and a curriculum that will allow students to receive their high school diploma and gain skills necessary to lead to long-term employment. All students enrolled in Youth Connections are a part of the Career Based Intervention (CBI) program, which is the largest one site for a CBI program in the state of Ohio. While attending Youth Connections students are still considered a part of their home school, and are able to participate in extra-curricular activities and graduate with their home high school. For more information about the MVCTC Youth Connections program, please visit <http://www.mvctc.com/youthconnections>.

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Photo: - The MVCTC Youth Connections Knowledge Bowl Team displays their 1st Place Team Plaque.

Front row (left to right) - Caleb Reese, Tyler Koppin, Nikki Weller

Back row (left to right) - Dylan Tucker, Madison Robinson, Evan Wertz, Geoffrey Hudson, Logan Zinck, John Husko