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**MVCTC Celebrates Career and Technical Education Month**

*Over 1,800 local high school students celebrate the importance of Career  
Technical Education*

**Clayton, Ohio** – Students and faculty at **Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC)** will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month™. This year's theme is **Career and Technical Education Works!** CTE Month™ provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE educates students to be college- and career- ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields. Special activities planned include, Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Celebration Week, February 11-15, 2013. The week will include dress-up days and a focus on what is unique about each of the CTSO organizations at MVCTC and how they are preparing students to be leaders in business and industry. Students will also be competing in a canned food drive. Canned food items that are collected will be donated to local county food banks.

Also during the month of February, all MVCTC students will be participating in CTSO local and regional contests. Every student at MVCTC is a part of a CTSO that is associated with their career technical program. The student organizations include BPA, FCCLA, FFA, FEA, SkillsUSA, and HOSA. These organizations allow for leadership opportunities and a chance for students to demonstrate workplace skills they have learned at MVCTC. Each year, MVCTC has students qualify to compete at the national level.

“The activities planned over the next month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students,” said **Kelly Herzog, Public Information Coordinator**. “By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students’ lives with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees as well as future leaders.”

CTE encompasses 94 percent of high school students and 13 million postsecondary students in the United States and includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more. CTE is a major part of the solution to national economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness and massive layoffs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly one-

third of the fastest growing occupations will require an associate's degree or a postsecondary vocational certificate. At a time when job opportunity is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring students are adequately equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce.

For more information about MVCTC, please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com).

For over 40-years, MVCTC has been providing career technical education for 27 partner school districts encompassing five counties in Southwest Ohio. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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