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**MVCTC Graphic Art Students to Exhibit at Vandalia Municipal Building –
Feb. 5 thru 28, 2013**

Vandalia, Ohio -- Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Junior and Senior Graphic Art Students will exhibit at the Vandalia Municipal Building Gallery, 333 James E. Bohanan Dr., Vandalia from February 5 thru 28, 2013. The exhibit will be open to the public Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. A reception for the students will be held on Tuesday, February 12 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the public is invited to attend. Please take this opportunity to view an amazing body of work from area students.

Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) is a career technical partner with Butler High School located at 6800 Hoke Rd. in Clayton. Students must apply their sophomore year to be accepted into their chosen program for their junior and senior year. In the Graphic Commercial Art Tech Prep program at MVCTC, students learn a balance of hands-on traditional illustration and graphic design training using the Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign software programs. Students will create posters, magazine covers and articles, logos, advertisements, book covers, portraits, still life drawings, and much more. The artwork on display at the Vandalia Municipal Building Exhibit will include a variety of mediums including graphite, scratchboard, colored pencil, digital illustration and graphic design.

Upon successful completion, these students will receive a career technical certificate from MVCTC, a diploma from their home school, and a \$3,000 Tech Prep Scholarship to Sinclair Community College. A Graphic Commercial Art student from MVCTC exits the program with a portfolio of their best work, giving them an edge over a student from a traditional high school, seeking acceptance to some of those same colleges. Based on these portfolios, these students have a reputation for receiving some of the largest scholarships awarded from colleges such as Bowling Green State University, Columbus College of Art and Design, Savannah School of Art and Design, School of Advertising Art, The Art Institutes, and The University of Cincinnati DAAP program.

The MVCTC will hold their Graphic Commercial Art, Commercial Photography and Digital Design Senior Portfolio Show on Wednesday, May 8, at the MVCTC, 6800 Hoke Road, Clayton, Ohio and is open to the public from 3-5:00.

Graphic Art students also receive awards annually by competing in several local, state and national competitions. They won several awards including Best of Show in 2012 Aullwood Avian Art Contest. Several students have won recognition in the Congressional Art Competitions, most notably was 2011 Graduate Rachel Leather's "Creative Thinking" artwork that was selected to be on exhibit in the National Capitol Congressional Art Exhibit.

CTC students annually compete in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit and in 2012 had four art pieces selected in the top 300 and one in the top 25. The CTC Graphic Art program is also a member of SkillsUSA, a national organization providing leadership and competition opportunities for career technical students with the assistance of industry partnerships. In 2012, Kayla Nunnery won the SkillsUSA Ohio State Pin Design contest and competed nationally. In 2011, Danielle Thompson received the Bronze Medal award competing in the National SkillsUSA Advertising Design contest and placing third in the nation.

For more information on MVCTC's Early Childhood Education program, please visit www.mvctc.com/ec.

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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