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**MVCTC Biotechnology Student Earns Superior Rating at District Science Fair**

**Clayton, Ohio** - Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC)

Biotechnology Senior, Brianna Kilcrease (Bethel) was one of nearly 4,000 students in grades 5-12 that displayed their scientific research and technological design projects at one of 16 different district science days hosted by colleges and universities on behalf of The Ohio Academy of Science. Professionals from industry, government and academia judged students on originality and creativity, use of scientific or technological design methods, clarity of expression, knowledge achieved and teamwork.

Brianna earned a Superior rating at the West District 10 Science Fair on Saturday, March 16, 2013. This qualifies her to compete at State Science Day in Columbus on May 11, 2013. Her project was Game On: A Study on Video Game Violence and How it Effects Stress and School Shootings.

Since the late 1940s, local, district and State Science Days have comprised Ohio's largest and most far-reaching, project-based STEM education program to prepare students for college, the workforce, and citizenship. Many alumni now have advanced degrees and successful careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Prominent science day alumni include the late Astronaut Neil Armstrong; Truman, Marshall and Fulbright Scholars; the 2010 National Spelling Bee Champion; former nuclear submarine captain and now the Commanding Officer of the Navy's Submarine School; a former Ohio Supreme Court Justice; Fellows of The American Association for the Advancement of

Science and the American Junior Academy of Science and former Governor-appointed student members of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University.

District science day students will vie for 1,200 slots and \$2.2 million in scholarships and awards at State Science Day hosted by The Ohio State University on May 11. AEP Ohio, The Ohio Environmental Education Fund, Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., Battelle and The Ohio Academy of Science sponsor State Science Day. Supported in part by the Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency, STEM students with superior-rated scientific inquiry and technological design projects will receive Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in Student Research in Advanced Materials, Advanced or Alternative Energy, Agriculture and Food Technology, Biotechnology and Biomedical technologies, Environmental Sciences and Information Technology.

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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