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***Alyson Hood – Paints a bright future ahead***

**Clayton, Ohio** – Alyson Hood, a senior from Eaton in the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Graphic Commercial Art program, is winding down her high school days but has a very bright future ahead of her. Alyson will be graduating from Eaton High School this spring and will be receiving her Career Passport from MVCTC for successfully completing the Graphic Commercial Art program.

After graduation, Alyson plans to attend either Ball State University in Muncie, IN for Graphic Art or the School of Advertising Art in Kettering, Ohio. Her dream is to become a graphic designer and her two years at MVCTC have prepared her to make this dream a reality.

During her time in high school Alyson was very involved, she played volleyball, participated in track, student council, Spanish Club, Art Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and the National Honor Society. She was a Rotary Honor Scholar for being in the top 5% of her class. While attending MVCTC, Alyson has received a Citizenship Award, been an MVCTC Student Ambassador, a member of the SkillsUSA Chapter, and was recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

During her senior year at MVCTC, Alyson competed in the local SkillsUSA Advertising Design contest and placed first, qualifying her to compete at the regional competition at the School of Advertising Art where she placed third and qualified for the State SkillsUSA Competition being held April 23-24 in Columbus, Ohio. Alyson describes the experience of competing at the Regional SkillsUSA Contest as one of her most memorable experiences while attending MVCTC, “I worked my tail off to get where I am, and I did my absolute best at regionals because I wanted the chance to compete at state, and I got it. I am really excited about this opportunity.” If she performs well at the state competition, Alyson will qualify for the National SkillsUSA competition this June in Kansas City, MO.

Not only has Alyson thrived in her career program at MVCTC, but she has also taken advantage of the many opportunities to help her be college ready as well. She will be leaving MVCTC with 6 semester college credit hours on a transferable college transcript. Alyson earned these by completing the English Dual Enrollment classes offered at MVCTC in partnership with Wright State University.

Alyson describes her experience at MVCTC as the “Best decision of my life. MVCTC has taught me so much about myself. I learned how far I can really go if I push myself hard enough and how success will follow you if you work hard and do your best. MVCTC has taught me that you not only need a skill set in the real world, but you need to have a good character and a positive attitude if you expect to make it on your own. It has taught me it is about how hard you are willing to work and how you can truly earn the things you work for in life. MVCTC also prepared me for the harsh reality of the real world. Finally, MVCTC has taught me that it is okay to stray from the path and make my own road. I can be whatever I want to be.”

“The experiences I have had at MVCTC are just amazing and the opportunities that are available at MVCTC are unbelievable. The people I have met and the stories I have heard make my time here worth every second,” shared Alyson.

MVCTC will be hosting a Freshman Showcase event on Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the MVCTC Student Activity Center on the Hoke Road Campus. Current freshman and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the exciting opportunities available to help students’ be both college and career ready. MVCTC staff and students will be on hand to answer questions, give tours, and demonstrate some of the amazing projects students are completing while attending MVCTC. For more information please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com) or call 937-854-8056.

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Photo – MVCTC Graphic Commercial Art senior, Alyson Hood (Eaton) will be competing in the State SkillsUSA Advertising Design Contest at the end of April.