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***MVCTC Aviation Maintenance Technician Program Helps Students Soar***

**Clayton, Ohio** – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) has one of only four high school Aviation Maintenance Technician programs in the state of Ohio. This unique career technical program allows high school students the opportunity to become a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified mechanic right out of high school, as well as earn their high school diploma and college associates degree at the same time.

FAA requirements include 1,900 hours of class work, 70% or higher on all lessons, and pass the FAA Airframe and Powerplant tests to earn certification. The MVCTC graduating Class of 2013 had a 100% passage rate on the FAA tests and all students earned certification.

This is a nationally recognized program with numerous national award winners at SkillsUSA contest. Most recently 2013 graduate, Zach Allen (Northwestern) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2013 SkillsUSA National Aviation Maintenance Competition.

In the fall of 2012, the MVCTC Aviation Program was highlighted by the *Lumina Foundation* for the training provided to get both high school and adult education students in a job.

The MVCTC Aviation Maintenance Technician instructors, Eric Bickel and Dar Borradaile, are both alumni of the program. After graduating from MVCTC in 1990, both went to work in the Aviation industry before coming back to MVCTC to teach.

This program has a 100% job placement rate, for students that earn their FAA Certification. Mr. Bickel and Mr. Borradaile share that they have graduates working at every major airline in the United States. Locally students are employed with PSA Airlines at the Dayton International Airport and at GE Aviation.

2012 MVCTC Aviation Maintenance Technician graduate, Ethan Weaver, shared, "The aviation program gives you the chance to get your airframe and powerplant license for just the price of tools and testing. This price is much cheaper than if you went to college for the license which is a three to four year

process and is much more expensive. I had an unforgettable experience, and passed my tests with flying colors. I was able to get a job working for a major airline company straight out of high school. I would recommend this program to anyone who is looking to put in some well spent time and effort to get a well-paying job and a great experience.”

2013 MVCTC Aviation Maintenance Technician graduate, Austin Herman (Northmont) says about his experiences in the program, ““MVCTC has given me an opportunity to be a high school graduate, college graduate, and become a certified aircraft mechanic all during two years of high school. I have put in a lot of effort but the rewards can be endless at this point.”

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, including Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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***Photo – MVCTC Aviation Maintenance Technician 2013 graduates Austin Herman (Northmont) and Trey Davis (Bethel) earned their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifications while attending MVCTC.***