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**MVCTC HOSA Chapter Hosts Blood Drive**

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) students in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Chapter hosted a blood drive on Friday, January 24, 2014. The HOSA Chapter had 153 blood donors participate and collected 128 units of blood.

One of the main purposes for the HOSA Chapter to sponsor a blood drive is to encourage students to contribute to the community through giving of themselves for the benefits of others. HOSA students provided the food and drinks for the canteen, assisted in the scheduling of donors, and operated the canteen area. Since 2008, the MVCTC has donated over 1,000 units of blood. Each unit of blood collected can save up to three lives. The annual MVCTC Blood Drive is becoming the largest high school sponsored blood drive in the area.

HOSA is a national student organization designed to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students. For more information on MVCTC career technical programs in the healthcare field, please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com).

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**Photo** – MVCTC Health Careers junior, Tashawna Davenport (Wayne), donated blood during the MVCTC HOSA Blood Drive on January 24, at MVCTC.