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Governor Kasich issues resolution of Ohio support for career-technical education

Columbus, Ohio - Ohio Governor John R. Kasich, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Richard A. Ross, and Ohio Career-Tech Director Steve Gratz met with leaders from seven student organizations on February 7, 2014, to officially launch the state's participation in National Career-Technical Education Month for February and Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Recognition Month for March.

Meeting in the Riffe building in Columbus, Gov. Kasich read and signed a resolution that accentuated the value of career tech with a special emphasis on seven organizations. The student organizations with representation were:

- Business Professionals of America, Ohio Association – Alyssa Rice, Paint Valley High School (Ross County), studying interactive media through Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center;
- DECA – Stephanie Elkins, Olentangy Orange High School (Delaware County), studying marketing;
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – Lindsey Schneider, Botkins High School (Shelby County), studying Family and Consumer Sciences (education, training and hospitality);
- Future Educators Association – Kaitlyn Cress, Gahanna Lincoln High School (Franklin County), studying education and training through Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools;
- FFA – Jarred Shellhouse, a graduate of Mohawk High School (Wyandot County), studying agriculture at The Ohio State University;
- **HOSA-Future Health Professionals – Margaret Myers, Tri-County North High School, studying biotechnology through Miami Valley Career Technology Center; and**
- **SkillsUSA Ohio – Romello Oliver, Northmont High School, studying carpentry at Miami Valley Career Technology Center.**

Aligned with the 2014 national career tech theme of “Celebrate CTE Superheroes,” the students shared some of their goals that could bestow that label upon them someday. Gov. Kasich engaged students in their thoughts about healthy lifestyles for young people and the value of career-technical education.

The resolution directed attention to the value of the workforce education for one of four high school students enrolled in Ohio career-tech programs.

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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: Ohio Governor John R. Kasich, met with leaders from seven student organizations on February 7, 2014, to officially launch the state’s participation in National Career-Technical Education Month for February and Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Recognition Month for March. Left to right - Business Professionals of America, Alyssa Rice (Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center); Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – Lindsey Schneider (Botkins High School); DECA – Stephanie Elkins (Olentangy Orange High School); FFA – Jarred Shellhouse, (Mohawk High School); HOSA-Future Health Professionals – Margaret Myers (MVCTC); Future Educators Association – Kaitlyn Cress, (Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools); and SkillsUSA Ohio – Romello Oliver (MVCTC).

Front Row –Ohio Governor John r. Kasich.