

APS OFFERINGS

- Administrative Office Technology
- Animal Management
- Automotive Collision
- Automotive Technology
- Automotive YES
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Finance
- Career Prep
 - Business Technology
- Integrated Software
- Career Based Intervention
- Commercial Art
- Computer Aided Design
- Computer Aided Manufacturing
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Dental Assisting
- Early Childhood Education
- E-Commerce
- Electrical Trades
- Electronic Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Fire Safety/EMT
- Graphic Arts
- Heat, Ventilation & A/C
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
 - Information Support & Services
 - Interactive Media
 - Network Systems
 - Programming & Software Development
- Integrated Software
- Marketing Education
- Masonry
- Medical
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- Pre-Engineering/Pre-Architecture
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CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS: THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE HIGH EARNINGS

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), eight of the 10 fastest-growing occupations through 2014 require less than a bachelor's degree. Our Career Education programs provide the foundation for our students to begin a career and then, through experience and either an associate degree or an apprenticeship, land a top-paying job. These jobs provide stable income upon which you can advance and provide for your family.

With over 35 different Career Education programs in Akron Public Schools, we offer something for every student. All offer the foundation for a future career AND the opportunity to connect to employers and post-secondary institutions for further education and training.

APS Career Education Program	Future Top-Paying Job	Annual Salary <small>(from Bureau of Labor Statistics)</small>
Computer Aided Design, Electrical Trades, Computer Aided Manufacturing	Industrial Production Manager	\$73,000
Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision, Automotive YES	Transportation Manager	\$72,662
Marketing Education	•Storage and Distribution Manager	\$69,898
	•Sales Representative	\$58,580
Information Technology	•Computer Technical Support Specialist	\$67,689
	•Computer Specialist	\$59,200
Administrative Office Technology	First-line supervisor, non-retail supervisor/manager	\$59,300
Fire Protection/EMT	Supervisor/Manager of Fire Fighting and Prevention Works	\$58,920
Dental Assistant	Dental Hygienist	\$59,790
Medical Diagnostic	Radiation Therapist	\$57,700
Business Finance	Real estate broker	\$58,720
Electronic Engineering, Electrical Trades	Elevator installer and repairer	\$58,710

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS!

Did you know...?



1 **Buchtel High School's Medical Therapeutic students had 100% passage** rate on the State Tested Nurse Assistant test! Their teacher is Deb Gray.

2 On Monday, Feb. 4, **Steve Frank, Restaurant Management teacher** at Kenmore was honored at PTA Founders Day as Kenmore's **Teacher of the Year**.

3 At **East High School**, eighty-eight students of Pam Jones are participating in a pilot program using an **on-line career program**. They take 3 different types of assessments, create a career profile, and build an on-line portfolio. Students may research the colleges of their choice, create resumes and even conduct job searches. Once the students have used this service, they may access their files anytime in their future, from any computer with internet access.

4 During the Christmas holidays, **Buchtel's Restaurant Management Class**, in coordination with the Buchtel ROTC program, served dinner for seniors of the community. The seniors then attended a music program put on by the students of Buchtel High School. The evening was enjoyed by both the guests and all the students. Their instructor is Valerie Skelly.

5 On December 3, 2007, **North High Restaurant Management students** catered an offsite event at the Celebration Church for over 40 people. This experience was great for the students and the church enjoyed it too! Their teacher is Pat Gibson.

6 **Litchfield Middle School's Work and Family Life students** created a school-wide project to adopt a unit of soldiers in Iraq. They sold yellow ribbons to earn money to purchase items to send to the soldiers. Over \$350.00 was earned, plus gift cards from local merchants were donated. To date, they have mailed 10 boxes of snacks, lotions, deodorant, canned food, CD's, magazines, shampoo, etc. In March, the school will be presented with a flag that has flown in Iraq to thank them for their generosity. The teachers are Nancy Camburn and Jane Smith.

7 **Linda's Kitchen** in Tallmadge has been a great partner in education for our **APS Restaurant and Hospitality programs**. Linda and her staff conducted an all-day workshop for our students to teach them the fundamentals of cake decorating. Many of these students will be participating in the Regional FCCLA competition in pastry arts in March. The techniques they learned in their Saturday workshop helped the students begin to develop their skills in this area of culinary arts.

8 **Hyre's FCCLA students** strongly believe in giving back to their community! They raised over \$2,000 for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" through a chili cook off contest, a pie-in-the-face contest with teachers, a loose change collection and walker pledges. They organized a Thanksgiving Dance that raised over \$600.00 for the Akron Food Bank. In December, the students participated in a "Bake Night" where they made about 50 dozen cookies for the Battered Women's Shelter. The students authored a book about what it is like for 5th graders to come to Hyre Middle School. A hard-bound copy of their book was presented to each of the Ellet Cluster elementary school principals. They are now



working on making bound classroom set copies for each school to encourage reading. They also raised over \$250.00 for helping to support Ohio's military. Their teacher and FCCLA advisor is Deb Firtha.

9 **Therese Chadbourne from Riedinger Middle School** received the OMNOVA grant for \$500.00!! Her 8th grade Work and Family Life students, as well as her FCCLA students, will be making blankets and pillows for Project Linus this semester for their service learning project.

10 **Ellet's Hospitality and Tourism students** recently toured the Hilton Garden Inn where they learned about potential employment. With so many students in the program this year, their teacher Carol Zona has added new culinary stations in the restaurant operations. The breakfast station that serves waffles, pancakes and omelets has been a hit with both the students and their customers.

11 **Commercial Art Students Create Logo** Our commercial art students created the new LOGO design for APS Akron Early College High School. Mr. Forbes and his selection committee had so many excellent choices, but a winner was selected. This newly designed logo will be used on all of APS Akron Early College High School printed work (business cards, letterhead, etc.) and apparel.



12 **Commercial Art Students Win Benny Awards** With over 300 entries, The Graphic Arts Council of Cleveland announced the winners of the 18th Annual Benny Awards which were based on concept, design execution and technical skills. The senior winners were: Tiffany Cotto (North), Sara Shreve (Garfield), James McGowen (Firestone), and Brittany Tucker (East). GAC Honorable Mention award went to Brittany Tucker (East@C-H). Their instructor is Kay Dreslinski.

13 **Buchtel Fire Safety/EMT senior students** attend their classes at the University of Akron. The senior class had 100% passage rate on their dispatch training.

14 **Ellet's Marketing program students** received honorary citations from Mayor Donald Plusquellic and Governor Ted Strickland for their efforts in donating toys to Akron City Medical Center. Their instructor is John Malinowski.

Pre-engineering Firestone Graduates Are Published Authors

Our **Project Lead The Way Pre-engineering program** at **Firestone High School** has been working closely with the University of Akron over the past several years. One of their projects developed into the publication "Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry". Justin Perry and Ryan Brosnahan (responsible for the first draft of the article and listed as co-authors) were PLTW students at the time the research was conducted and the article drafted. Both have since graduated from Akron Firestone High School (2007). Ryan is currently studying polymer science at the University of Akron and Justin is at Carnegie Mellon studying chemical engineering.

To see the complete article go to www.pltwohio.org. Congratulations students! Their instructor is Dan Spak.



Bringing The Students To The Community

Many Kenmore students in the Human Resources Career Cluster class recently participated in a job shadowing experience.

Cooperating employers included:

- Republic Storage Systems
- A Touch of Paris Hair Design
- Summit County Court House
- Sidney Ryan Uniforms and Formal Wear
- Crime Investigation Unit at the Akron Police Department
- The National Basketball Academy

All employers and students felt the project was a success. Employers and businesses are an important part of the Career Cluster Class.

Guest speakers included:

- National City Bank
- Oriana House
- Personnel Dept. for the City of Akron
- Pearl Jam (DJ)
- Sommerville Funeral Services
- College of Massotherapy
- National Institute of Technology
- Sidney Ryan Uniforms and Formal Wear
- City of Akron Health Dept.

Their teacher is Kathie Capriolo.

INVESTMENT WORKSHOP PAYS OFF FOR STUDENTS!

On December 10, 2007, Firestone and Kenmore Business Finance students traveled to Columbus State Community College to attend the Investment Education Program. This workshop was sponsored by the State of Ohio and State Treasurer, Richard Cordray. This program gave students the opportunity to experience investing and making a financial portfolio. They learned key lessons of long-term savings and investing using stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that they will need to know to secure their financial futures.

Everyone enjoyed networking with students and teachers from the Columbus area high schools, a discussion lead by Ohio State Treasurer, Richard Cordray, and a brown bag lunch.

Students participated in an investment game and won top prizes for their efforts. Firestone students, Brian Coffman and Issac Kawa won the Portfolio game. The teachers that attended this event were Mrs. Van Valien, Firestone and Mr. Sloan, Kenmore.



UTILITIES INTERN PROGRAM : A Training Partnership With The City Of Akron And Career Education Students

The Public Utilities Department of the City of Akron seems to have found a solution for locating good talent. Utility interns gain experience in Waste Water Treatment, Sewer Maintenance, Water Distribution and Water Treatment. APS Junior students are selected based on grades, attendance and an intense interview process. During the summer months they work a full time schedule while gaining experience working with the men and women of the various utility departments. When school begins in the fall they work part time and attend school part time. This is a paid experience for the interns as they gain experience and confidence.

Students selected for this experience for the 2007-08 school year are: Allen Beckwith (Construction Trades- Ellet), Dustin Young (CAD-Garfield), Scott Nelson (Construction Trades-Ellet), and Delante Brady (Plumbing-Buchtel).

Congratulations students!



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Purpose of the newsletter:

Welcome to the Akron Public Schools, Office of Career Education Newsletter. This newsletter is produced to: highlight the accomplishments of our students, share the excellent educational opportunities available to Akron Public Schools' students, develop an awareness of community contributions by the Career Education programs, and inform and build partnerships with our community members. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative.

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AKRON SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATE RECOGNIZED



Ann DelBove is a successful graduate from the Akron School of Practical Nursing. Ann completely changed her career direction from being an event planner to a Licensed Practical Nurse. With the nursing profession continually listed in the Top Ten fastest growing occupations in the nation, upon graduation Ann had immediate employment at Akron City Hospital (Summa Health System). Her wages are approximately \$15.22 to \$16.50 per hour. Ann is continuing her education by pursuing an RN degree at Stark State College. Congratulations Ann!

Akron School of Practical Nursing has a 100% passage rate for its graduates on the Ohio Board of Nursing Licensure examination. For more information, contact Eileen Spoonster, Director of ASPN at 330-761-3255.

Teacher Academy Students Selected to go to Future Educators National Conference

The Buchtel High School Teacher Academy Level IV students went to the National FEA Conference in Chattanooga, TN on February 15-17, 2008. The students, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Glover, were selected to present on "How Ohio Inspires Students to Become Teachers." Their presentation was well received with much discussion about the program by various participants. Other events that students participated include Essay Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Scrapbook, FEA Moment, T-Shirt Design, and Conference Theme Development. Students that attended the conference were: Tiffany Tucker, Jasmine Johnson, Laterica Jackson, Latoya McDaniel, Davonta Hullum, Chenay McKenzie, Giavonnie Woods, Elisebeth Conkle, Marcus Nicholson, Deidra Philmore, and Telissa Smith. **Congratulations students!**

