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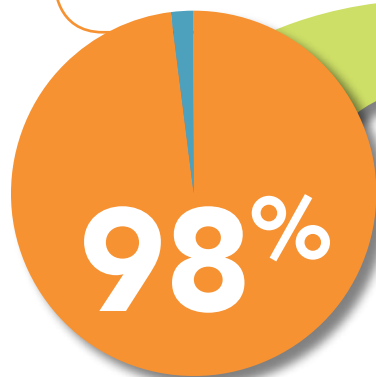
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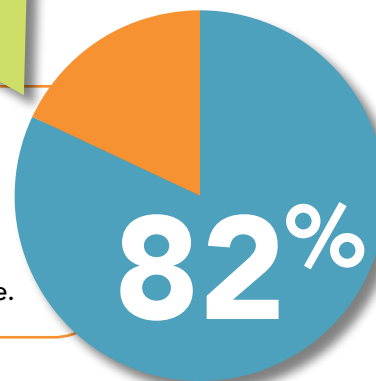
CAREER EDUCATION WORKS!

High school students enrolled in Career Education programs not only receive an education in the CORE academic classes, but they also are trained in specific occupational skills while still in high school. After graduation, our students use their training to begin their careers or continue their education while working part-time. We know **Career Education programs work** due to a recent follow-up survey of our past graduates.

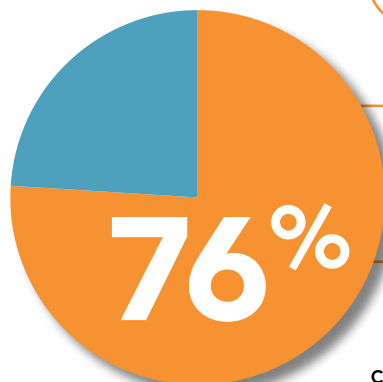
One year after the class of 2006 graduated, **98%** of our Career Ed grads are either continuing their education or working in occupations that related to their Career Education training.



Of that percentage, **82%** are going to college and working part-time.



76% of our past graduates are still working in the fields they had been trained in during high school.



Whether your goal is to begin working immediately after high school or to continue on to a 2 or 4 year college, Career Education programs help you achieve your goal. **Career Ed, It Works!**



Career Education Program

Scholarships Granted

Annually, the Akron Rotary Organization grants scholarships to Career Education students.

The Rotary Student of the Year scholarship is a competitive district-wide scholarship.

Recipients of this \$200.00 scholarship were: Amber Good, Jesse Peterson, Ruth Biragbara, David Genemans, Kayla Hunt, Starla Fry, Tierra Shelton, and Christopher Fockler.

The Rotary Outstanding Students of the Year scholarship is a competitive program scholarship.

These students received this \$100.00 scholarship: Mercedes Bagley, Taryn Bell, Teaira Burros, LaTasha Butler, Charles Dent III, Tonya Flight, Destini Fry, Quanteera Gaines, Benjamin Garn, Angela Gray, Jermaine Harris, Ann Hershey, Cassidy Horn, Adam Huffman, Kristina Kupresanin, Dominique Lindsey, Brittany Prade, Jerrica Smith, Arielle Sweeney, Pao N. Vue, Brandon Ward.

Career Education Teachers are Winners too!

Rownia Watson is the Buchtel High School Teacher-of-the-Year. Rownia teaches Integrated Software to every 9th grader at Buchtel High School. She was honored for her service at a city-wide award dinner on May 16, 2007.

Chris Gable teaches Work and Family Life at Roswell Kent Middle School. Chris was honored to receive the Ohio Achievement Award from her schools' PTA.

Kevin Cook, our Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning teacher at North High School received his North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certification in gas furnaces this spring. He was recognized with this honor at an educator's conference this spring in Virginia.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) are components of all our career education programs in Akron Public Schools. These student organizations provide quality education experiences for students in leadership, community service, competitive events and character development.

Skills USA

Skills USA is a student organization that serves students enrolled in **trade, technical and skilled service occupations.**

Competitive events may be held at either the district and/or state level. We have 26 Chapters with 537 Students in Skills USA.

Buchtel

Advisor: Deb Gray
 Events: *Nurse Assisting, Health Knowledge Bowl*
 Regional Competitions
 Jerrica Smith, Ginell Dennis, Shayna Miles, Ariana Sherman

Advisor: Mike McGill
 Event: *Plumbing*
 State Competitions
 Jatone Stephens

Central-Hower Facility
 Advisor: Kay Dreslinski
 Event: *Advertising Design*

Regional Competitions
 Jermaine Harris, Natalie Batten
 State Competitions
 Jermaine Harris

Advisors:
 Michelle Johnson, Theresa Gadomski
 Events: *Community Service, Promotional Bulletin Board, Health Occupation Portfolio, Dental Assisting*
 State Competitions
 Martia Allen, Ruth Biragbara, Kira Jester, Natalie Batten, Deron Brock, Yasconi Shingles, Jasmin Hubbard, Charae Lemon

Advance to Nationals
 Martia Allen, Ruth Biragbara, Kira Jester

Advisor: John Vance
 Events: *Masonry*
 State Competitions
 Michel Barrious

East

Advisor: Fred Weiss
 Events: *Tech Prep Showcase, Robotics*
 Regional Competitions
 Dory Reedy, Adam Huffman, Johathon Conkin

State Competitions
 Devon Micochero, Bryant Taylor

Advisor:
 William Troutman
 Event: *Welding*
 Regional Competitions
 Mark Oxford, Eric Goodwin
 State Competitions
 Mark Oxford

Advisor: Robert Joseph
 Event: *Automotive Technology*
 Regional Competitions
 Scott Beighley

Ellet

Advisor: Charles Blasdel
 Events: *Construction*
 Regional Competitions
 Jake Smith

Advisor: Ron Boldry
 Event: *Automotive Technology*
 Regional Competitions
 Arron Keener

Garfield

Advisor: Bob Robinson
 Event: *Auto Collision*
 Regional Competitions
 Jerritt Portis

Advisor: Lois Gardner
 Events: *Medical Assistant, Medical Math, Health Knowledge Bowl*
 Regional Competitions
 Sher Vue, Davina Foreman, Marcus Henderson, Shana Alton, Ahlam Suleiman
 State Competitions
 Chantelle Richards

Advisor: Phil Mitchell
 Event: *CNC Turning*
 State Competitions
 Frank Casanouvi

Kenmore

Advisor: Bob Manda
 Event: *Construction*
 Regional Competitions
 Jonathan Steed

Advisor: Dennis McAviney
 Events:
Residential Wiring, Industrial Motor Control
 Regional Competition
 Steve Lisk, Cory Hague
 State Competitions
 Steve Lisk, Cory Hague

Advisor: Lee Thompson
 Event: *CNC Milling*
 State Competitions
 Chris Pauley

North

Advisor: Kevin Cook
 Event: *HVAC*
 State Competitions
 Mike Cosgrove

DECA

DECA is an organization for students enrolled in **Marketing Education.**

Students compete at the district level and earn the right to compete at both state and national levels.

The DECA advisors are: Virginique Whitmore (B), Sue Schutte (E), John Malinowski (EL), Jill Sweitzer (F), Julie Garcia (K), and Linda Godfrey (N).

Buchtel

Competed at District: 22

East

Competed at District: 27
 State Competition
 24 students – Sarah Porter, Kattie Mosley, Keshia badea, Ashley Marsh, John Gray, Mark Humphrey, Shomari Akhdar, Demetrius Bentley, Brennin Millirons, Emily Esakov, Morgan Malcomb, Erika Morris, Jennifer Trimble, Lauren Price, Ellen Esakov, Christopher, Fockler, Jason Sims, Courtney Hays, Cody Hinkle, Jessica Cunningham, Erka Gidley, Cheyenne Goodrich, Richard Johnson, Cory Walchalk

Ellet

Competed at District: 30
 State Competition
 4 students – Ebony Porter, Ashley Bussey, Tara Jardsz, Kristen Satterfield

Firestone

Competed at District: 32
 State Competition
 21 students – Chelsey Alltop, Annalisa Andrews, Lauren Comer, Matt DeFrange, Kariem Farrakhan II, Andrew Gallo, Cassidy Horn, Shauna James, Andrew Kopp, Maura Marunich, Morgan Mingo, Zach Michael, Jacob Rose, Ashley Shaw, Sara Skeans, Freddie Simmons, Dustin Sprowles, Paige Smith, Christina Stemberidge, David Sweitzer, Kiarra Thomas



Martia Allen, Kira Jester, and Ruth National Qualifiers for Skills USA

National Competition

David Sweitzer and Steven Triola, Andrew Gallo and Zac Michael, Jacob Rosen and Freddie Simmons

Kenmore

Competed at District: 16
 State Competition
 3 students – Nathan Lewis, Keith Despot, Wesley Payne

North

Competed at District: 33
 State Competition
 10 students – Ricky Blasey, Felicia Green, Jessica Syler, Stephen Triola, Kaedra Hendrick, Scott Doolittle, Ebony Scruggs, Tibor Gal, Dejana Soprenic, Tommy Rutherford

National Competition

Kaedra Hendrick, Felicia Green, Jessica Syler

OFEA

Ohio Future Educators of America (OFEA) is a student organization for students interested in a **career in education.**

The Buchtel Teacher Academy program competes in this organizations' state competition annually. Twenty-eight Teacher Academy students attended and competed at the OFEA State Conference.

Buchtel

Teacher Academy
 OFEA: Advisor
 Linda Glover

State Competition
 Banner Contest:

First Place in State,
 Top Ten, Superior Ribbon–
 Tayler Jenkins.
 Multi-Media PowerPoint:
 Top Ten in State – LaToya
 McDaniel, Davonta Jullum,
 LaTerica Jackson, Tayler
 Jenkins, Jasmine Johnson,
 Cheney McKenzie, Telissa
 Smith, Tiffany Tucker,

Excellent Ribbons–
 Mercedes Bagley, Marcus
 Nicholson, LaToya
 McDaniel, Tiffany Tucker,
 Elisebeth Conkle,
 Telissa Smith, Giavonnie
 Woods. Kyra Brown,
 Commendable Ribbon.

Programs Develop Leaders



Biragbara - Contest.



DECA students at Nationals.



BPA Students and chaperones at National competition.



Sixteenth Annual Tops Awards Recognition Night

Over two hundred and thirty Career Education students from all Akron's high schools and career programs were recognized for their achievement at the Tops Awards Recognition program on March 28, 2007. Students were eligible to receive the *Ambassador award*, the *Career Excellence Award*, or the *Robert Hughey award*.

The *W.B. Snow Scholarship* winners were announced and presented by First Merit Bank. Seven students each received a \$1,500 renewable scholarship. The scholarship winners are Aaron Keener-Auto/Ellet, Scott Beighley-AYES/East, Kristina Kupresanin-Dental/CH, Damir Kehonjic-AYES/East, Nicholas Quinn-AYES/East, Jessica Warner-PLTW/Garfield, Janay West-PLTW/Firestone.

A reception followed the awards program for the students and family members. The Tops program is sponsored by the North Akron Chamber of Commerce, hosted at North High School and is organized by the Office of Career Education and the Tops Committee.



FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)'s purpose is to promote personal growth and leadership development through **Family and Consumer Sciences education**.

APS has 15 FCCLA chapters with 318 members. Students must win at Regional competition to advance to State competition.

East

Advisors: Pat Ross, Pam Vargo
Competed at Regional: 1
Qualified for State
 DeKontee Morris- Silver

Ellet

Advisors: Cindy Stone, Michele Whitehurst
Competed at Regional: 4
Qualified for State
 Briana Cantrell- Gold

Garfield

Advisor: Diane Zupke
Competed at Regional: 3
Qualified for State
 Ashley Robbins- Gold

Kenmore

Advisor: Steve Frank
Competed at Regional: 2

North

Advisor: Pat Gibson
Competed at Regional: 7
 Melissa Doing- Silver

North

Advisors: Deonna Dixon, Heather Williamson
Competed at Regional: 2

Innes

Advisors: Mary Ann Horak, Kathy Policy
Regional: 10
Qualified for State
 Shaunta Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Christina Barnhart, Raven Choy, Carina Studer-Dyer, Markayla Powers, Sarah Rhodes, Christy Smith, Jamie Sullivan
 - State Plaques

Hyre

Advisor: Deb Firtha
Competed at Regional: 14
Qualified for State
 Lauren Rasnick, Tyler Flint, Evan Faidley, Claudia Barber, Tameka Jackson, Kaitlyn Roan, Amanda Beckert, Stephany Jenkins, Khari Saia, Melissa Yakubiy, Gretchen Zarle, Doug Krochka, Brittany Sullivan
 - 3 Golds and State Plaques

Riedinger

Advisor: Therese Chadbourne
Competed at Regional: 1
Qualified for State
 Shenneda Williams - State Plaques

BPA

Business Professionals of America (BPA) prepares business students for the workplace by developing their **leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills**.

We have 153 students as active members in BPA.

Ellet

Advisor: Tracey Ebner
Competed at Regional: 10

Firestone

Advisor: Rich Messenger
Competed at Regional: 43
Qualified for State
 Judiann Ewing, Christopher Wertz, Kent Phillips, Adrian Carter, Arielle Sweeney

National

Judiann Ewing, Kent Phillips, Arielle Sweeney

Firestone

Advisor: Rose VanValien
Competed at Regional: 19
 Andra Grecu, Ashley Broadnax, Deja Walters

North

Advisor: Mary Hnath
Competed at Regional: 22

Arielle Sweeney (Firestone) was elected as BPA Ohio Association State President.

FFA

National FFA (FFA) is an organization that prepares members for leadership and careers in the **science, business, and technology of agriculture**.

There are 33 students are members of FFA. Thirteen students competed at State Competition.

Ellet

Advisors: Ann Rose, Judy Blower
State Competition Results
Dog Grooming:

1st Place - Destiney Bogan,
 2nd Place - Andrew Gipson,
 6th place - Chevela Geter,
 7th place Team - Destiney Gogan, Andrew Gepson, Chevela Geter

Animal Management:

3rd place - Brian Hendricks,
 6th place - Lucretia Ruplez,
 2nd place Team - Brian Hendricks, Lucretia Ruplez, Julia Smith, Stephen Lincoln,

Animal Health:

8th place Team - Ashley Gorham, Lindsey Warren, Melody Toomey, Dara Williams,
Dog Obedience:
 14th place - Amy Daily, LaTaja Dingle

PACC

Buckeye Career Center was the site for the **Professional Association of Comfort Contractors** annual contest between the various Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs throughout Ohio.

North High

Students from North High School HVAC participated in this May contest and placed 4th overall!

Teacher: Kevin Cook

Award-winners:
 Tom Ruckman, Russ Richmond, Nakita Ladany and Mike Cosgrove.

CAM

In May, PNP Machine, American Mold Builders Association, TNT Machine, Colonial Machine, and Akron Tool and Die companies combined their resources to conduct a contest for the Kenmore and Garfield **Computer Aided Manufacturing** students. Students were tested on various skills in the CAM industry and won awards and prizes from the sponsors.

Kenmore/Garfield

Teachers: Phil Mitchell, Lee Thompson

The Senior Level results were:

1st place - Stephen Whitehurst (G),
 2nd place - Andrew Pennington (G),
 3rd place - Nathan Threw (G).

The Junior Level results were:

1st place - Jeff Summerfield (G),
 2nd place - Lukas McKinney (K),
 3rd place - Brian Van Horn (K).

Many of the students that participated were offered employment opportunities as well.

GRAPHIC ARTS

Central-Hower

Teachers: Debby Monroe, Ed Moats

Students enrolled in the **Graphic Arts Program** at our Central-Hower Facility entered the ACPHC's (Akron Club of Printing House Craftsman's) annual contest competing against 10 other Graphic Arts programs in a five county area.

Five APS students received high awards:

John Carter- Gold,
 Travis Brown- Bronze,
 Destiny Cobbin- Bronze,
 Deron Brock- Bronze,
 Destanie Robinson- Bronze

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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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Career Education Students Visit the State Legislature

On April 19, 2007, Akron Public Schools Career Education students visited Columbus for the annual Statehouse Visit and Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education. Our students visited the offices of Senator Thomas Sawyer, Representatives Vernon Sykes and Brian Williams.

The students that represented Akron Public Schools were

Staria Fry

Ellet Early Childhood Education

Aaron Keener

Ellet Auto

Damir Kehonjic

East Auto YES

Mark Oxford

East Welding

Mike Cosgrove

North HVAC

Sher Vue

Garfield Medical

Nahlon Bibey

Garfield Machining

Anthony Mook

Kenmore Construction

Jesse Peterson

Buchtel IT

Akilli Ajana

Buchtel Plumbing

Freedie Simmons

Firestone Marketing

Janay West

Firestone PLTW

Arielle Sweeney

Firestone,

Administrative Office

Technology

The students were accompanied by:

Stacey Rice

Joe Karpinski

Frank Meyers

Rich Messenger

