



Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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MVCTC Voice of Democracy Essay Contest Winners Announced

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) recently announced the winners of the 2008 Voice of Democracy– Veterans of Foreign Wars patriotic Essay competition. The first place winner was Amanda Sherman, an Early Childhood Education senior student from West Carrollton. The second place award went to Dustin Stump, a Graphic Commercial Photography senior from Ansonia, and third place was awarded to Crystal Platfoot, an Allied Health Technologies Tech Prep junior from Bethel.

The Voice of Democracy Speech Contest has become an annual MVCTC event conducted each year in conjunction with Veterans Day, and organized locally by John Mays, MVCTC substitute teacher, and the assistance of the VFW Post 5018 on Free Pike in Dayton. The MVCTC local winners will be moving on to district judging in December with hopes of making it to the state and national contest levels. The brochure for the contest states, “Each year, more than 100,000 high school students compete for more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is *Service and Sacrifice by American’s Veterans Benefit Today’s Youth by...*”

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Photo 1: MVCTC 2008 Voice of Democracy Winners left to right. Second place \$100 award winner, Dustin Stump (Ansonia), third place \$50 award winner, Crystal Platfoot (Bethel), first place \$150 award winner, Amanda Sherman (West Carrollton), and Mr. John Mays, MVCTC substitute teacher and VFW Post 5018 member.