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MVCTC Students Receive “Yes, I Can” Awards

Dayton, Ohio – Four Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) students were honored as local recipients of the "Yes, I Can!" award on Friday, May 15, 2009. The four students were Hospitality Services students, Zoe Hill (New Lebanon), Allison Sharp (Tipp City), Matthew West (Brookville), and Horticulture student Cortney Jonker (Brookville). Forty-nine Miami Valley students from 24 different school districts were honored. Dr. Jan Waddel, MVCTC Career Assessment Coordinator, was also recognized at the ceremony with the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award.

The recipients had been nominated for outstanding achievement in one of the following categories: Academics, Athletics, Arts, Community Service, Employment, Independent Living Skills, Extracurricular Activities, Technology, or Self-Advocacy.

The annual award celebration was held at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center. Dan Edwards, TV2 News Anchorman, was the Master of Ceremonies. The event was sponsored locally by the Miami Valley Regional Center.

Achievements of children and youth with disabilities are the focus of the National “Yes I Can!” program. Established in 1981, it acknowledges persons who have overcome barriers caused by disabilities or public misconceptions, encourages children and youth with disabilities to seek their highest potential; and increases public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of people with disabilities.

MVCTC is very proud of our students and congratulates them on their great accomplishments. For more information about MVCTC and the 50 exciting career programs offered to high school juniors and seniors, or the career training

opportunities offered to adult students, please visit www.mvctc.com or www.ctctube.com.

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Photo: MVCTC “Yes, I Can” Award recipients with MVCTC staff at the Awards banquet on May 15. Left to right – Eva Brownlee (MVCTC instructor), Cortney Jonker (New Lebanon), Tammi Newbourn (MVCTC instructor), Allison Sharp (Tipp City), Zoe Hill (New Lebanon), Barb Leis (MVCTC instructor), Matthew West (Brookville), and Jan Waddel (MVCTC Career Assessment Coordinator).