



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 2009 Voice of Democracy– Veterans of Foreign Wars patriotic Essay competition. **Mitchell Gehle**, a senior in Computer Information Technology Tech Prep from **Vandalia-Butler**, won first place and \$150. **Da’Naan Colling**, a senior in Computer Information Technology from **Trotwood-Madison**, won second place and \$100. **Chelsie Burchett**, a senior in Medical Office Management from **Tipp City**, won third place and \$50.

The Voice of Democracy Speech Contest at MVCTC is each year in conjunction with Veterans Day. John Mays, MVCTC volunteer, organizes the event locally with the assistance of the VFW Post 5018 on Free Pike in Dayton. The first place winner will compete in the 3rd District of the VFW this December at their mid-winter conference. The first place winner at the district level will compete at the state level, and the first place state winner will compete in Washington, DC. According to Mr. Mays, “The intent is that these awards would be used to further the student’s education in college. Students could be eligible for scholarship awards up to \$30,000.” 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...*”

MVCTC offers rigorous academic preparation and hands-on career technical training for high school junior and senior students in the Miami Valley. For more information about career technical programs offered at MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com or plan on visiting the Sophomore Open House scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 4:30-7 p.m. The Open House will give high school sophomores and their parents a chance to meet career technical instructors, visit the 50-plus career programs offered at MVCTC, learn more about MVCTC early college connections, and tour the campus. Please call 937-837-7781 for more information

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