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MVCTC Graphic Art Students Participated in Highly Selective Art Seminar

Clayton, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Graphic Commercial Art students Abby Rapp (Northmont), Scott Elson (Ansonia), and Danielle Williams (Versailles) were three of only 63 high school students in the United States selected to participate in the Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar 2009. The Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar recognizes inspiring artists and students. Chosen students attend intense painting and drawing classes with world known artists during the summer in Colorado Springs, CO.

Mrs. Rhonda Phillips, MVCTC Graphics Department Supervisor, says of the experience, "It is an honor for three students from MVCTC to be chosen to attend the Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar." Mr. Spittler, junior instructor for Graphic Commercial Art, encourages students to apply. The application process included students submitting six to ten examples of their artwork on a CD and completing an application with an essay. The scholarship to attend paid for art supplies, food, and lodging. Students had to pay for their own transportation to Colorado.

A highlight of the Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar was the art show at the end of the seminar. Instructors chose six pieces from each student to display. Danielle Williams (Versailles) said of the experience, "The Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar made me more ambitious to do art on my own time and inspire to compete at higher levels."

Scott Elson (Ansonia) said of the seminar, "Being selected to attend the Marie Walsh-Sharpe Art Foundation Seminar gave me a broader view of art in general and in learning new art techniques".

Students in the MVCTC Graphic Commercial Art program learn to create artwork for advertising agencies, newspapers, magazines, books, billboards, and packages. In this field, artists develop ideas, prepare sketches, choose color and lettering, draw finished artwork, and produce camera-ready art electronically through graphic computer programs. MVCTC Graphic Commercial Art program is a Tech Prep program, which means students meeting all requirements may be eligible to earn up to 15 college credits to Sinclair Community College after successfully completing the program. MVCTC Graphic Commercial Art program has recently had graduating classes earn over \$200,000 in college scholarships.

Applications are available on-line for high school sophomores wishing to enter their junior year in 2010 as Graphic Commercial Art students. Please visit www.mvctc.com for more information.

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