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Microbiology Textbook Author Visits MVCTC Classes

Clayton, Ohio -- Dr. Kelly Cowan, a microbiology professor from Miami University Middletown visited Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) on Monday, March 1, 2010. Dr. Cowan is the author of the textbook used in the MVCTC Microbiology classes. The students taking Microbiology at MVCTC are seniors entering a paramedical or veterinary career from the Biotechnology, Sports Medicine, Allied Health, Pre-Vet Technology, and Dental Assistant programs.

MVCTC Microbiology instructor Diane Walker had met with Dr. Cowan previously sharing webpage projects that students had created and Dr. Cowan requested to see presentations of student work when she visited campus. Dr. Cowan shared her experiences with all of the Microbiology classes at MVCTC and took questions from students about the textbook and a career in science.

After visiting with the MVCTC classes, Dr. Cowan commented, "I learned more from the students than they learned from me. I am always excited to listen to their viewpoints and I love their candor. They are all born writers because the first rule of writing is to "turn off your editor" - at least in the initial phases of writing. They have that rule down pat! I hope they never lose that."

MVCTC is working with Miami University Middletown to offer Dual Enrollment classes in Microbiology for the 2010-2011 school year. Dual Enrollment classes allow students the opportunity to remain on the MVCTC campus, take a college-level course during the school day, and earn both high school and college credit. This is a fantastic opportunity for high school students to get a head start on their college career. Students wanting more information about Dual Enrollment opportunities at MVCTC may contact, Lona Bowman (Humanities Supervisor) at 937-854-6293, or Nick Weldy (Math & Science Supervisor) at 937-854-6380.

For more information about MVCTC and the 50 exciting career programs offered for high school juniors and seniors in the Miami Valley, please visit www.mvctc.com. Applications are being accepted now for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Photo: MVCTC Allied Health Tech Prep student, Alisha Antrim (Northmont) shared her presentation on Dengue Fever with Microbiology Professor and textbook author Dr. Kelly Cowan from Miami University Middletown.