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MVCTC Receives Outstanding Program Recognition

Clayton, Ohio -- The Southwest Region Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) has selected the **Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Blood Drive as an “Outstanding Volunteer Program”**. This annual award recognizes outstanding programs that promote student achievement. MVCTC HOSA Advisor, Mrs. Paula Wathen, and MVCTC students Cassie Coggeshall, and Wesley Clark will receive the award, on October 14, 2010, at the Fall Southwest Ohio School Boards Association meeting at the Warren County Career Center.

The MVCTC junior and senior chapters of HOSA sponsor two blood drives each year at MVCTC. One of the main purposes of sponsoring the blood drives is to encourage students to contribute to the community through the giving of themselves for the benefit of others. The blood drives encourage school-wide participation of students on campus. Through the blood drive, MVCTC strives to endorse volunteering for life.

Students in the Healthcare classes work behind the scenes to plan and prepare for the blood drives. Student members of the HOSA chapters provide the refreshments (juice, cookies, granola bars) that are given to donors after their blood has been collected. HOSA members create “commercials” that address the need for a strong blood supply, promote involvement in our blood drives, and explain the donation process. Students distribute posters and other informational flyers around campus. Students assist in the scheduling process as well. On the day of the blood drive, HOSA members help get the room ready for the drive and assist in various ways during the blood drive. Students staff the canteen area

providing refreshments to the donors, passing out shirts, and monitoring the donors for any adverse reactions to the collection process.

The blood drive offers an excellent opportunity to educate the student body about the need for a strong blood supply, the different blood types, medical situations that may result in the need of a blood transfusion, and the saving power of a single unit of blood.

MVCTC is very proud of these programs 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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