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MVCTC Photography Students Win Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest

Clayton, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Graphic Commercial Photography students once again found success at the annual Woodland City-Wide Photo Contest. MVCTC had eight students place in the contest, with two- first place winners receiving \$50 awards and three-second place winners receiving \$25 awards.

MVCTC winners included:

- 1st Place "Only the Good Die Young" – Ashley Gomer (Vandalia Butler)
- 1st Place "Stay Gold" – Katy Roberts (Valley View)
- 1st Place "With Wisdom Comes Strength" – Lacie Flory (Trotwood Madison)
- 2nd Place "Still Standing" – Lauren Dickey (Brookville)
- 2nd Place "Peacefully Waiting" – Bryan Garrett (Preble Shawnee)
- 2nd Place "Dignified" – Mallory Landis (New Lebanon)
- 2nd Place "Sepulcher" – Mallory Landis (New Lebanon)
- Honorable Mention "Guarded Beauty" – Steven Bowling (Preble Shawnee)
- Honorable Mention "Torn Glory" – Kelly Moyer (Brookville)
- Honorable Mention "My Secret Hide Away" – Ashley Sentman (Miami East)

The Woodland City-Wide Contest exposes MVCTC photography students to a peer competition, much as a photography professional would experience. It also allows students to enhance their portfolio. Senior Graphic Commercial Photography instructor Jay Vada says of the contest, "Our student photographers always look forward to this event knowing that they are not only competing with their classmates but also with other photographers from the Dayton area. Every

year we have competed, it seems that a few students always manage to place within the top categories like clockwork. The students arrive in the morning and work the environment for three to four hours until they are satisfied they have captured images worthy of competition and exhibition.”

The contest winners attend a formal recognition ceremony at the Woodland Arboretum.

A student in the MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography Program will learn highly skilled training for an in demand career field. After completing the two-year program, students would be able to pursue a career as a Portrait Photographer, or Freelance Photojournalist, and with additional training could become a Medical/Forensic Photographer, Commercial Photographer, Studio Owner/Manager, or a Digital Imagery Technician.

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 9, 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 937-854-8056 for more information.

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Photo 1 - MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Ashley Gomer from Vandalia, won 1st Place in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 2 - MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Katy Roberts from Valley View, won 1st Place in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 3 – MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Lacie Flory from Trotwood Madison, won 1st Place in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 4 – MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Lauren Dickey from Brookville, placed second in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 5 – MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Bryan Garrett from Preble Shawnee, placed second in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 6 - MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Mallory Landis from New Lebanon, placed second in two divisions of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 7 - MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Steven Bowling from Preble Shawnee, received a Honorable Mention in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 8 MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Kelly Moyer from Brookville, received a Honorable Mention in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.

Photo 9 MVCTC Graphic Commercial Photography student, Ashley Sentman from Miami East, received a Honorable Mention in one division of the Annual Woodland Cemetery Photography Contest.