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MVCTC Youth Connections Places at State Knowledge Bowl Contest

Mount Vernon, OH – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Youth Connections team scored 495 points at the State Knowledge Bowl competition, which placed them 4th overall in their division. The team of 10 students was presented with a team plaque and each student received an individual medal for their achievement.

Knowledge Bowl is an academic competition that allows Career Based Intervention (CBI) students to compete against each other in both regional and state competitions. Teams can have up to ten (10) students. Each student is responsible for learning his or her categories. Preparation for Knowledge Bowl requires both in school studying and studying at home. Knowledge Bowl encourages teamwork, demonstrates that learning can be fun, develops student pride, and is good for community relations. The contest has 20 categories (more than 1,800 questions) and at least 11 contain information geared for the Ohio Graduation Test {OGT} and Ohio State Standards.

Youth Connections qualified for the State Knowledge Bowl Competition after they placed 1st in the Region 4 Knowledge Bowl Competition in March. The competition consisted of four quarters with 15 questions in each quarter. Each question was assigned a point value and the team that accumulated the most points by the end of four quarters (60 questions) was crowned the winner.

The MVCTC Youth Connections Knowledge Bowl Team included Stormy Adams (Eaton), Evan Dempsey (Northmont), Roni Elam (National Trail), Brynne Foster (Belmont), John Husko (Northmont), Tyler Koppin (Northmont), Eva Staggs (Carlisle), Dylan Tucker (Tri-County North), Nikki Weller (Tri-County North), and Logan Zinck (Carlisle).

MVCTC Youth Connections teacher, Todd Engle, shared, “Knowledge Bowl provides our at-risk students with an opportunity to see their true potential and abilities if they truly apply themselves. They realized that learning could be fun if they work together as a unified team to accomplish things that they never thought was possible. The students became very passionate and committed to the studying and learning of their categories with hours of preparing both at school and at home.”

MVCTC Youth Connections is based on instruction in a small personal setting with a great deal of flexibility and a curriculum that will allow students to receive their high school diploma and gain skills necessary to lead to long-term employment. All students enrolled in Youth Connections are a part of the Career Based Intervention (CBI) program, which is the largest one site for a CBI program in the state of Ohio. While attending Youth Connections students are still considered a part of their home school, and are able to participate in extra-curricular activities and graduate with their home high school.

For more information about the MVCTC Youth Connections program, please visit <http://www.mvctc.com/youthconnections>.

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Photo: - The MVCTC Youth Connections Knowledge Bowl Team displays their 4th Place Team Plaque and Individual Medals.

Back Row (Left to Right): Logan Zinck, Dylan Tucker, Tyler Koppin, John Husko, and Evan Dempsey

Middle Row (Left to Right): Stormy Adams, Nikki Weller, Eva Staggs, and Roni Elam

Front Row: Brynne Foster