



## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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### **MVCTC Business Ownership Students Learn Job Skills with Virtual Simulation**

**Clayton, Ohio** – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Business Ownership students participated in an online virtual business simulation. As a participant in the Virtual Team Challenge, Business Ownership students faced business tasks and challenges that simulate real-world experiences of professional services employees.

The Spill Virtual Team Challenge is an online simulation where students compete nationwide in a virtual game simulation sponsored by Deloitte. The simulation taught the Business Ownership students decision-making skills while cleaning up an oil spill in a virtual city called “New City”. The Virtual Team Challenge included three different tasks the students had to complete. The first task included understanding general business where students researched a vendor to help clean up the city based on research they conducted in the New City. The second task centered on ethics and students chose a vendor and negotiated a contract price. The third task was based on decision-making and students had to investigate to find the criminal that was stealing money from New City.

Out of this nationwide competition involving 1,600 teams, two Business Ownership teams made it on the scoreboard. Michelle Studebaker (West Carrollton), Demarcus Phillips (Trotwood), Micaela Kauffman (Tri-Village), and Courtney Murphy (Dixie) took 58th place. Tyler Chisman (Bethel), Jacob Behnken (Brookville), and Linda Rowley (Miami East) took 62nd place. Overall,

the Virtual Team Challenge gave the students decision making and business skills that will help them in their future business ventures.

MVCTC Business Ownership instructor, Mrs. Mandy Watts, said of the project, *“The Virtual Team Challenge simulation was very beneficial. Business Ownership students utilized teamwork skills while improving their research abilities. They developed necessary negotiation tactics with vendors in this online simulation.”*

MVCTC is very proud of our students 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](http://www.mvctc.com) or [www.ctctube.com](http://www.ctctube.com).

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Photo – MVCTC Business Ownership Virtual Team Challenge participants (left to right) Micaela Kauffman (Tri-Village), Courtney Murphy (Dixie), Michelle Studebaker (West Carrollton), and Demarcus Phillips (Trotwood).