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MVCTC Students Learn About Geospatial Career Opportunities

Dayton, Ohio -- The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Computer Technology Academy Senior Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) class recently visited the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. Students were greeted by Henry Edds, GIS Manager, and Jason Swafford, a 2011 graduate of the MVCTC GIS program, who is now employed by Montgomery County as a GIS Technician. Students toured the GIS department and learned how the county's map files have been digitized and published for the public to view and use. Making a special appearance to speak with the students was Montgomery County Auditor, Karl Keith who explained the impact GIS has on the auditor's office, and how important the skills taught at MVCTC are to local government.

This field trip was a good way for students to observe how the software skills they use in lab are important in a real office. They also were able to see a former graduate of the program in his work environment. Mrs. Amy Sugden, MVCTC Computer Technology Academy Tech Prep GIS instructor said of the field trip, "I was so proud to visit a former student at his place of employment and allow him the opportunity to talk with soon-to-be graduates about the career opportunities in the GIS field".

Students in the MVCTC Computer Technology Academy Tech Prep – GIS/Technical Intelligence program learn to use ArcGIS software and satellite simulation software to make informational maps from digital images, geographic information, and demographic information. Students learn to take this information and apply it to real world situations. This program is a Tech Prep program, which allows students the potential to earn college credit while still in high school and scholarship money towards an Associate's Degree at Sinclair Community College. For more information about this and the other career programs for high school and adult students at MVCTC, visit www.mvctc.com. Applications are being accepted now for the 2012-13 school year.

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Photo – MVCTC Computer Technology Academy Tech Prep students took a field trip to the Montgomery County Auditor’s office to learn more about career opportunities in GIS. Pictured left to right - Henry Edds (GIS Manager), Jason Swafford (West Milton 2011 CTC Graduate, GIS Technician), and Karl Keith (Montgomery County Auditor).