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MVCTC HOSA Chapter Off to a Great Start

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapter held their first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. The junior HOSA classes held their meeting in the morning and the senior classes in the afternoon. The meetings included the induction of the 2012-13 HOSA Chapter Officers and guest speaker Hayley Carter, Allied Health Tech Prep senior. Hayley shared a story of her cousin who battled drug addiction and eventually died from an overdose. This personal and compelling story was presented very articulately and was well received by the students.

The 2012-13 Junior HOSA Officers are:

- President – **Imani Crawford** (Biotechnology from Northmont)
- Vice-President – **Kameron Owens** (Health Careers from Ponitz)
- Secretary – **Alexandra Campbell** (Allied Health Tech Prep from Carlisle)
- Treasurer – **Alexis James** (Biotechnology from Northmont)
- Public Relations – **Blanca Lopez** (Allied Health Tech Prep from Wayne)
- Parliamentarian – **Margaret Myers** (Biotechnology from Tri-County North)
- Historian – **Kaylin Griffith** (Biotechnology from Wayne)
- Reporter – **Destiny Rogers** (Sports Medicine from Dixie)

The 2012-13 Senior HOSA Officers are:

- President – **Kaitlyn Williams** (Allied Health Tech Prep from Vandalia)
- Vice-President – **Mercedez Rainey** (Allied Health Tech Prep from Wayne)
- Secretary – **Josh Hampton** (Sports Medicine from Northmont)
- Treasurer – **Drew Ratzel** (Biotechnology from Northmont)
- Parliamentarian – **Martina Montgomery** (Sports Medicine from Preble Shawnee)
- Historian – **Kaitlyn Martin** (Health Careers Academy – Medical Careers from Vandalia)
- Reporter – **Austin White** (Health Careers Academy – Medical Lab from Vandalia)

Students representing MVCTC HOSA attended the 2012-2013 HOSA Fall Leadership Conference on October 3, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio. While at the Fall Leadership Conference the officers learned news ways to run meetings, and to grow in their leadership abilities. Also while at the conference, a guest speaker with two children diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis spoke about the challenges of keeping two children with Cystic Fibrosis healthy while trying to maintain a 'normal' lifestyle for them. MVCTC HOSA attendee, Austin White (Vandalia-Butler) said, "She touched so many hearts when she gave that speech. I could see it in the eyes of the HOSA members around me. She did a great job at giving that speech to us and an even a better job at being a mother with not only one child, but two children with Cystic Fibrosis."

During the conference, students broke up in to different groups, depending on what HOSA chapter office they held. The voting delegates then deliberated over numerous pin designs from across Ohio to determine the best pin to represent Ohio at our National Convention in June. The Motto for HOSA was also under deliberation. At the end of the conference the vote clearly chose MVCTC's pin and motto.

HOSA is a national student organization designed to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students. For more information on MVCTC career technical programs in the healthcare field, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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