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**MVCTC SkillsUSA Section 1 Holds First Meeting**

**Clayton, Ohio** – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) SkillsUSA Section 1 Chapter held their first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 23, 2013. The meeting included introduction of the SkillsUSA Section 1 officers, learning more about all of the opportunities available to find success as a member of SkillsUSA, and two local guest speakers.

The guest speakers for the meeting were Laura Seger and David Rhoades. Both speakers have lost sons in car accidents. They shared their stories with the SkillsUSA students and the importance of being responsible drivers. Ms. Seger’s son, Joey, was killed in an auto accident in September 2010. Mr. Rhoades son, Michael, was killed in June 2010 in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Monica Bir, MVCTC Cosmetology Teacher and SkillsUSA Section 1 Chapter Advisor said of the meeting, “The topic of our meeting was extremely difficult for our speakers to share and very emotional for our students to hear. The message was necessary and very clear, the choices we make affect many people not just ourselves.”

The 2013-2014 SkillsUSA Section 1 Officers are:

- President – Jenna Duff (Dental Assistant from Milton Union)
- Vice President – Hope Williamson (Cosmetology from Miamisburg)
- Secretary – Sheila Brown (Cosmetology from Centerville)
- Treasurer – Shelby Teague (Dental Assistant from Trotwood)
- Reporter – Hailee Schmidt (Cosmetology from Northmont)
- Parliamentarian – Lexi Barto (Cosmetology from Brookville)
- Historian – Kourtney Engle (Dental Assistant from Tri County North)
- Ambassador – Shayla Baker (Cosmetology from Northmont)

- Ambassador – Kristen Petitjean (Cosmetology from Versailles)

The Skills USA Section I at MVCTC includes students Cosmetology and Dental Assisting programs. The students have a busy year planned with their Fall Conference in November, Regional Competition in March, State Competition in April, and the National Skills USA Competition in June of 2014.

According to [www.SkillsUSA.org](http://www.SkillsUSA.org), “SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).”

For more information about MVCTC, please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com).

For over 40-years, MVCTC has been providing career technical education for 27 partner school districts encompassing five counties, including Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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***Photo: MVCTC 2013-2014 SkillsUSA Section 1 Chapter Officers – left to right – Shayla Baker (Northmont), Kristen Petitjean (Versailles), Lexi Barto (Brookville), Hailee Schmidt (Northmont), Shelby Teague (Trotwood), Jenna Duff (Milton Union), Shelia Brown (Centerville), Hope Williamson (Miamisburg), Kourtney Engle (Tri County North).***