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MVCTC SkillsUSA Sections II and III Hold First Meeting

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) SkillsUSA Sections II and III held their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

During the meeting, section II president, Sydney Vanhorn, spoke to the students about what SkillsUSA is, how it affects the students in all of the programs, and how students have a great time competing in different contests. During the meeting, several students volunteered for a drawing competition. They were tasked to draw while being blindfolded and handcuffed with a partner. This challenge made the student express their skills, while working with limitations.

The Skills II and III meeting guest speaker was Mr. John Simmons, Clayton Township Police Officer. Mr. Simmons presentation, “Making the Right Choices in Life”, was about motivation, and awareness.

Master Sergeant Frank Definbaugh, Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor and SkillsUSA Section III Section Advisor said of the meeting, “The topic of our meeting was to broaden the student’s knowledge, and challenge them to get involved and support their programs at MVCTC.”

MVCTC SkillsUSA Section II Chapter includes MVCTC programs Auto Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technician, Graphic Commercial Art, Graphic Commercial Photography, and Digital Design. The 2013-2014 SkillsUSA Section II Officers are:

- President – **Sydney Vanhorn** (Graphic Commercial Photography from Valley View)
- Vice President – **Catherine Gerami** (Graphic Commercial Art from Northmont)
- Secretary - **Lauren Landes** (Graphic Commercial Art from Franklin Monroe)
- Reporter – **Brittany Quillen** (Graphic Commercial Photography from West Carrollton)
- Treasurer – **Brayden Jarrell** (Graphic Commercial Art from Tippecanoe)

- Parliamentarian – **Jarred Lynch** (Digital Design from Carlisle)
- Historian – **Chynna Marshall** (Aviation Maintenance from Arcanum)

MVCTC SkillsUSA Section III Chapter includes the MVCTC programs Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Architectural Technology, Auto Collision, Auto Services, Criminal Justice, Precision Machining, Robotics and Automation, and Welding. The 2013-2014 SkillsUSA Section III Officers are:

- President – **Shelby Martin** (Criminal Justice from Vandalia Butler)
- Vice President – **Richard Coggeshall** (Air Force Junior ROTC from Eaton)
- Secretary – **Destiny Lane** (Air Force Junior ROTC from Tri County North)
- Reporter – **Tessa Houston** (Air Force Junior ROTC from Eaton)
- Treasurer – **Kierstin Armstrong** (Criminal Justice from Tri County North)
- Parliamentarian – **Samantha Dilsaver** (Criminal Justice from Versailles)
- Ambassador – **Austin Stevens** (Air Force Junior ROTC from Carlisle)

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, “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.

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 II and III Chapter Officers – left to right – Front Row - Chynna Marshall (Arcanum), Tessa Houston (Eaton), Kierstin Armstrong (Tri County North), Sydney Vanhorn (Valley View), Brittany Quillen (West Carrollton). Back Row – Richard Coggeshall (Eaton), Austin Stevens (Carlisle), Destiny Lane (Tri-County North), Shelby Martin (Vandalia),

Catherine Gerami (Northmont), Samantha Dilsaver (Versailles), and Jared Lynch (Carlisle).