

Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

For Further Information Contact:

Kelly Herzog

MVCTC Public Information Coordinator

Phone - 937-854-6056

E-Mail – kherzog@mvctc.com

Check us out on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mvctc

Or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mvctc

For Immediate Release –*February 2014*

Miami East-MVCTC Satellite Program-

2014 Young Professional Achievement Award: Marie Carity, Miami East-MVCTC Satellite Instructor was recently named as the 2014 Young Professional Achievement Award. This award is given by the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Society of The Ohio State University. The society will present Carity with the award at the Alumni Awards luncheon on March 1 at the Ohio Union on the campus of OSU. Carity's friend, Lucy Bambauer, an agriculture teacher at Marion Local, nominated her for the award.

Carity has received several accomplishments and recognitions during her career. She was named Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Teacher in 2011, was given the Outstanding Young Member Award by the National Association of Ag Educators Region IV in 2006, and earned the Miami County Soil and Water Conservation District Outstanding Teacher Award in 2002. Additionally, Carity served on the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in Career and Technical Education.

Miami County Tire Recycling Day: The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter in cooperation with the Miami Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is again offering the Miami County Tire Recycling Event scheduled to take place Wednesday, March 12th from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Miami



County Fairgrounds. This year's opportunity is funded by a grant received by the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter and the Living To Serve program through the National FFA Organization.

Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics Team Competes: Kolin Bendickson and Colin Hawes recently competed in the District Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics (formerly known as Tractor Trouble Shooting) at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville. Tractors for the competition were supplied by North Star Hardware and Implement and Koenig Equipment from Greenville. Kolin and Colin are both members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter at Miami East High School.



During the contest the team troubleshot two bugs in each of five tractors. They had to identify the problems and fix them in less than fifteen minutes. Prior to the contest they took a test over tractor maintenance and repair.

The team placed 9th in the district out of 17 schools. A special thank you goes to Taler Mumford and Brandon Lavy for coaching the team. Respectfully submitted, Rebekah Eidemiller, Reporter

FFA Donates to Dayton's Children's Hospital: Recently, Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter raised and donated \$450.00 to Children's Hospital of Dayton. The FFA raised the money through several school-wide projects during FFA Week. Activities included students' pay-to-wear-a-hat-to-class day and Pie-In-The-Eye for the 2013-14 Chapter FFA Officer Team. Each of the officers took a pie in the eye. Children's Hospital of Dayton was selected because Children's Hospital is an official charity of the Ohio FFA and many of the students at Miami East Local Schools have received services and care at Children's of Dayton. Most recently, FFA member and chapter officer Colin Hawes and his sister were cared for at Children's Hospital of Dayton.



Farmer Donates \$2,500 to FFA Chapter Via

Monsanto: Mr. Jeff Knoop of Fletcher, Ohio presented \$2,500 to the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter through the Monsanto America's Farmers Grow America program through the Monsanto Fund. Mr. Bill Bower, representing Monsanto, presented the funds at an all-school assembly at Miami East High School. Monsanto America's Farmers Grow America program allowed farmers in 1300 counties in 39 states to nominate a non-profit organization in their community. Mr. Bower



stated that, "Monsanto is able to support agriculture and youth through programs like America's Farmers Grow America and the Monsanto Fund."



District Speaker Competes: Recently a member of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the District 5 Public Speaking contest held at the New Bremen High School in Auglaize County. **Isabelle Trevino** competed in the Advanced FFA Creed Speaking Contest. Isabelle recited the FFA Creed and answered questions. She earned a Gold Rating and placed 2nd overall. Isabelle will now compete at the State FFA Public Speaking Contest in March. Congratulations to Isabelle.

Job Interview and Ag Sales FFA Members Competition: Recently several members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the District 5 FFA Job Interview and Ag Sales Contests held at Saint Henry High School. The Job Interview Contest consists of designing a resume and cover letter, completing a job application, performing an interview, and composing a typed follow-up thank you note. **Lindsey Roeth** competed in the Division 4 (senior year) interview competition. She placed 4th in the district out of 13 contestants. **Haley Etherington** competed in the Division 3 (junior year) interview competition. She placed 2nd out of 12 contestants in the district. She earned a plaque donated by the District 5 FFA Chapters. **Emily Beal** competed in the Division 2 (sophomore year) contest, placed 3rd in the district out of 13 contestants. She earned a plaque donated by the District 5 FFA Chapters. **Kyle Webb** competed in the Division 1 (freshman year) contest and placed 11th out of 14 contestants. The Ag Sales team #1 consisted of **Rebekah Eidemiller, Davey Wright, Lauren Williams** and **Tanner Church**. The Ag Sales Team #2 consisted of **Daniel Bodenmiller, Nick Woolever, and Olivia Edgell**. The team members each completed a test on agricultural sales, customer order taking scenario, and demonstrated their ability to sell an agricultural product. The Miami East #1 team placed second and will advance to state competition in March. Davey Wright was the highest placing individual from Miami East and placed 2nd in the entire contest. The State Agricultural Sales contest is in March at Tolles Technology Center, Plain City.

Public Speakers Compete: On Thursday, February 13, 7 members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the Sub-district Public Speaking Contest at Anna High School. Schools competing in the contest included: Covington, Botkins, Anna, Fort Loramie, Miami East, Jackson Center, and Fairlawn.

Haleigh Maggert completed in the Beginning Prepared Public Speaking Contest with her speech entitled, "Herding Dogs: Have You Herd The News?" Her speech included information on the use of herding dogs in agriculture. She placed 4th in the contest.

Hannah Davis also participated in the Beginning Prepared Public Speaking Contest with her speech entitled, "How To Start A Beef Herd." She shared information on the tips and keys to starting a breeding beef herd. She earned a silver rating.



Halie Lavendar, Kasey Starrett, Isabelle Trevino, and Kayla Zirkle competed in the Advanced Creed Contest. This contest is open to all first year members of the FFA who are sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Isabelle Trevino placed first in the contest and advanced to District Competition the end of February.

Ryan Williams competed in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest. He memorized the Creed, recited it, and answered question on their interpretation of the FFA Creed. He earned a silver rating.

Congratulations. The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter and the Miami East Agricultural Education Department is a satellite program of the Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

Photo caption: front row (l to r) Isabelle Trevino, Halie Lavendar, Kasey Starrett; back row (l to r) Hannah Davis, Haleigh Maggert, Ryan Williams, Kayla Zirkle

FFA Fairs Well In Evaluations

The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter recently competed in the District 5 Evaluations of the Ohio FFA Association at the Greene County Career Center in Xenia. Several members of the chapter worked extra hard on their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) record books to prepare their applications for awards and degrees.

Three 2013-14 Chapter Officers that submitted books for review. Lauren Williams submitted the Secretary's Book and earned a gold rating (100 out of 100). Madeline Davis submitted the Treasurer's Book and earned a gold rating (100 out of 100). Rebekah Eidemiller submitted the Reporter's Book and earned a gold rating (100 out of 100). Lauren, Madeline and Rebekah will be recognized at the State FFA Convention in May.

Seniors Tanner Church, Andrew Kowalak, Austin Rush, Lauren Williams and Juniors Madeline Davis, Colin Gump, Grant Hodge, and Cody Reid applied for the State FFA Degree. All applications were reviewed and submitted to the state evaluation for further review.

Graduate Emily Johnson applied for the American FFA Degree. Her application was reviewed and submitted to the state further evaluation.

Several students applied for proficiency awards. These awards recognized outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience programs in their respected area of specialty. All applications were reviewed and advanced to state competition in March. At the state evaluations the applications will be furthered reviewed and placed in their respected areas. The top four applications in the state will be furthered for more evaluations in May.

Lauren Williams applied in the area of Agricultural Communications. Lauren served as the summer internship for the Farmers Market in Troy.

Olivia Edgell applied in the Agricultural Research – Integrated Science for her research on hand washing using various types of hand soaps. She placed first.

Lauren Williams applied in the area of Specialty Crop Production for her basil and herb sales. Lauren has utilized two local farmers markets.

Miranda Maggart applied in the area of Specialty Crop Production. She raised and marketed mums and pink pumpkins through exhibition at the Troy Farmers Market.

Andrew Kowalak applied in the area of Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship for his Logo Log business. Andrew designs and markets specialty-themed logs from his family's woods.

Emily Johnson applied in the area of Sheep Production. She has a flock of purebred and crossbred sheep that she sells market lambs to fellow 4-H and FFA members.

Andrew Kowalak applied in the area of Small Animal Care and Production. He raises and markets hedgehogs through social media.

Kelsey Kirchner applied in the area of Small Animal Care and Production for her business, Kelsey's K-9 Kookies. Kelsey markets her homemade dog treats at farmers markets and through social media.

Tanner Church applied in the area of Forestry Products for his business, Church Brothers Firewood. Tanner cuts, processes and markets firewood through social media and at the Troy Farmers Market.

Katie Bendickson applied in the area of Forestry Products for her business, Katie's Christmas Cheer. Katie uses forestry products to make and market wreaths and sprays during the holiday seasons.

Nathan Teeters applied in the area of Home and Community Development for his involvement in the Grain Rescue Tube coordination and training for all Miami East Local School District's Fire Departments.

Kayden Gustin applied in the area of Organic Agriculture for his job placement at the organic farm of Raymond and Phyllis Bair, Bair-Trax Farm.

Madeline Davis applied in the area of Equine Management for her business of teaching horseback riding lessons and offering two horse camps.

Emily Beal applied in the area of Goat Production. Emily raises and markets show goats for fellow junior fair exhibitors. She uses embryo transfer and marketing at regional sales.

Emily Johnson applied for the Accounting Proficiency Award. Emily's record books will be analyzed and evaluated for accuracy related to her sheep business.

Students will now await review at the state evaluation in March at the Ohio FFA Center. If selected as one of the top four in the state the student will be interviewed at the State FFA Convention in May.

Photo caption: Three Chapter Officers earned gold rated officer books. Left to right are Secretary Lauren Williams, Reporter Rebekah Eidemiller, and Treasurer Madeline Davis.



February 2014 FFA Member of the Month

The February 2014 Miami East-MVCTC FFA Member of the Month is Kira Cron. Kira is the daughter of Joe and Tammy Cron of Fletcher and is a freshman and first year FFA member.



Kira was chosen for her dedication to the FFA chapter in the past few months. First, Kira sold over \$1,000 in fruit during the FFA's fruit sales fundraiser. This earned her a Top 10 placing.

Kira is also a member of the Environmental Program of Activities Committee that helped present a Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling program at the sixth graders at Miami East Junior High. She and her committee members then offered an Environmental Education night for members of the Miami East Community. The Environmental Education program was offered because of a grant received from the National FFA Organization and CSX.

Every month of the school year the Miami East FFA will select a student to be the FFA Member of the Month. The officer team will nominate one student that has been actively involved in the FFA chapter, school and community activities. If selected, the member will be recognized at the monthly FFA meeting, have their picture displayed in the Miami East Ag Room, and receive a special memento in celebration of their accomplishment.

FFA Members Host Chili Cook-Off

At the January FFA Meeting the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter held its first ever Chili Cook-Off Competition. Members were given the challenge of working in teams to create a chili to submit to the judges for evaluation. They had to submit their recipe and be evaluated. 10 teams competed in the event.

Winners of the competition included two categories. Judges Choice Winner with their White Chicken Corn Chili were senior FFA members Kelly Rindler and Lindsey Roeth. The People's Choice Winner was a Dessert Chili by Rebekah Eidemiller and Olivia Edgell.



All winning teams received an FFA hooded sweatshirt. Judges for the event were the Miami East High School custodial staff of Les Kinder, Matt Shultz, and Richard Hague.

Contest participants included Weston Hodge, Kyle Martin, Colton Kowalak, Andrew Kowalak, Allyson Supinger, Allie Patton, Lindsey Roeth, Haley Etherington, Shane Richardson, Trent Church, Hannah Davis, Austin Etherington, Alyssa Westgerdes, Kelly Rindler, Rebekah Eidemiller, and Olivia Edgell.

FFA Members Recognized

The Cooperation Committee of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter recently recognized members that earned the highest points in the FFA Points System. They earned points because of their participation in various FFA activities taking place in the first semester of the 2013-14 school year.

Each top winner was recognized at the January FFA meeting and given an FFA hooded sweatshirt.

The top placing individuals according to agricultural education classes were:

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (first period) – Eli Gillum with 390 points

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (fifth period) – Kayla Zirkle with 215 points

Animal Science (third period) – Emily Beal with 280 points

Animal Science (fourth period) – Haleigh Maggert with 215 points

Communications and Leadership (sixth period) – Riann Kingrey with 210 points

Communications and Leadership (eighth period) – Cody Reid with 205 points

FFA Leadership (chapter officers only) – Rebekah Eidemiller with 350 points

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.



###