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# Superintendent's Message

By Dr. Bob Mengerink, *Superintendent*



Dear Colleagues,

It's unbelievable that another school year has come and gone. I hope each and every one of you has some well-deserved rest and relaxation over the summer months. During this time, our ESC will be hosting numerous professional development opportunities, multi-day institutes

and various graduate courses from area universities. If you are looking for options for professional growth before the start of the new school year, please visit our [calendar of events](#).

In addition, as you will see throughout this newsletter, we have been developing new services for the upcoming school year. These services are a direct result of feedback on districts' needs from Superintendents and include technology services, PR and communication services, and school psychologist services. Additional details are

included in the newsletter, but they are not exhaustive. Within each area, we have the flexibility to customize a scope of work to best meet the needs of a district and we encourage you to reach out to any of us to discuss how we can help.

Finally, as you face many updates and changes in the next school year and beyond with the implementation of ESSA, our ESC will be working closely with ODE and your districts to help you navigate these changes. Moreover, we will also continue to expand our unique programs highlighted in these newsletter for student-centered education activities to increase achievement, global competency, and college and career readiness. We look forward to sharing these new developments over the course of next school year.

In the meantime, best wishes for a safe and peaceful summer.

Sincerely,  
Bob



# National Green Ribbon School

The Urban Community School in Cleveland was honored as a 2016 Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for its approach to being green in learning and operations. It was the only school named in Ohio among 47 schools, 15 districts and 11 postsecondary institutions nationally.

Urban Community School has installed timers to power down devices at night and to turn lights off when rooms are unoccupied. It has achieved an 80% cost reduction

of electricity through use of solar panels. Students use refillable water bottles. The school is recycling ink cartridges, and uses only recycled paper products. It has begun composting and created a Learning Garden in partnership with The Refugee Response and Cleveland Botanical Garden to help refugees grow produce that supplements school lunches or is sold to area restaurants. The school is reducing its ecological footprint while promoting healthy lifestyles.

## A Clear Vision of Visual Impairment (VI)

*By: Dana Lambacher, Special Education Supervisor*

The Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) have been busy working on their grant project “A Clear Vision of Visual Impairment.” They received the grant that focuses on deep learning and excellent teaching through the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. With the grant, two braillewriters and two iPads were purchased for our TVI. The ESC supported the grant by purchasing 4 additional iPads. Humanware provided professional development for staff and support for students on the braillewriters through a two-day seminar. The Apple store at Crocker Park provided outreach by working with our staff on apps and features for Visually Impaired (VI) on the iPad.

With TVI support learning to navigate the web, students learned to search the web on their particular disability gaining awareness and developing self- advocacy. The TVI

developed a listing of the best websites to use and on what device they are most easily accessible. Students presented reports, engaged in discussions, and wrote essays on their disability and its implications. One student submitted her essay to the Red, White and Blue Challenge sponsored by the Republican Party of Cuyahoga County. As a finalist, her essay will be featured on Fox news.

Through these presentations, peers, school staff, parents and the community learned about Visually Impaired (VI) students and how to interact/communicate more effectively with them. The VI students learned to advocate for themselves, gained a better understanding of their disability and challenges, and learned about the disabilities of other VI students. Thank you to our wonderful TVI and VI students, the Jennings Foundation, the Apple Store, Humanware and the ESC for making this project possible.

# Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County

Help Me Grow (HMG) of Cuyahoga County has convened a Home Visiting Collaborative that consists of agencies in the county providing home visiting to families prenatal through kindergarten. This group includes: BAMS (Baby and Mommy Support), Bright Beginnings, Early Head Start and Head Start Home Based, HMG State Home Visiting, HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), MomsFirst, Newborn Home Visiting, OIMRI (Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative), and SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready KIDS).

The purpose of the collaborative is to:

- have a consistent messaging and coordinated outreach across home visiting organizations and agencies;
- connect all children and their families to services that best fit their needs;
- work toward important outcomes such as improved parenting practices, school readiness, and improved maternal and child health.

Help Me Grow believes that “every door is the right door” for families to access home visiting services, or what we refer to as family support through home visits. Members of the Home Visiting Collaborative share a vision to improve our community, to provide support and encouragement to families, and to make a difference in the life of a child. If you would like more information about the Home Visiting Collaborative, please contact Missy Bixel at [mbixel@helpmegrow.org](mailto:mbixel@helpmegrow.org).

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Visit our website at [www.helpmegrow.org](http://www.helpmegrow.org)

## ALL CHILDREN DESERVE THE BEST START IN LIFE

<b>Services in Cuyahoga County</b>	 <b>Pregnant</b>	 <b>Newborn to 6 months</b>	 <b>6 Months to 3 Years</b>	 <b>3 to 5 Years</b>
Family Support Through Home Visits  Call Help Me Grow: <i>(216) 698-7500</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MomsFirst</li> <li>• Help Me Grow Home Visiting</li> <li>• Bright Beginnings</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI)</li> <li>• Baby and Mommy Support (BAMS)</li> <li>• Nurse Family Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Home</li> <li>• Help Me Grow Home Visiting</li> <li>• Bright Beginnings</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Early Intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bright Beginnings</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Early Intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK)</li> <li>• Head Start</li> <li>• Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)</li> </ul>
High Quality Child Care & Preschool Services  Call Starting Point: <i>(216) 575-0061</i>	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Quality Child Care</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Special Needs Child Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Quality Child Care</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Special Needs Child Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Quality Preschool               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Universal Pre-K</li> <li>○ Pre4Cle</li> <li>○ Head Start</li> <li>○ Public School Preschool</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Education</li> </ul>



# Innovation Lab Network

On April 19th, the ESC of Cuyahoga County hosted northeast region districts that are members of the Ohio Innovation Lab Network (ILN). The ILN promotes transformation in education through adherence to principles that promote personalized learning, world class knowledge and skills, student agency, anytime and anywhere opportunities, and comprehensive systems of support. ILN districts provide innovative teaching and learning opportunities for students and are implementing alternate assessment methods.

During the meeting, Doug Carpenter, Executive Director of the ODE Office of Administration and Coordinator of the Ohio ILN, presented about ILN and an update about Every Student Succeeds (ESSA). Several districts presented about their innovative programs. **Perry Local Schools** and **Olmsted Falls City Schools** presented about their student competency badging initiative. **Maple Heights**

**City Schools** faculty and students presented a panel on the Inner Muse project that promotes the 4Cs of critical thinking, communications, creativity, and collaboration through students' experiential activities outside of the classroom.

The Ohio ILN Conference will take place on June 10, 2016, at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. Bobby Moore, Senior Director at Battelle for Kids, will present the keynote, "Blending Innovation with Quality Instructional Practices." The conference is open to educators and those interested in educational transformation. There is no cost for attendance, but registration is required.

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**Maple Heights City Schools** Inner Muse project

# *MG* Migration in Global Context Teacher Symposium

Twenty teachers, who participated in the *Migration in Global Context* program, presented the curricular units they created during a Teacher Symposium on April 15th at Cleveland State University. Teachers used the themes of global, national and local migration to create project-based learning curricular units that they implemented in their classrooms.

During the conference, keynote presenter Prof. Tiffany Trimmer discussed her research on the migration of global refugees to LaCrosse, Wisconsin that contributed to the past and present history of the city. The teachers presented individually, as panelists, and during poster sessions about the outcomes of the curricular units they developed to demonstrate students' project-based learning. For example, a French teacher and her students from **Northwestern Local Schools** wrote and presented an original play in French about migration to France and the social, economic, and political impact on the nation. A social studies teacher from **North Olmsted City Schools** and an art teacher from **Cleveland Central Catholic High School** co-presented about their interdisciplinary art and

social studies project about the history of Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood. Teachers from **Shaker Heights, Garfield Heights, and Lakewood City Schools, Lake Local Schools, Gilmour Academy** and **St. Gabriel** in Cincinnati presented poster sessions about their students' work on global migration. Additional information about the Symposium is at <http://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/globalmigration/>.

*Migration in Global Context: History, Narrative, and Project-Based Learning* was a collaborative project between the ESC of Cuyahoga County and the History Department at Cleveland State University. The program included a 2015 Summer Teacher Institute, and follow-up workshops and the Teacher Symposium during AY 2015-2016. The program was funded in part by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



The ESC of Cuyahoga County welcomed 19 international secondary teachers on April 13<sup>th</sup> for lunch and a program called “People on the Move” that explored migration from their personal, national and cultural perspectives. The educators from Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, and Senegal participated in the International Leaders in Education (ILEP) Program through the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. They interned with local school districts while spending spring term at Kent State University.

The program included a round robin in which local teachers moved around the room meeting international educators from different continents. The international scholars used video, powerpoints, and artifacts to demonstrate migration and “People on the Move” in their countries.

The ESC hosts the ILEP scholars and local teachers annually to exchange cultural knowledge and similarities and differences in our educational practices.

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# Global Education: Upcoming Events

Octavofest is an annual event throughout northeast Ohio that celebrates the book and paper arts ([www.octavofest.org](http://www.octavofest.org)). The ESC of Cuyahoga County has participated in Octavofest for several years, offering handmade papermaking and other art and cultural programs focusing on literacy, writing, multicultural literature, and handmade book production. This Fall, we will collaborate with partners for an origami arts program and to commemorate Shakespeare's First Folio printing.

The ESC will collaborate with Global Ties Akron to present a series of cultural programs about Japan and Japanese culture during Fall and Spring 2016-2017. During Fall, teachers and students will learn to create origami, a paper folding art form from Japan, as a component of the Cranes for Peace project. This community service project, in which students create origami cranes, benefits refugees and displaced people in countries in conflict around the world. A spring workshop will emphasize Japanese culture and arts.

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare, and to commemorate the occasion the Folger Shakespeare Library is circulating the 1623 First Folio, the first printed edition of his plays, to select libraries throughout the U.S. The Cleveland Public Library will host the First Folio from June 20-July 30, 2016, and offer a teacher workshop. During Fall, the ESC will collaborate with the Cleveland Public Library and Cleveland State University on a celebration of Shakespeare's First Folio with a series of programs for English teachers and students of British Literature.

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# Kids in the Park

Students from two districts, **Cleveland Heights-University Heights** and **Maple Heights**, received recognition and \$1000 “Kids in the Parks” awards from the National Park Trust for their commitment to parks and environmental stewardship. Schools in the districts were among 60 schools nationwide to receive the awards. Students visited parks during May, and then will report about their projects to the National Trust.

In Cleveland Heights, Oxford Elementary students planned and maintained a community garden. They used grant funds for garden supplies and plants, and teachers created a curriculum to teach and learn about growing produce, making good food choices, and following healthy diets. Fairfax Elementary in the district was a recipient of the award in 2015.

In Maple Heights, high school juniors participating in the Inner Muse project, enjoyed their field experience for “Kids in the Parks” at the Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation Watershed Learning Center and the Bedford Reservation. At West Creek, students learned about the Great Lakes Watershed, how the Cuyahoga River flows into the watershed, and about native plants and animals that are part of the ecosystem. Students donned gaiters and waded in the stream, using nets to discover and observe that the stream hosts plants, fish, and small living organisms. Students will create a mural about environmentalism and conservation that they will share in the schools and with their community.



# Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System (OSCES)

School counselors play an instrumental role in school districts throughout Ohio by helping guide students toward success in education and their future careers. In response to changes in state law, Ohio is taking steps toward building a standards-based evaluation policy for school counselors that will provide them with useful feedback and support as they grow and learn professionally.

The Educator Quality Department of the ESC of Cuyahoga County will be working with districts across the state to train evaluators and school counselors in the new evaluation system, Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System (OSCES). Participants will learn about OSCES which will include examples of effective practices, how to implement school counselor evaluations according to state law, and the State Board framework. Within this system, the performance of each school counselor is evaluated based on multiple factors derived from the standards, as well as their ability to produce positive student outcomes measured by locally-determined metrics.

The state highly recommends that both the evaluator and school counselor attend the training together to provide the opportunity to create a program that supports the school counselor standards. Participants will have an opportunity to leave with a professional growth plan that can be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year.

Training dates:

June 13	August 12
June 20	September 7
June 28	September 13
August 2	September 21

Registration must be completed through the Ohio Department of Education's registration system, STARS.

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## GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAMS 2016-17 School Year Events

### Mark your Calendar!

Leadership Workshop: 10/25 - 10/27/16, 2/16/17

Public Speaking Workshop: 1/24/17, 2/7/17

Mr. President Competition: 1/10/17, 1/12/17, 1/18/17

Academic Challenge: 3/12/17



# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ESC Health Fair

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the ESC of Cuyahoga County held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Health Fair for employees. “We had a great turnout and our employees enjoyed the day,” said Christina Kowalski, ESC employee and chair of the Wellness Committee. “They had an opportunity to interact with 30 vendors.” Vendors participating in the health fair included Planet Fitness, The Vitamin Shoppe, Cleveland Clinic, YMCA, The Cleveland Water Department and even the Independence Fire Department that brought a fire truck. Aladdin’s Eatery catered a healthy lunch for the staff and had some wonderful samples from their menu. Seventy-two employees took advantage of onsite biometrics health screenings.

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## Stroll & Roll

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Stroll & Roll” fundraising event was held on a sunny afternoon on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The playground fundraising committee planned a well-organized, weather-cooperating event. For a \$15 donation, a student was sponsored and the donor received a very smart looking ESC-RMC Stroll & Roll T-Shirt. Staff, families and friends walked with the students through familiar sights in the Tremont area. They included community-based training destinations, such as the library, recycle center, ice cream shop, “Civilizations” coffee shop and numerous other sights. After the stroll, everyone was invited to the gym for snacks and a picture video of last year’s walk. The stroll raises money for continued adaptive playground maintenance.





## Spring Formal

The annual spring formal, “Manhattan Lights” was held on the afternoon of April 29th. A formal lunch was held in the gym for the students. All the tables and the entire gym was decorated to the theme. Music was provided by Action DJ. Many parents and families joined the students for an afternoon of dancing and fun. Thank you again to Art Therapist Mary Alice who took the students’ hard work and turned it into the “Manhattan Lights” in the gym. Sarah was crowned prom queen and Bill was crowned prom king. Both are graduating seniors.

## Graduation

Five students graduated from the ESC Rose-Mary Center school program this year on Friday May 27th. Sarah, Carlos, Kurt, Rishad and Bill all received diplomas from their districts’ representatives who attended the ceremony. Kerry Bowser, **Mentor Public Schools**, Coralise Terwilliger, **Cleveland Metropolitan Schools**, Kim Allen, **Parma City Schools**, Linda Hile, **Shaker City Schools** and Tajuana Thomas, **Euclid City Schools** represented the districts to present the students their diplomas. Steve Rogaski, Director of Pupil Services from the ESC of Cuyahoga County awarded the graduates their Certificate of Completion. Dr. Christine Krol, President of the ESC Governing Board attended the graduation ceremonies. Refreshments followed the ceremony. We congratulate the 2016 graduates and their families.



# Excellence in Education Awards

On May 13, 2016, more than 200 people came together for the 37th recognition of excellence in education for students with disabilities awards program at St. Michael's Woodside in Broadview Heights, Ohio. The event is planned by the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County and the State Support Team–Region 3.

The recognition brunch is an opportunity for educators, teachers, students, and community members to celebrate the great things that are happening in special education today. Students, peers and educators received awards.

The Outstanding Student Achievement Award acknowledges achievements of school-age children and youth with disabilities in Cuyahoga County. The Outstanding Peer Achievement Award recognizes students with or without disabilities who have established positive relationships, and who have assisted other students with disabilities and have been exemplary role models. The Outstanding Educator Achievement Award honors educators and educational teams who are the exemplars in designing instructional strategies and programs.

Karen Megery, an Intervention Specialist at Falls-Lenox Primary School in Olmsted Falls City School District was recognized with the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award. This award is presented to one educator from each of Ohio's 16 State Support Team regions, who have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities. Dhiraviya Rajubettan, a student at Dover Elementary in the Westlake City School District was recognized with the R.A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award for a Student. This award is presented to one exemplary special education student from each of Ohio's 16 State Support Team regions. The award was established 24 years ago by the Ohio Department of

Education. Both Karen and Dhiraviya will be honored at the state level in Columbus.

This year's keynote speaker was Dana Sims, a 2005 graduate of Warrensville Heights High School. At the age of 11, Dana was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome. However, Dana has never let anything define her or hold her back. She knows the challenges of relationships and has found some internal inspiration that she hopes helps others find their inner peace along their own journey with living along the ever undefined spectrum known as autism. Dana talked candidly about her feelings, hopes and dreams for herself and others. She has come to understand the importance of communication and relationships that are often very difficult for her, and yet, through her inspirational outreach she has opened doors for other readers of her blog which she calls "Breakers." She enjoys a fulfilling personal life that includes blogging, meditating, drawing, exercising, and writing poetry.



This activity is funded by IDEA, Title VI-B Grants to States through the Ohio Department of Education grants to the ESC of Cuyahoga County, fiscal agent for the State Support Team-Region 3. Special thanks to the staff of the ESC and the State Support Team–Region 3 for their efforts and work in making the awards ceremony possible.



## 2016 Outstanding Student Achievement Award:

Reid Autero

Noble Elementary School

Cleveland Heights-University Heights  
City School District

Willtrell Hartson

Oxford Elementary School

Cleveland Heights-University Heights  
City School District

DeAngelo Barnes

Bedford High School

Bedford City School District

Vanessa Hemminger

Berea-Midpark High School

Berea City School District

Andrew Borsuk

Cuyahoga Heights Middle School

Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools

Amber Incorvia

Maple Heights High School

Maple Heights City School District

Russell Brown

Olmsted Falls High School

Olmsted Falls City School District

Grace Killey

Mayfield Middle School

Mayfield City School District

Carl Chambers Jr.

Shaw High School

East Cleveland City School District

Grace Patton

Fairview Park High School

Fairview Park City School District

Michael Coseriu

Independence High School

Independence Local Schools

Dhiraviya Rajubettan

Dover Elementary School

Westlake City School District

Kellyn Donahoe

Garfield Middle School

Lakewood City School District

Samuel Rodriguez

Chagrin Falls Middle School

Chagrin Falls Exempted Village  
Schools

John Gyorky

North Olmsted High School

North Olmsted City School District



## 2016 Outstanding Peer Achievement Award:

Kylie Cianciolo  
Lewis F. Mayer Middle School  
Fairview Park City School District

Julia Clark  
Orchard Middle School  
Solon City School District

Leah Russo  
Olmsted Falls High School  
Olmsted Falls City School District

Kenneth "Tyler" Thomas  
Berea-Midpark High School  
Berea City School District

Lakewood High School Girls Varsity Basketball  
Team

Christin Donahoe, Mallory Shaw,  
Grace Lavelle, Anwar Zahriyeh,  
Ryann Greenfield, Christina Kamkutis,  
Trinity Nall, Emma Ribar, Sophia Mack,  
Olivia Nagy, Courtney Ribar, Isabel Cintron,  
Saher Hamdan, Brice Binion, Christian Massey  
Lakewood High School  
Lakewood City School District



## 2016 Outstanding Educator Achievement Award:

Therese Anagnostos  
Kensington Intermediate School  
Rocky River City School District

Nichele Mays  
John F. Kennedy Elementary School  
Maple Heights City School District

Brandon Biggom  
Roxboro Middle School  
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District

Honey McGhee  
Independence High School  
Independence Local Schools

Shirley Boyers  
Cuyahoga Heights Middle School  
Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools

Karen Megery  
Falls-Lenox Primary School  
Olmsted Falls City School District

Judy Dell'Aquila, PhD.  
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District

Susan Pennza  
East Cleveland City School District

Melissa Lash  
Middleburg Heights Junior High School  
Berea City School District

Kathy Rog  
Hayes Elementary School  
Lakewood City School District



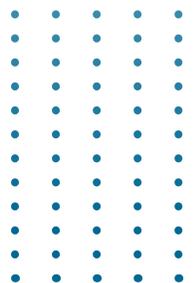
# Excellence in Education Awards



Congratulations to all the recipients!



Thank you for making a difference.



# Cuyahoga County Transition Expo

The 2016 Cuyahoga County Transition Expo was held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Regina Hall on the campus of Notre Dame College in South Euclid. More than 300 participants, of all ages, listened to an opening panel of young adults describe their transition to adult life focusing on the Expo's theme "Learning, Earning, and Living." There was a powerful message to students and families alike, and was a great kickoff to the expo.

For the remainder of the day, attendees met with representatives from more than 80 organizations, agencies, institutions of higher education, financial planners, and more to learn about services and supports associated with learning, earning, and living. Participants left the exhibition hall with bags of useful information and contacts for further exploration.

Included in the Transition Expo were several breakout sessions, which offered a wide range of topics appropriate for the event's theme, including available transition services through agencies, OhioMeansJobs links, preparing for college, financial strategies for families and young adults, skills needed for employment and job search skills, self-advocacy, specialized college programs, emotional wellness, guardianship, and more. Many of these sessions were geared to young adults as they develop their self-determination skills entering adult life. Many of the sessions were presented by young adults who provided first-person insight into challenges faced and met leading to a successful transition.

The 2017 Cuyahoga County Transition Expo is scheduled for the spring of 2017 and will again be held at Notre Dame College. So mark your calendars and do not miss the opportunity to gather current information, make contacts, and be prepared for your future of "Learning, Earning, and Living."





# Humanitarian Award Recipients: 2015-16 School Year

The ESC of Cuyahoga County recently named several area students as recipients of their annual Humanitarian Awards. Recipients were nominated by administrators in their schools for showing leadership and community service as well as possessing great character during the 2015-16 school year. One student from each middle and high school in the communities of **Cuyahoga Heights, Independence,** and **Richmond Heights Local Schools** received the

scholarships and awards. The awards were presented by ESC board members and administration during their individual schools' award assemblies during the months of May and June. In addition to a cash award, students receive a personalized plaque, starfish pin, and starfish bookmarker. The starfish is the symbol of a story of the impact one person can make in a community.

## Recipients from Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools

### **Kyle Calvey, eighth grader at Cuyahoga Heights Middle School**

Kyle's spirit of kindness is demonstrated daily in his interactions with everyone in his school community. Performing random acts of kindness is part of his nature. He is a kind and considerate young man. Kyle's positive attitude is contagious; students are inspired by his generosity and friendship. Kyle consistently helps others and expects nothing in return. Kyle Calvey is a true humanitarian.

ESC Treasurer Bruce Basalla presented the award.



### **Jacob Miller, senior at Cuyahoga Heights High School**

Jacob is a person who exemplifies the philosophies of the Starfish story. Jacob relentlessly does the right thing for others, not because he wants recognition, but because he is a kind spirit and naturally generous. Jacob is quick to lend a word of encouragement to a peer struggling with a difficult problem. He knows that everyone has tough times and understands that he can talk to people about his own experiences to help them through theirs. Jacob also thinks a lot about what is fair and right. He wants everyone to have an equal opportunity to get all that they can out of their time in high school. As a student and a person, Jacob Miller is a tremendous example of the power of kindness.

Cuyahoga Heights Board Member Tim Oden presented the award.





## Recipients from Independence Local Schools

### Olivia Michota, eighth grader at Independence Middle School



WEB, Leadership Corps, Builder's Club, Drama Club, Marching Band, Show Choir, and Girls on the Run. She is kind, compassionate, friendly, caring to everyone, students and teacher alike, and always has a smile on her face. We all know we can count on her to be respectful and helpful to any adult or student in need. Her conscientious and empathetic nature makes her wise beyond her years. Over the past four years, she has shown tremendous strength and courage in and out of the classroom.

ESC Board Member Christine Krol presented this award.

Olivia is a leader amongst her peers who works to, and above, her potential in all academic classes. She is involved in Student Council,

### Elena Paparizos, senior at Independence High School



which speaks volumes about her character. There has never been a student that was so driven to give his/her own time and talent to help students and individuals with special needs. She is always involved in one good cause or another, as she has a limitless supply of energy and good will. Elena is personally responsible for reorganizing the STAND club, promoting the value of making positive life choices. This club was dormant until Elena came along and would have faded away completely without Elena's efforts. She truly has a heart of gold and has left a permanent, positive impact at Independence High School, and she will never be forgotten.

ESC Director of Leadership Services David Laurenzi presented the award.

Elena always puts the needs of others above herself and has had a tremendous impact on both her school and community. She has touched the lives of countless individuals and has made a huge impact on the lives of many of our special education students,

## Recipients from Richmond Heights Local Schools

### Kelsie Randolph, eighth grader at Richmond Heights Middle School



Kelsie is the Vice President of the Middle School Student Council as well as a student ambassador/mentor to sixth grade students. She is a starter on the Middle School Volleyball team and plays basketball for both Richmond Heights and her AAU team. During track and field season, she recently broke her own record for the discus by throwing 71.5 ft. She attends Emmanuel Apostolic Church where she sings in the choir and has participated in community service projects throughout her community and with the elderly. She has received the scholar/athlete award for each sport in which she participates and is currently on the merit roll.

ESC Board Member Christine Krol presented this award.

*Making A Difference!*

### Sandy Vasquez-Garcia, senior at Richmond Heights High School

Sandy is an outstanding student and her sense of responsibility, conscientious attitude, and strong leadership skills are apparent in her academic goals as well. She has aspirations of attending John Carroll University in the fall to pursue a career as a doctor in a neonatal intensive care unit. She had some experience as she completed a NICU internship at the Cleveland Clinic last year. With Sandy at the helm, the Environmental Club is a culturally diverse group of students volunteering their time to make our schools, our city, and our world a better place. In her own words, the mission of the Environmental Club is to give back to the school, the teachers, the community, and the planet, by being a little greener, and putting those recycled papers to good use.

ESC Board President Tony Miceli presented this award.



# Summer Institutes and Workshops

## **Content Area Literacy**

June 13-17 and June 20-24, 2016

8 - 11:45 a.m.

\$150 for workshop only

\$600 includes 3 Ashland credit hours

The focus of the course will be on Content Literacy Standards and discovering how content learning and literacy skill development can happen simultaneously in every classroom. By the end, you will be proficient with several literacy strategies, have multiple lessons planned for your upcoming school year, and be more confident in your ability to teach literacy in your content area.

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## **Math Technology: Engage, Motivate and Differentiate**

Various dates in June, 2016

\$100/session

Don't miss this dynamic opportunity to learn with Northeast Ohio's distinguished mathematics instructional leaders! With nine powerful, inspiring sessions to choose from, these workshops offer an affordable, convenient way to keep current with effective mathematics pedagogy and deepen understanding of content and practices. What a great way to earn continuing education contact hours while networking and planning ahead for next school year. Sponsors: ESC of Cuyahoga County, NEOMS, GCCTM, and Ashland University are proud partners in providing this professional development for Northeast Ohio mathematics educators. Lunch is on your own.

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## **Wilson Reading System**

June 13-15, 2016

This 3-day, 15 hour workshop provides an overview of the Wilson Reading System curriculum and serves as the prerequisite for WRS certification. At the completion of the workshop, attendees will be able to:

- Define dyslexia and describe common characteristics
- Understand WRS principles of instruction and how WRS materials facilitate multisensory interactive learning
- Identify the lesson parts for Blocks 1, 2, and 3 of the lesson plan
- Write a lesson plan

Note: Introductory Workshop (completed within the last five years) serves as the prerequisite for Wilson Academy®/Intensive Learning Community Membership and WRS Level I Certification

Location: ESC of Cuyahoga County

## **Project Aware: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**

June 14, 2016

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This training is fully funded through the ODE Project AWARE Grant. There is no cost to attend.

8 Contact Hours and/or 1 Graduate Credit available to purchase from Ashland University. (\$200)

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## Principals Curriculum Academy

July 27, 28, 29, 2016

Academy will discuss creating leader-filled buildings, leading for Ohio's standards, and being evidence-centered leaders.

No charge. Graduate credit will be available for an additional fee.

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## Illuminate Training – Level 1

August 3, 2016

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$85

Intended audience: Administrators, Teacher &

School Counselors new to Illuminate Education (first time users).

Education is undergoing a transformation with changing standards, a boom in assessments, and the need to track performance at all levels. Illuminate Education understands these challenges and worked to address them. This training session will provide you with an introduction to the program and its resources so that you can continuously improve operations and teach effectively, today and tomorrow. You will leave this session with a working understanding of the basic components of Illuminate and a functioning site to help build assessments, reports and provide data for your Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES).

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# The First Ring Superintendents' Collaborative

The First Ring Superintendents' Collaborative (FRSC) is an association of 16 superintendents of school districts that surround the city of Cleveland, Ohio. The FRSC was established in the year 2000 to help districts address the interrelated challenges related to poverty, mobility, diversity, and the achievement gap. This year the FRSC, through shared commitment and thoughtful planning, developed a strategic plan to determine how it can best leverage its collective power and influence to have the most impact on its students' education.

The new strategic plan has become the foundation for the focus of the FRSC by establishing the following:

- The continuation of the existing programs that are making the most difference.
- The identification and prioritization of 12 new strategies that span three direct-impact goal areas (essential support, advocacy and awareness, and collaboration) and one internally-directed goal area (governance).
- A framework (mission statement, vision statement, guiding principles) that defines the boundaries for the issues in which it will choose to engage.

The FRSC recognizes that there are many stakeholders involved in education and that school districts have the primary responsibility for the delivery of quality education. However, the FRSC also recognizes the special opportunity and responsibility it has to leverage its capability to enable First Ring districts to accelerate results. The strategic plan will help the FRSC maximize its impact.

With everyone's active involvement and support, we can fulfill our mission and continue to help improve student learning each and every year. You are invited to visit our website [www.esc-cc.org/FirstRingSuperintendentsCollaborative.aspx](http://www.esc-cc.org/FirstRingSuperintendentsCollaborative.aspx) to view the strategic plan. None of this can happen without strong relationships among all members of the FRSC. It is our clear expectation that all adults work together as positive partners in helping our most precious gift, our children.

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# Communication Services

The ESC of Cuyahoga County has a team of communications professionals ready to assist school districts and nonprofit organizations with their communication and public relations' needs on an as needed basis or full time.

Journalists, professional writers, designers, photographers, videographers, social media and website experts, as well as printers, are able to work with your district or organization, whether on a one-time project or an ongoing basis.

Because every project and service is unique, the Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations for the ESC of Cuyahoga County evaluates the work that needs to be done and provides you with a proposal that includes competitive rates and pricing.

## Services Offered:

- Communications Planning and Consultation
  - Media Relations Training
  - Writing
  - Annual Reports
  - Brochures
  - Quality Profiles
  - News Releases and Articles
  - Graphic Design
  - Branding/Style Guidelines
  - Logo Creation
  - Newsletters (web-based, hard copy, digital flip magazine format for employees and residents)
  - Advertisements
  - Marketing Materials
  - Postcards
  - Photography (candid classroom, event coverage, portraits, retouching)
  - Video Production (promotional, levy, superintendent messages, instructional)
  - Social Media
  - Website (content, redesign)
- ... and more.*

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# Temporary School Psychologist Program

The ESC of Cuyahoga County will provide comprehensive school psychologist services to your district on an as needed basis.

School psychologists meet the needs of students in behavioral, health and learning in a collaborative manner with educators and parents. They conduct appropriated testing, assessments, counseling and consultation in compliance with federal, state and local legislation.

The ESC of Cuyahoga County's School Psychology team is dedicated to working with your district's students in a variety of services. From providing additional support to your existing psychologists to recruiting, interviewing and pre-service training, working with the ESC of Cuyahoga County gives you access to a larger network of professionals who are familiar with the best-known practices in the field of education.

## Services Offered:

*include the educational, emotional, social, and behavioral challenges that many children, youth, and young adults experience.*

- Gifted
- Early Entrance Testing
- Grade Level Testing
- Re-Evaluations of Present Special Education Students
- Summer Evaluation of 3-year-old Children
- ELL Testing
- Non-Public Evaluations and Re-Evaluations
- Crisis and Trauma Team Assistance

Your district can accomplish their psychological testing responsibilities without increasing staff or even the possibility of reducing staff.

Let the ESC of Cuyahoga County save your district time and cost, by providing customized part-time or full-time psychologists. Consultation and professional development for your staff also is available at our headquarters in Independence.

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# Technology Services

The ESC of Cuyahoga County is your one-stop service center for meeting all of your 21st century technology needs.

## Services Offered:

### Auditing

- Audit network efficiency
- Audit present hardware to insure efficiency and scalability
- Audit software usage for full compliance and capabilities
- Audit SIS and student software programs for optimal use and capabilities
- Audit all safety and security hardware and software
- Technology staffing audit

### Security

- Audit of present security in a building or district
- Comprehensive planning and implementation of security devices
  - Cameras
  - Door sensors
  - Entrance/Visitor Badge Systems
- Safety monitoring services
- Fix and repair of software and hardware

### Personnel

- Hire staff to supply all necessary break fix services- full or part time employees can be hired to fit your need.
- Hire Integration Specialists

### Professional Development

- Provide professional networks for technology personnel
- Provide workshops and programs to enhance the integration of technology in the classroom
- Offer programs designed for students to explore learning through technology

### Data Analysis

Through the Illuminate Software it can provide a full range of data analysis and curriculum support to do the following

- Warehouse student academic data
- Analyze student achievement correlating all testing data (statewide and internal testing), grades, behavior
- Track all RTI information
- Develop and store all curriculum, curriculum maps, assessments, etc.
- Provide a tool for online testing
- The ESC can provide all staff training

### Network Analysis and Connectivity

- Provide Internet Connectivity
- Provide network services designed to insure stability and reliability

### Break Fix and Repair Services

- Provide all levels of technical support along with full network engineering. Blocks of hours can be purchased to save resources, or full or part time services can be employed.

### District Support Services

- Provide support for gradebook services
- Provide support for financial support services (USAS, USPS, EIS, GAAP, IPDP, W2/1099)
- Provide EMIS support to staff and/or provide EMIS staffing for district. Able to provide a full audit of EMIS program to insure 100% compliance and identify needs of staffing. Provide training for staff
- Infohio support
- IEP Anywhere support
- Provide Content Filter Services
- Provide Textbook Management Services

### Group Purchasing Services

- Consortium purchasing for all hardware and software purchases.

### Assistive Technology

Can provide support for hardware, software and professional development

- Accessibility
- Music Therapy
- Low Vision
- Therapeutic tools
- Communication

### Partnership Development

- The ESC is developing partnerships including Google, Microsoft and Apple to insure innovation and accessibility.
- The ESC can assist your district in broadening your network to insure greater partnership and relationships with vendors and other educational institutions.

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Wednesday June 15  
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## Lake Erie Crushers -vs- Windy City ThunderBolts

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While checking out, you also have the option of adding on a food voucher  
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(\$3.25 savings off buying everything day of game at concession stand).



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Heroes & Legends  
Travel back into the stories  
of the many heroes & legends  
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Any questions please contact  
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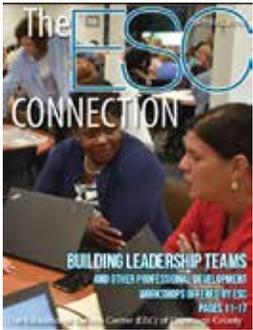


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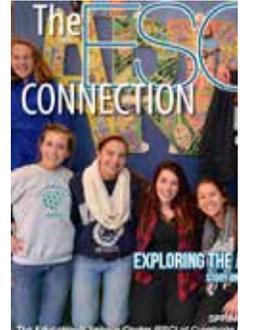
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