

Chamber State of the Schools Luncheon Features Superintendents

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of the Schools luncheon on May 16th at the Holiday Inn in Independence. More than 150 business, civic, school and community leaders attended. The superintendents of the ESC of Cuyahoga County, Independence Local Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools, and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center presented.

All the superintendents stressed the importance of working with their local business community to help educate the workforce of tomorrow.

The chamber also presented five \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Independence High School, Cuyahoga Heights High School, and Trinity High School.



L-R: Independence Superintendent Steve Marlow, Cuyahoga Heights Superintendent Edwin Holland, CVCC Superintendent Celena Roebuck, and ESC Superintendent Bob Mengerink.

The ESC is partnering with the chamber in planning the 3rd annual golf outing at Astorhurst on Friday, September 7th. Money raised will go towards the 2013 high school scholarships. Interested in golfing? Contact the chamber office at 216-573-2707 or log on to www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org.

Rose-Mary Center School Prom

With a country western theme, students at the Rose-Mary Center School in Tremont enjoyed their prom dance this past May. Special thanks to Director Lisa Adler and her staff for planning a wonderful afternoon for the students.



Rose-Mary Center School is a facility that educates approximately 40 disabled students (ages 5-22) from throughout Northeast Ohio. It is run by the ESC.

City of Independence resident Rebecca Fabich and student at the Rose-Mary Center School enjoys her time at the prom held this spring.

Regional Summer Academy Returns

The Cuyahoga County Regional Summer Academy was developed and piloted in summer 2011 in response to Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's call for more regional efforts to address the needs and academic persistence of at-risk students. This Summer Academy, developed in partnership with the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District and 11 partner districts, is coordinated by the ESC. It is held on the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) to provide rigorous educational and enrichment opportunities as students transition to ninth and tenth grade. With the support of College Now of Greater Cleveland, the Summer Academy was developed to better prepare students for high school transition and expectations, increase college readiness skills, career planning and student aspirations. Students participate in project-based learning opportunities in English/Language Arts, mathematics, literature and social studies. These projects provide students an opportunity to think globally and interact with real-world situations.

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Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County Offering New Online Learning Program Beginning this Fall

The ESC of Cuyahoga County is launching an online learning program this fall for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The program hopes to attract and retain students who are enrolled in an online community school or who are home-schooled.

"This program will enable a student's home district to offer a full or part-time online curriculum so that the students will have even more opportunities and choices offered to them than they would have if they chose to enroll in an online charter school," said Dr. Bob Mengerink, ESC Superintendent. "This new program gives students the opportunity to return to their home districts to earn a local diploma and participate in district sports and extra curricular activities."

In partnership with The National Network of Digital Schools, The ESC is offering the innovative Lincoln Interactive curriculum to students in grades K-12. This award-winning and nationally recognized curriculum is aligned to Ohio's standards and is in use in 18 states.

Each course uses a variety of online and hands-on approaches to accommodate different types of learners. Students have the opportunity to experience web casts, experiments, PowerPoint presentations, videos and learning games. There are more than 250 courses in math, language arts, science, social studies, reading, wellness, visual arts and a wide variety of electives. They offer five languages: Chinese, Spanish, French, German and Latin. The Cutting Edge Science courses cover some of the most important areas of study in contemporary science and engineering fields. Offered to

high school students, these elective courses introduce contemporary topics relevant to today's STEM careers. Topics include engineering, solar technologies, biofuels, genetics, sports medicine, forensic science and more.

"Many districts are losing a substantial amount of funding because of students attending charter schools or being home-schooled in their district.

With this new program the economic benefits for these districts are significant and the additional options for their students provide previously unavailable opportunities," continued Mengerink.

Those families interested in learning more need to contact their district of residence for information and/or to register. Details can also be found at www.OhioOnlineLearning.org.

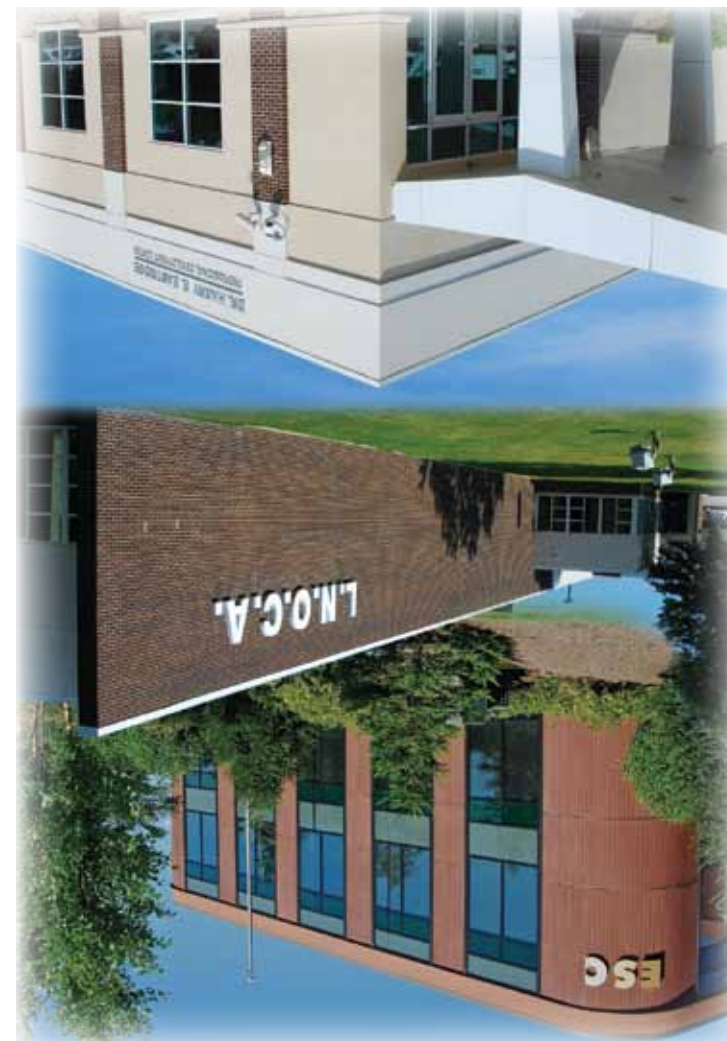


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