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Steel City High School Celebrates Ribbon Cutting and a Bright Future

On March 19, 2025, Steel City High School officially celebrated its opening with a spirited ribbon cutting ceremony—marking a milestone not just for the school, but for every student, staff member, and supporter who brought it to life since its opening in September 2024.

Guests were welcomed with student-led tours that gave visitors an inspiring look inside the state-of-the-art facility. Our students truly shined—sharing their experiences, goals, and the excitement they feel about the opportunities ahead in career technical education.

The event featured heartfelt remarks from Oakmont Education CEO **Nate Miller**, Executive Director of Dropout Recovery Schools **Larry Burt**, Lorain Mayor **Jack Bradley**, and School Director **Michelle Brown**. Each spoke to the school’s mission: offering a second chance to students who deserve a reset and a clear path to success.

Mayor Bradley emphasized the economic impact of Steel City High School, noting that graduates will not only benefit personally, but will help drive growth in Lorain by filling critical jobs in industries like construction, healthcare, and business. “This school is more than a building—it’s a promise of a better future for our young people and our city,” he said.

Michelle Brown, a Lorain native and passionate leader, shared her personal gratitude and pride: “Steel City represents a new chance—for students, for families, and for our community. Our motto, *Reset Every Day*, means our students can always start fresh and move forward.”

With over 116 students already enrolled and strong attendance, Steel City High School is living up to its promise. As the ribbon was cut, so too was a path to possibility—for every student ready to embrace their future with courage and determination.



Frederick Douglass High School Students Get a Taste of NASA at Aerospace & Aviation CTE Event

On Tuesday, March 11th, students from Frederick Douglass High School – Euclid Campus had a truly out-of-this-world experience at the NASA Glenn Research Center’s Aerospace and Aviation CTE Event in Cleveland, Ohio. Science and Advanced Manufacturing students were invited to join schools from across the region to explore how a working research center operates—and how their own futures might align with NASA’s mission.

Led by Science Teacher Dan Galletti and Advanced Manufacturing Teacher Dave Neylon, students were welcomed by none other than the Deputy Director of NASA Glenn before diving into a hands-on tour of key NASA facilities. From the machine shop to the manufacturing building, students got up close with real prototypes of Mars Rover wheels, jet engine parts, and high-tech aviation equipment—all produced in-house.

They were fascinated by the cutting-edge CNC machines, 3D printers, scanning technology, and the meticulous quality assurance tools required to meet aerospace tolerances. A highlight of the day was visiting the historic NASA Glenn flight hangar, where students climbed into an Astronaut training plane and learned about NASA’s laser communication technology tested aboard the International Space Station.

The event concluded with an inspiring live Q&A panel featuring NASA professionals in aviation, engineering, and manufacturing. Students walked away with valuable insights into career pathways, internships, and apprenticeships—and perhaps a new dream or two.

“This was such a powerful opportunity,” said Mr. Galletti. “Students not only saw science and engineering in action, but they were also encouraged to imagine themselves as part of that future.”

Big thanks to NASA Glenn for hosting and inspiring our students—and to our incredible teaching team for making it all possible!



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