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Join us: Steel City High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion in our community – the ribbon cutting ceremony for Steel City High School, which proudly opened its doors in September 2024. Join us on March 19th, 2025 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in education and opportunity.

This special event invites you to explore our modern classrooms, inspiring career training spaces, and hands-on learning environments. Discover our innovative pathways in Healthcare, Business, Nail Tech, and Construction, each crafted to equip students with the skills needed for a successful future in today's dynamic job market.

“Steel City High School is more than just a school in the city of Lorain, it's the newest symbol of Lorain's strength, resilience, and commitment to shaping a brighter future for our students. This ribbon-cutting marks a new chapter in the community's already rich history, where education meets opportunity, and students are empowered with the skills to succeed and be productive contributors in Lorain and beyond. Join us as we celebrate this milestone and invest in the future of our city together!” says Larry Burt, Executive Director, DOR.

Experience firsthand the dedication of our educators and the vibrant energy of our students as we embark on this exciting journey. Whether you are a parent, educator, or community member, your presence will make this celebration even more meaningful. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this significant milestone. RSVP today at steelcityhigh.org/rsvp or email michelle.brown@steelcityhigh.org for more information. We look forward to celebrating with you and sharing our vision for educational excellence.



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Celebrating Success: BeautyCon Mansfield 2024 Cypress High School WISE Pathways Program

Cypress High School is proud to share the remarkable success of our Nail Tech students at BeautyCon Mansfield 2024, held in Mansfield, OH. This dynamic event celebrated the latest trends in hair, nails, makeup, and fashion, bringing together salon professionals, industry experts, and community members for a vibrant gathering. A runway show highlighted the creativity of each participating salon, with one to three models showcasing cutting-edge designs and innovative styles.

Guided by the expertise of Instructor Crystal Weese, our talented students – Trinity Montgomery, Kazharriah Crawford, Mi'Niyah Boyce, Keely Weese, Infiniti Rose, and Olivia Rimer – demonstrated exceptional technical skills and artistic flair. Their involvement provided a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience, network with industry leaders, and apply classroom learning in a real-world setting. Events like BeautyCon are instrumental in bridging education and industry, allowing our students to refine their craft and build professional connections.

All proceeds from the event were donated to Gravity Ohio, a dedicated non-profit organization committed to supporting the arts in every form, including music, dance, theater, cinema, painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, photography, multimedia art, and culinary arts. We are excited to see our students grow and look forward to welcoming our 2025 Nail Tech cohort to participate in next year's BeautyCon, further celebrating the artistry and innovation of beauty and fashion.

This outstanding event truly reinforces the importance of industry exposure for our students and highlights Cypress High School's unwavering commitment to fostering creativity and innovation in the ever-changing world of beauty and fashion.



Empowering Education Reform: Randy Smoot Named National Voices Fellow

We are thrilled to announce that Randy Smoot has been selected as a National Voices Fellow for Cohort VII! This prestigious fellowship, led by 50CAN, brings together diverse education leaders from across the country who are committed to transforming America's education system. Randy joins an exceptional network of changemakers, including our own Vice President Cris Gulacy-Worrel, who was part of Cohort IV. We extend our gratitude to 50CAN for their visionary leadership in uniting passionate advocates from various backgrounds to tackle our nation's education challenges. Their commitment to fostering collaboration and amplifying diverse perspectives continues to create meaningful impact in education reform.

Spring Breaks across our network

Monday, March 17th - Friday, March 21st

Great Oaks HS & Career Center

Monday, March 24th - Friday, March 28th

Cliff Park HS
 Frederick Douglass HS - Main & Euclid Campuses
 Marshall HS - Main & Hamilton Campuses
 Old Brook HS - Main & Parma Campuses
 Randall Park HS
 Regent HS

Monday, April 14th - Friday, April 18th

Steel City HS

Friday, April 18th - Friday, April 25th

Cypress HS
 Franklinton Prep HS
 Liberty HS
 Towpath Trail HS - All Campuses
 YouthBuild

As seen on social!



Franklinton Prep Health Students Prepare to Care for Sex Trafficking Victims

At Franklinton Prep High School in Columbus, students in the health sciences program are not just learning medical skills—they are preparing to be advocates for some of the most vulnerable individuals in their community. Through hands-on training and education, these students are gaining the knowledge needed to identify and support victims of sex trafficking.

"It's something that I'm very passionate about and something that I like doing," said Lenita Brihm, a senior studying phlebotomy. She recently had the opportunity to practice drawing blood alongside fellow senior Kairi Secret, applying their skills on a school staff member using a specialized vein-finding tool.

Beyond their technical training, these students are also learning to recognize the hidden signs of human trafficking. Secret, who has witnessed the impact of trafficking firsthand, understands how victims can be manipulated into believing their abuse is normal. "They feel like it's normal for their family or the other person to treat them that way," she said. "And it's not. Because you're a child."

The event, organized by Jackie Jenkins in collaboration with Gracehaven, provided a platform for students to connect their medical training with real-world advocacy. Instructor Elijah Inyang emphasized that healing is not just physical—understanding trauma and being a supportive listener are just as crucial.

Their efforts and dedication to this important cause were recently featured on Spectrum 1 News, highlighting the impact of their work. You can watch the full story here: <https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2025/02/18/ohio-child-sex-trafficking->

As future healthcare professionals, these students are committed to making a difference, ensuring that those who need help are heard and supported. If you or someone you know may be a victim of trafficking, the National Human Trafficking Hotline is available 24/7 at (888) 373-7888.

Frederick Douglass Euclid Campus Achieves 100% STNA Passage Rate!

We believe in providing students with real-world opportunities that lead to success beyond the classroom. That mission was on full display at Frederick Douglass High School's Euclid Campus, where 100% of students in the State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) program passed their certification exam!

Seventeen dedicated students took on the challenge of mastering both the knowledge and hands-on skills required for the STNA exam. Under the expert guidance of Ms. Farris, Healthcare Teacher, these students gained essential training in patient care, including assisting with daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, feeding, and mobility support. Their commitment to excellence was evident during their clinical experiences, where they applied their skills in real healthcare settings.

Now, these students are ready to make a meaningful impact in the workforce. Many have already secured positions in long-term care facilities, while others are providing home healthcare services, bringing compassionate care to those in need.

Oakmont Education is proud to support career technical education programs like STNA, which equip students with the skills and certifications needed for in-demand careers. The success at Frederick Douglass Euclid Campus is a testament to the power of hands-on learning and the dedication of our educators.

Congratulations to our newest STNAs! Your hard work has opened doors to bright futures, and we can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.



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