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## Great Oaks High School & Career Center Celebrates First-Ever Graduation

On May 28, 2025, Great Oaks High School and Career Center celebrated a milestone moment—the graduation of its first-ever senior class. Held at Hope+Elim Church, the ceremony honored the 11 trailblazing students who made up the Class of 2025. These graduates weren't just earning diplomas—they were making history.

The afternoon began with a moving processional, followed by a heartfelt welcome from Jesus Cardoza. Executive Director Kris Byam addressed the crowd with reflections on the school's journey, while teacher Tony Bellegante shared words of wisdom from the classroom. Oakmont Education's CEO Nate Miller and Vice President Cris Gulacy-Worrel offered inspiring messages on the importance of perseverance and purpose.

Student speaker Azzael Terran captivated the audience with a personal story of resilience—and was later honored with the Staff Impact Award for their contributions to the school community. Dylan Sumpter and all faculty members were recognized with the Core Values Award, celebrating the spirit of support and excellence that defines Great Oaks.

Graduate Riley Galvin led the procession of newly minted alumni as proud families looked on with joy and pride. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks and a spirited recessional, marking both an ending and a beginning.



This historic day was more than a celebration—it was a testament to the power of second chances and the strength of community. Congratulations to the Great Oaks Class of 2025—our first, and forever unforgettable.

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## Towpath Trail High School Celebrates Student Builders at Year-End Construction Program Event

On May 21, 2025, Oakmont Education proudly celebrated the achievements of students from all three Towpath Trail High School campuses—Main Campus, Barberton Campus, and East Campus—at the Third Annual Construction Program Year-End Celebration. Held at Habitat for Humanity's Silver Maple Ridge Project site in Akron, the event honored students who collectively contributed over 4,000 hours of hands-on construction work throughout the school year.

These remarkable students played a key role in building multiple homes for local families, applying their skills in real-world settings while making a lasting impact in the community. Attendees, including families, school leaders, and industry professionals, toured the homes, enjoyed a complimentary lunch, and witnessed firsthand the results of the students' dedication and craftsmanship.

Hosted by Construction Teacher Nathan Burton, the event also served as a meaningful networking opportunity. Habitat for Humanity and Oakmont Education welcomed contractors and construction professionals who engaged with students about potential career pathways and job opportunities.

"We are incredibly proud of what our students have accomplished," said Burton. "Their hard work, commitment, and professionalism reflect everything we aim to instill at Towpath Trail High School."

The celebration highlighted the power of career-technical education in transforming lives and building brighter futures—both for students and the communities they serve. Oakmont Education thanks all who attended and continues to support pathways that lead students from the classroom to the workforce with purpose and pride.



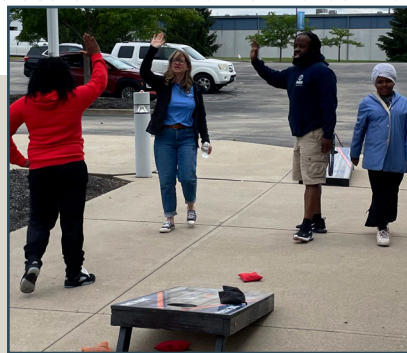
## Banyan High School's "New Beginning Bash" Brings Community Together for a Powerful Launch

Banyan High School's New Beginning Bash was a huge success, drawing enthusiastic support from the Cincinnati community. Families, students, local leaders, and future partners packed the campus to explore the exciting new opportunities Banyan offers for students ages 15–21.

The event was not only a celebration—it was a catalyst. Several students took the first step toward their future by enrolling on the spot, and the energy on campus reflected the school's commitment to providing flexible, career-focused education in healthcare, construction, and business.

One of the most inspiring moments came when a student from the nearby area, originally displaced when her school closed, reconnected with Oakmont Education and enrolled as one of Banyan's first projected graduates. She even committed to working at Marshall High School's Hamilton Campus, a powerful full-circle moment that speaks to the strength of our growing network and the determination of our students.

Thank you to all who made this day unforgettable. The future is bright at Banyan High School!





## Old Brook High School Students Dazzle at Shark Tank Challenge



Old Brook High School recently hosted its highly anticipated Shark Tank Challenge, an entrepreneurial showcase where students pitched original business ideas to a panel of professionals—mirroring the popular TV show. Months of preparation, creativity, and grit culminated in a dynamic event that sparked innovation and forged strong community connections.

Students presented bold business concepts ranging from a high-end dining lounge and crash-proof animal crates to medical innovations and customized style accessories. Their ideas were evaluated by a distinguished panel of community members and business leaders, who not only judged pitches but also offered mentorship and financial support to help students bring their visions to life.

First place went to Precious J. for Luxe Fix, an upscale lounge and restaurant concept featuring signature cocktails, live entertainment, and standout menu items like “TrapMac” and “Peach Cobbler Cheesecake.” Second place was awarded to LaTaya M. for Mosquil, a semi-natural anesthetic derived from mosquito saliva. Third place went to Zahara I. for Cliptique, offering customizable hair clips in countless designs.

Other standout concepts included a disinfectant fogger (CLEANBLAST), reinforced pet transport crates (Pawtective), and personalized decals (INKSPIRE).

Judges included professionals from GFB Consulting, Community Wealth Partners, Oakmont Education, and more—many of whom donated prizes or pledged ongoing support.

The event celebrated student voice, critical thinking, and real-world application, leaving both students and guests inspired by the possibilities ahead. Old Brook’s Shark Tank proved that the next generation of innovators is already hard at work.

## Old Brook Parma Celebrates Student Futures at Annual Signing Day Event

On May 28th, Old Brook High School Parma hosted its inspiring annual Signing Day event, where graduating students were celebrated for their next big step—whether that’s enlisting in the military, enrolling in college or training programs, or entering the workforce.

With proud families by their side, students took center stage to publicly commit to their post-graduation plans. The event mirrors the excitement of athletic signing days but shines a spotlight on academic and career achievements. Students signed symbolic letters of intent and were recognized for their hard work, perseverance, and vision for the future.

Several students are headed to local colleges and trade schools, others have secured full-time jobs, and a number are enlisting in branches of the U.S. military to serve their country with pride.

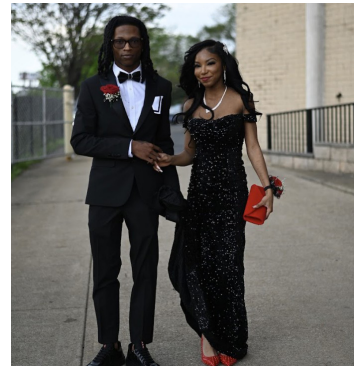
“This is a huge testament to the work that we do here. We are so proud of our students,” said Megan Foster, School Director at Old Brook Parma.

At Oakmont Education, we believe in honoring all pathways to success. Events like Signing Day reflect our mission to support every student in building a future that’s right for them. Congratulations to the Old Brook Parma Class of 2025—we are proud of you!





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