

Celebrating 40 Years
1983-2024

"Education With Community Impact"



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Tri Star Serves

CELINA
COLDWATER
FORT RECOVERY
MARION LOCAL
MINSTER
NEW BREMEN
NEW KNOXVILLE
ST. HENRY
ST. MARYS

95.8%

(41,262) of career-technical education students graduated in 2022.

79.7%

(66,809) of career-technical education students scored proficient or higher on technical skill assessments.

TRI STAR CAREER COMPACT

earned a 5-star rating on the most recent Ohio Department of Education's report card.

CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Your Future. Your Way.

Ready for careers. Ready for college. Skills for a lifetime.

Outcomes and
Insights
2022-2023

The goal of career-technical education in Ohio is to ensure every graduate from a secondary career-technical program is prepared for successful employment and further education, while also meeting the workforce needs of businesses across the state.

**CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION
IS FOR EVERYONE!**

94.7% of career-technical education students were employed, continuing education, in an apprenticeship, enlisted in the military, or in a service program within six months of leaving high school in 2022.
(Statewide)
(38,805)

Continuing Education

42.3%

(14,510)
of career-technical education students went on to pursue a college degree within two years.

College Credit

27.3%

(11,739)
of career-technical education students earned three or more dual enrollment credits.

In-Demand

26.1%

(11,224)
of career-technical students earned one or more of Ohio's in-demand industry-recognized credentials.

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Order of Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks	Tim Buschur
Dinner	
Outstanding Educational Partner Awards	Tim Buschur
Outstanding Student Awards	Brian Stetler
Teaching Professions:	Mandy Diller
REC Tech:	Jerry Kohnen
Agricultural Industrial Technology:	Ken Platfoot
Welding:	Aaron Schmitt
Interactive Media:	Lisa Sheppard
Precision Machining:	Mitch Knous
Career Based Intervention - Celina:	Dave Maurer
Construction:	Brett McGillvary
ESC Career Pathways:	Wendee Bertke
Marketing Education:	Heidi Lisi
Career Based Intervention - St. Marys:	Scott Albers
I.T./Cybersecurity:	Mike Eilerman
Graphic Communications:	Heather Arling
Animal Health:	Mike Seibert
Automotive Technology:	Brian Hess
Engineering Technology:	Taylor Crum
Med Prep:	Brenda Speck and Annette Albers
Closing	Brian Stetler

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Ag. Industrial Technology



Logan Dehan

SENIOR

Honoree: Logan Dehan
Parent(s)/Guardian: Daniel and Jennifer Langenkamp
Home High School: St. Henry
Current Employment: North Star Hardware & Implement, Inc.
Future Plans: Attend University of Northwestern Ohio to study Ag. Diesel and continue working at North Star.

SENIOR

Honoree: Clint Voress
Parent(s)/Guardian: Dan and Michelle Voress
Home High School: New Bremen
Current Employment: Affolder Equipment Sales
Future Plans: Attend University of Northwestern Ohio to study Ag. Diesel and continue working at Affolder.



Clint Voress

Animal Health



Megan Fortkamp

SENIOR

Honoree: Megan Fortkamp
Parent(s)/Guardian: Kim and Brian Fortkamp
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: The Dog Spaw
Future Plans: Attend college to become a veterinary technician.

SENIOR

Honoree: Katherine Seger
Parent(s)/Guardian: Frank and Bev Seger
Home High School: St. Henry
Current Employment: Mile Creek Animal Hospital and Tru Edge Grinding, Inc.
Future Plans: Attend the Vet Tech Institute at International Business College, Indianapolis.



Katherine Seger

Outstanding Educational Partners

COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS

The Coldwater Young Farmers organization was founded on Feb. 1, 1979 with the goal of improving agricultural education in local communities and to assist in the educational programming of local youth. The local chapter meets throughout the winter months to educate themselves on advancements in agricultural technology and on ways in which they can improve their profession. The organization serves not only Coldwater but all of Mercer County.

Coldwater Young Farmers serve local FFA Chapters and agricultural programs, the Mercer County Fair, and other non-profits in numerous ways. Tri Star has been a recipient of their quiet generosity. Coldwater Young Farmers have donated an upright freezer, an animal trailer, and an electrical freezer to Tri Star. Countywide they assist with judging FFA contests, provide FFA Chapter sponsorships, and they provide financial support so students with a need can attend and/or compete at the state and national levels. Thank you Coldwater Young Farmers.



COTTERMAN AND COMPANY, INC.

Cotterman and Co., Inc. is an industrial and commercial roofing company founded in 1978 by Max R. Cotterman. The company has offices in Dayton, Minster, and Columbus, Ohio and specializes in new construction, reroofs, roof repairs, and roof maintenance programs.

Tri Star can attest to Cotterman's "reputation for quality work, quick response time, professionalism, and getting the job done right, on time, and meeting or exceeding customer expectation" as stated on their website. They installed the roof on the new Tri Star building and most recently, after the March tornados swept through the area, Cotterman's stopped by Tri Star the next morning to check that no damage had occurred to 'their' roofing system.

Cotterman has generously provided much to Tri Star's construction program. Annually, for the last five years, two of their employees have spent a week at Tri Star teaching the junior construction students a hands-on lesson in commercial roofing installation. Cotterman's pays for all the materials for the week-long lesson and provides students with lunch and a Tri Star/Cotterman T-shirt.

Additionally, Cotterman's has helped procure materials for the construction projects that students work on in the classroom, they also take students for job shadowing experiences, and they hire Tri Star students. Thank you Cotterman and Company, Inc.

Welding



Haden Woods

SENIOR

Honoree: Haden Woods
Parent(s)/Guardian: Ted and Angie Woods
Home High School: St. Henry
Current Employment: Welder at St. Henry Tile
Future Plans: Continue employment with St. Henry Tile and to obtain a CDL.

Automotive Technology

SENIOR

Honoree: Mason Link
Parent(s)/Guardian: Jeff and Beth Link
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Zuma Automotive
Future Plans: Attend the University of Northwestern Ohio to pursue an associate's degree in automotive business management.



Mason Link



CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!

*from your Tri Star Instructors
and Administration*

Career Based Intervention - Celina

SENIOR

Honoree: McKenzie Kilgore
Parent(s)/Guardian: Ryan and Jennifer Kilgore
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: Reynolds and Reynolds
Future Plans: Attend college to pursue a career in nursing, or to become a family and child life specialist.



McKenzie Kilgore



Hannah Vogan

SENIOR

Honoree: Hannah Vogan
Parent(s)/Guardian: Alex and Jennifer Vogan
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: Dominoes
Future Plans: Continue as the assistant manager at Dominoes while practicing photography with the hope of starting a photography business.

Career Based Intervention - St. Marys

SENIOR



Makenzie Henning

Honoree: Makenzie Henning
Parent(s)/Guardian: Kelley Wicker and Derek Henning
Home High School: St. Marys Memorial
Current Employment: Varsity Lanes and Kohl's Department Store
Future Plans: Attend Wright State University-Lake Campus to pursue a degree in early childhood education

SENIOR

Honoree: Hunter Sprague
Parent(s)/Guardian: Kelly and Andrew Roth
Home High School: St. Marys Memorial
Current Employment: Celina Custom Auto
Future Plans: Continue fire and EMS training at Apollo Adult Education to earn EMT-B and pursue a career in fire and EMS.



Hunter Sprague

Mercer Co. E.S.C. Career Pathways (Educational Service Center)

SENIOR



Cheyann Kupper

Honoree: Cheyann Kupper
Parent(s)/Guardian: Lindsay and Bob Kupper
Home High School: St. Marys
Current Employment: Crown Equipment and Beer Barrel
Future Plans: Continue in the workforce

REC Tech (Robotics, Electronics & Computer Technologies)

JUNIOR

Honoree: Vincent Winner
Parent(s)/Guardian: Bob and Amber Winner
Home High School: Marion Local
Current Employment: Winner's Meats
Future Plans: Pursue a degree in an electrical field or an electrician's apprenticeship program.



Vincent Winner

SENIOR

Honoree: Brandt Homan
Parent(s)/Guardian: Bart and Karen Homan
Home High School: Marion Local
Current Employment: B & K Homan Farms
Future Plans: Pursue a degree in electrical engineering.



Brandt Homan

Early Childhood Education/Teaching Professions

SENIOR

Honoree: Kenadie Ervin
Parent(s)/Guardian: Mitch Ervin and Sandy Ervin
Home High School: Fort Recovery
Current Employment: Sunshine Boutique, babysitter, and tutor
Future Plans: Attend college to major in early childhood with plans to open a faith-based daycare or preschool.



Kenadie Ervin

SENIOR

Honoree: Julia Sieftring
Parent(s)/Guardian: Brian and Sandy Sieftring
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Golden on Main, tutor
Future Plans: Attend Wright State University-Lake Campus and major in elementary education.



Julia Sieftring

Med Prep



Zachary Diller

SENIOR

Honoree: Zachary Diller
Parent(s)/Guardian: Gary and Kristine Diller
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Mercer County Elks
Future Plans: Attend Findlay University to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

SENIOR

Honoree: Caitlyn Nuding
Parent(s)/Guardian: Chuck Nuding and the late Carrie Nuding
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: St. Charles Seminary
Future Plans: Pursue a nursing degree at Wright State University - Lake Campus.



Caitlyn Nuding

Precision Machining



Brandon Penno

SENIOR

Honoree: Brandon Penno
Parent(s)/Guardian: David and Kendra Penno
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Lincoln Electric Automation
Future Plans: Continue working at Lincoln Electric as a machinist.

SENIOR

Honoree: Gavin Rinderle
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: Celina Precision Machine
Future Plans: Continue working at Celina Precision Machine as a machinist.



Gavin Rinderle

Construction

SENIOR

Honoree: Jacque Bruns
Parent(s)/Guardian: Mark and Karen Bruns
Home High School: St. Henry
Current Employment: Schockman Lumber
Future Plans: Continue employment with Schockman's.



Jacque Bruns

SENIOR

Honoree: Luke Schmitmeyer
Parent(s)/Guardian: Gina and David Schmitmeyer
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Schwieterman Excavations
Future Plans: Continue employment with Schwieterman and on the family farm.



Luke Schmitmeyer

Engineering Technology

SENIOR

Honoree: Keaton Fishbaugh
Parent(s)/Guardian: Cindy Plank and Channon Fishbaugh
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: Menards
Engineering Co-op: KSM, St. Marys
Future Plans: Pursue a degree in engineering at the University of Cincinnati.



Keaton Fishbaugh

SENIOR

Honoree: Michael Grothause
Parent(s)/Guardian: Dan and Sue Grothause
Home High School: St. Marys Memorial
Current Employment/Engineering Co-op: Omni Manufacturing
Future Plans: Continue employment after high school



Michael Grothause

Graphic Communications



Connor Kaikala

SENIOR

Honoree: Connor Kaikala
Parent(s)/Guardian: Ashley Schlechty
Home High School: Fort Recovery
Current Employment: Miracle Lanes, Fort Recovery
Future Plans: Attend Wright State University-Lake Campus to major in graphic design.

SENIOR

Honoree: Christine Merrill
Parent(s)/Guardian: Steve and Betsy Merrill
Home High School: St. Henry
Current Employment: The Mr. Shoppe and 49 Degrees
Future Plans: Continue employment and take online classes. Also grow her photography business.



Christine Merrill

Interactive Media



Miranda Burke

SENIOR

Honoree: Miranda Burke
Parent(s)/Guardian: Liliana and Matthew Burke
Home High School: Minster
Future Plans: Attend college and pursue a career in animation.

SENIOR

Honoree: Adrielle Martin
Parent(s)/Guardian: Jim and Rani Martin
Home High School: Celina
Current Employment: Marshalls
Future Plans: Attend Bowling Green State University and major in business.



Adrielle Martin

V.T. Cybersecurity

SENIOR

Honoree: Carson Doenges
Parent(s)/Guardian: Sarah and Travis Doenges
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Com-Net, CNI
Future Plans: Attend Rhodes State College to major in Network Security and continue working at CNI.



Carson Doenges

SENIOR

Honoree: Karley Nearon
Parent(s)/Guardian: Amy Jacobs and Chris Nearon
Home High School: Coldwater
Current Employment: Mercer County Council on Aging
Future Plans: Attend Wright State University-Lake Campus to pursue a degree in criminal justice.



Karley Nearon

Marketing Education

JUNIOR

Honoree: Cole Uhlenhake
Parent(s)/Guardian: Brittany and Nick Uhlenhake
Home High School: St. Marys
Future Plans: Attend The Ohio State University to major in business or marketing.



Cole Uhlenhake

SENIOR

Honoree: Madison Milner
Parent(s)/Guardian: Angela Milner and Adam Milner
Home High School: St. Marys Memorial
Current Employment: Albert Sporting Goods
Future Plans: Attend Miami University to major in international studies



Madison Milner