

50th Anniversary Celebration

Four County Career Center celebrated its 50th Anniversary by hosting an Open House and Celebration Program combined with the annual Wall of Fame/Distinguished Service Award inductions honoring its history, students and staff--both former and present--during the program.

Ellie Cichocki, Workforce Development/Job Placement Coordinator, served as Master of Ceremonies. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emily Pippin, a Health Careers student from Liberty Center, and a Student Ambassador. Superintendent Tim Meister gave special introductions and thank yous. Former superintendents Dr. David Nicholls and William J. Spiess both spoke of the support and success of the Career Center over the years. Proclamations were made by the Ohio House of Representatives, presented by Rep. James Hoops, Rep. Derek Merrin, and Rep. Craig Riedel and the Ohio Senate presented by Sen. Robert McColley, and Sen. Randy Gardner. Governor John Kasich also sent a Proclamation recognizing the Career Center's 50 years of service to Northwest Ohio. Also present was Congressman Robert Latta who presented Superintendent Meister a Proclamation from the U.S. House of Representatives and a U.S. flag that flew over the Capital.

Four County Career Center honored six graduates from the Career Center who have had success in their careers and who will serve as outstanding representatives for the school at the 21st annual "Wall of Fame" awards program. Nominations for this honor are based on the areas of significant contributions to the individual's career, the community, education, and Four County Career Center.

This was also the 5th year for the "Distinguished Service Award" presented to the individual who has displayed on-going dedication and commitment to the Career Center and to the communities served by the Career Center. This year's recipient is William J. Spiess, retired Superintendent at the Career Center.

Shown above following the ceremony holding their plaques are (LEFT TO RIGHT) William J. Spiess; Lori Deem, Todd Henricks, Tiffany (Dennie) Kennerk, Bradley E. Mangas, Shelly Reagle, and Gregory C. VanDyke.

William J. Spiess retired as Superintendent from the Career Center in 2012 after thirty-eight years in education. He has continued to be active in many educational and community organizations following retirement and is a member of the FCCC Endowment Committee. William lives in Orland, Indiana and Sebring, Florida with his wife Debra.

Lori Deem came to the Career Center from Hicksville High School and enrolled in the Data Processing program from which she graduated in 1984. Lori is currently the Owner of Deem Insurance Agency, LLC in Jonesville, Michigan. Lori lives in Jonesville with her husband Michael.

Todd Henricks enrolled at the Career Center from Edgerton High School, entered the Small Engines program and graduated in 1981. He is the Owner of Todd's Auto Collision and lives in Bryan with his wife Kathy.

Tiffany (Dennie) Kennerk attended the Career Center from Edon High School and graduated in 1997 in the Health Occupations program. Tiffany is currently the Medical-Surgical Director of Nursing at the Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan and lives in Edgerton with her husband Toby and their two children.

Bradley E. Mangas came to the Career Center from Ayersville High School, entered the Machine Trades program and graduated in 1987. He is currently the Owner/Operator of B.E. Mangas & Son, LLC and Buffalo Wild Wings of Northwest Ohio and resides in Defiance with his son.

Shelly Reagle enrolled at the Career Center from Fairview High School and graduated in 1972 in the Cosmetology program. Shelly is Owner of N.L.S. Hair Boutique in Ney and she lives in Sherwood with her husband Marty.

Gregory C. VanDyke attended the Career Center from Fairview High School, entered the Drafting & Design program and graduated in 1985. He is currently the Owner of Culligan Sales & Service of Northwest Ohio in Bryan and lives in Hicksville with his wife Rhonda.

A picture/plaque of each "Wall of Fame" and "Distinguished Service Award" recipient will be placed in the main entrance at Four County Career Center. A special "Thank You" is extended to all area businesses who continue to employ Career Center students and give them the opportunity to succeed.

