



Save the Date!

Horticulture Day

April 3, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., CCC East
NCTP Horticulture Students

**Cardboard Canoe
Challenge**

May 1, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., CCC Metro
NCTP CAD students

Ohio IT Challenge

May 21, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
CCC West TLC
NCTP IT Students

Summer Bridge Courses

Week of June 15 or 22, 2009
All CCC campuses
Specific times and dates to be
announced

Tech Prep Academy

Registration procedures and
deadlines to be announced

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North Coast Tech Prep 2009 Biotech Olympics

After an intense 7 month "Olympic" training period, more than 150 Biotech students from Bedford, Cloverleaf, Lakewood, Normandy, Parma Senior, and Valley Forge High Schools competed in the 2009 North Coast Tech Prep Biotech Olympics on Friday, February 27, 2009 at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College.

The Biotech Olympics concept was developed by the North Coast Tech Prep Biotech Teachers in the fall of 2007, with Bedford teacher Nate Marron taking the lead role. The group agreed that the students, divided into small teams, should be tested on both acquired lab skills and course content. The day was designed to be both challenging and fun; students were introduced to the Tri-C Eastern Campus and to Dr. Steve Leidich, the College Biotech liaison. The students also learned more about the Biotech Summer Internship Program that is currently being developed under the direction of Mr. Jack Steinicke.

In teams consisting of 3 or 4 students, the competitors rotated through 5 testing sessions run by the Biotech teachers. Testing session topics included lab safety; using lab equipment; DNA fingerprinting; protein synthesis; and, a "brainiac" session of questions covering a range of topics students should have mastered. The Biotech teachers tabulated the team scores while the Olympic competitors enjoyed lunch. Appetites sated, everyone assembled for the awards ceremony. There might have been some scientific trash talking before the ceremony, but once in the auditorium the Biotechies were focused on the results and the awards.



FIRST PLACE

The Valley Forge High School team of Nick Conroy, Jaime Furda, and Rebecca Kyler
The winning team members said: "When we won, Jaime was surprised...but happy, Nick was giddy, and Becky stood up and whooped!"



THIRD PLACE

"The Parma Senior High Biotech Dream Team" of Nicole DiVincenzo, Mike Melnyk, Andrew Knauss, and Andrea Stojisavljevic



SECOND PLACE

The Cloverleaf team of Kelsey Allen, Bobby Easterling, Ben Goodreau, and Bret Nehrenz