



EEG News & Updates

Mission

The mission of the Educational Empowerment Group is to promote knowledge, wisdom and understanding to all stakeholders that empowers success in our global society.

Vision

The vision of the Educational Empowerment Group is to elevate the experience for students and stakeholders by positively changing the landscape of charter school education.

A Message from the CEO

Is it May already? This school year seems like a blur, as it is quickly coming to an end. I would like to thank each of you for your unwavering support of our students. Your commitment is unmatched, and I appreciate everything you do. You have persevered through the highs and lows and focused on academic achievement and positive school culture. You have "*EleVated the Experience*" for our students by introducing new programs and motivating them to reach for excellence.



Let's continue to pour into our students! Our summer enrichment programs present great opportunities to creatively integrate fun, engaging activities with remediation. Set goals to foster academic growth through small group instruction, technology and evidence-based strategies. We will continue to push for proficiency and beyond. Our students are capable, and we have the best team members to guide them to success.

Wendy Rydarowicz, Founder and CEO

Schools in the News

Career Readiness - A Step in the Right Direction



Six students who are participating in Akron Career Tech High School's State Tested Nurses Assistant (STNA) Program have passed the STNA exam. These students are now licensed STNAs. Our Career Technical Education programming allows students to get a jumpstart on exciting career paths which will positively impact their futures. These accomplished students will have viable options upon graduating from high school. Principal Dancy will take another group of students to test on May 9.

We wish them well!

Students Prepare for the State Competition

Adopted from The Ron Clark Academy, the Amazing Shake competition gives students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of career based skills learned throughout the year. Schools unite with community leaders, business owners and stakeholders to evaluate the students' professional skills in real life simulations. Competitors are tested on individual professionalism, good manners, soft skills and verbal skills. Middle and high school students in most of our schools competed in the Amazing Shake competition during the months of March and April. The winners will compete at our State competition at Beacon Academy on May 18. We are excited to crown our winner!



Mentorship Through Cooking



The students of A+ Arts Academy Napoleon Campus recently attended their monthly Kitchen of Life Experience. During these sessions, team building, problem-solving and task completion skills are cultivated while students cook delicious food to eat or share. The students have participated in this program for six months, and they are now one visit away from their final meeting. Their instructors have commented on how well the

students work collaboratively to complete tasks. It is evident that our Napoleon students really enjoy their time at Kitchen of Life.

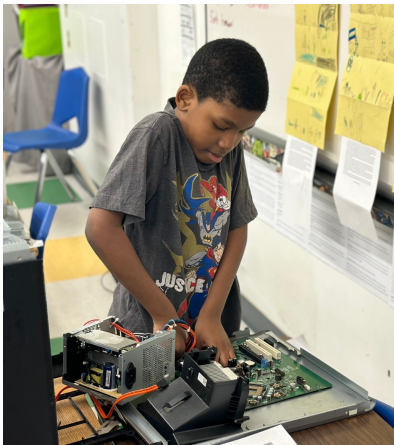
Students Learn the Value of Teamwork at CAA

One would never guess that this year is the first year for sports at Cincinnati Achievement Academy! The CAA Panthers were disciplined and

focused, as they learned the needed skills and sportsmanship to come together as a TEAM. Each member embodied The Four Pillars of CAA: Respect, Diligence, Grit and Love. Team members individually lead by example for their teammates and the CAA student body. These students formed a brotherhood of accountability and support that resulted in a winning season. The team won two games in the three-game playoff, losing the final game by only one point. The CAA Panthers are true champions and have changed themselves and CAA forever. Cincinnati Achievement Academy is actively manifesting their goal of "developing leaders for life!"



Circuitry at MVA



Miami Valley Academies aspires to pique the interest of students with new, exciting and fun lessons. Principal Meeks and the MVA team firmly believe that there is no age limit to engage in critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Ms. Pence's 4th grade class is studying about circuits in science. The second phase of their learning involves implementing hands-on problem solving using old computers. MVA is producing the next generation of great thinkers.

The Mayor of Cincinnati Visits CTA

Mayor Aftab Pureval paid a special visit to Cincinnati Technology Academy during the school's Career Exploration Week, and Principal Brown, the CTA team and students provided an "EleVated" experience. Students were fully engaged, and the positive climate of the school was evident.



Mayor Pureval spoke to the student body which consisted of students of all backgrounds and grade levels. The students were awarded the valuable opportunity to learn about his journey to success. He spoke about his experience with bullying and that he was a Taylor Swift fan. Mayor Pureval became relatable to the CTA students. Initially, the students were all very nervous, but once they heard his story, they were reassured. They asked amazing questions and gave him the biggest hugs. When Principal Brown was asked to share her thoughts about Mayor Pureval's visit, she expressed the following:

"There is no top. There are always further heights to reach." - Jascha Heifetz

"This quote sums up our visit with the Mayor. He explained that he had other professions in his life, but he chose to follow his dreams. Here he is now, the first Asian-American Mayor in Cincinnati."

Trade Skills Reward Another OCA Student



Senior and soon-to-be graduate, Jamarveon Miller, has been officially hired with Franklin County as a carpenter. He will begin full-time with the County after graduating from Ohio Construction Academy this June. He was offered a profitable wage with full benefits. Jamarveon joins the ranks with other OCA students who have been offered employment upon graduation through OCA's Career Technical Education program. Our next issue will feature the promising futures of all high school graduates within the EEG network.

The Health Corner



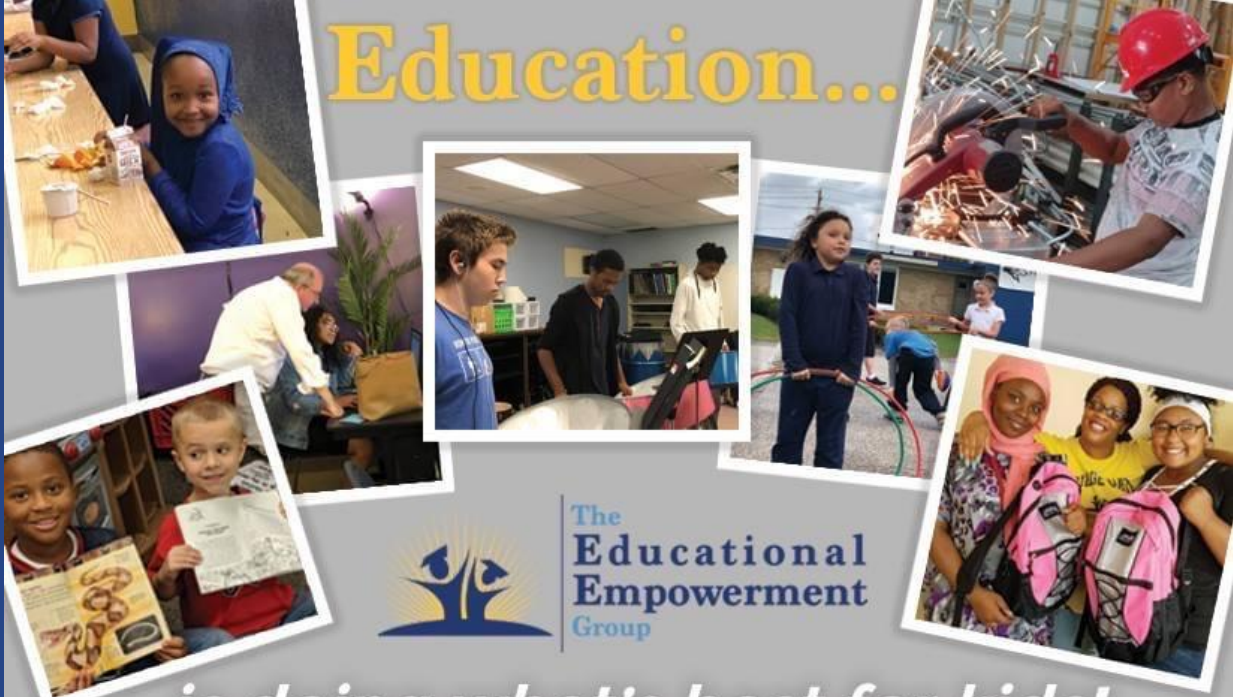
Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? Remember, IMPACT Solutions offers great services to help you navigate through life. Services include: counseling, mental health sessions, life coaching sessions, financial consultations, legal consultation and work-life resources and referrals. Take a look at the *Live Well, Work Well Newsletter* from our Benefit Related

Services to get great information regarding your health. You are worth it!

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“Live to learn, and you will really learn to live.” — John C. Maxwell

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