



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

The summer season is upon us! This is the optimal time to rejuvenate and enjoy a brief respite from the school year. We can also maximize this time by reflecting on the year, embracing and celebrating hard-fought victories while formulating plans to foster improvement. Take this opportune time to evaluate progress in the crucial areas of success and collaborate with your Building Leadership Teams to examine yearly data points which directly influence the success of our schools. These data points include, but are not limited to assessments, attendance, graduation rates, CTE programming participation, discipline and classroom walkthroughs. Utilize the data to inform planning for the upcoming school year. Here are reflective questions Building Leadership Teams should consider:



- *Did you accomplish the goals outlined for this school year?*
- *How will you champion academic growth among students?*
- *What targeted, embedded professional development will you offer to teachers and staff?*
- *Are the actions steps outlined in your school's One Plan effective? What adjustments should be made?*
- *Should additional steps be taken to monitor progress?*
- *How will you create a culture of motivation among teachers, staff and*

students?

- *What will you do to enhance your current leadership practices?*

I implore you to always strive for better. We should never become complacent because there is always room for growth. Here's to a summer of much needed revitalization, meaningful collaboration and thoughtful planning.

Wendy Rydarowicz, Founder and CEO

The Amazing Shake State Competition



Students worked assiduously all year to hone and refine their professional skills. They were mindful of their handshakes, took care in handling difficult situations and demonstrated confidence as they advanced through various stages of the Regional Amazing Shake Competition. Winners were chosen to compete at the state level. These exceptional students, along with their

principals and parents packed up, and all roads led to Beacon Academy in Canton, Ohio where one of these students would be declared the winner of the Amazing Shake State Competition. Our scholars were met with a fun outing at Sky Zone Trampoline Park the evening before the competition. The participants made new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

On May 18, the state competition was underway. The students advanced through various case-scenario stations and were judged by staff and local business leaders. After each round, the group of top performers decreased and continued to progress through a series of challenges. Ultimately, the winner was chosen. Congratulations to Keith West from Riverscape Career Tech High School! We interviewed our newly crowned winner. Take a look at the responses of this promising leader:

How long have you been a student at Riverscape?

I am a new student 12th grade student at Riverscape this year.

What are your career aspirations?

My career aspiration is to have a line of auto mechanic businesses.

What do you like most about Riverscape?

What I like most about Riverscape is the school environment and how much the teachers care and try to create fun opportunities with learning. They even come to the school on their off days and put forth effort to help us succeed. When I came to Riverscape, I was welcomed with open and genuine arms.

How do you feel about your community, and what can you do to positively influence your peers?

My community could be more unified. I feel that everyone is separated. That's why I encourage my peers to be more social, have objective views and get out of their comfort zones.

What was your reaction to winning the Amazing Shake State Competition?

I was very confident in my chances of winning, but I stayed humble and kept my guard up, not looking down on my competitors. When I found out I won, it was a surprise, but I had it in my heart, *there's no way I'm going to lose*

Keith is an amazing young leader, and the sky is the limit for him. We will continue to track his success after graduation from high school.

The Runner-Up

Ashton Davis, a 5th grade student at Miami Valley Academies, competed with 49 students in grades 5-8 at the regional level and advanced to the state competition. He displayed impeccable sportsmanship and discipline as he faced fierce competition with middle and high school students. A second place finish is an impressive feat, and Ashton conducted himself with humility and dignity. Ashton plans on attending college upon graduation from high school. He aspires to become a minister. He definitely has a bright future ahead.





Motivated to Succeed

In alignment with our goal to "Empower Students," we motivate and inspire students to reach for the stars. Moreover, we aspire to create a foundation for success by offering programming to enhance and elevate the school experience which ultimately increases student achievement. Our schools had 154 students to graduate from high school.



Twenty-one students were accepted into college, and thirty-three students received employment upon graduation which can be attributed to our Career Technical Education programs. We celebrate the faculty, staff and support teams who would not allow our students to lose heart. Each year, we anticipate increases in the number of high school graduates. Furthermore, our goal is to add to the number of students accepted into college or the military and those employed after high school on a yearly basis.

Our K-8 schools also celebrated kindergarten, 6th and 8th grade students who were promoted. Students and parents beamed with pride as our honorees achieved milestones in education.



School News

MVA Students Make an Impact on the Community

Montgomery County Commissioner, Debbie Lieberman, delivered County Proclamations to Ms. Pence's fourth grade class for achieving second place in Montgomery County's Reusable Waste Art Contest. Miami Valley Academies competed against students across the county. Our students produced a "flower pot" using a donated CPU and old CDs along with other household items. Each student received a proclamation and a certificate.



Reusable Waste Art Project



Drumline Battle on the Lawn



A+ Arts Academy continued its wonderful tradition of Drumline Battle on the Lawn this month. Hosted by Principal Mary Rosser and the A+ Arts Academy Napoleon Campus, this exciting event did not disappoint. School faculty and staff, parents and community stakeholders enjoyed a dynamic display of musicianship and unity among our students. What a great way to incorporate arts into the school experience. We anticipate adding even more schools in the years to come. We salute our amazing drumline instructor, Mr. Jerry Powell and the A+ staff for a job well done.

Summer Backpack Donation

Sahara Columbus, a non-profit organization in Columbus, Ohio, donated summer bookbags to each of our students at A+ Arts Academy Maybury Campus. Our students had the opportunity to choose their own bookbag which was filled with items to start the summer. We are grateful to Mrs. Tonya Kelly for organizing this wonderful event for our students. We value our community partnerships, as we take a holistic approach to educating our students.



Celebrating Growth

Middlebury Academy had a special treat planned for students who exerted their best efforts on the Spring NWEA MAP assessment. The top 40 students who demonstrated an increase in proficiency levels earned the privilege of attending an Akron Rubber Ducks Game. The students were very excited to go on this memorable field trip. We are



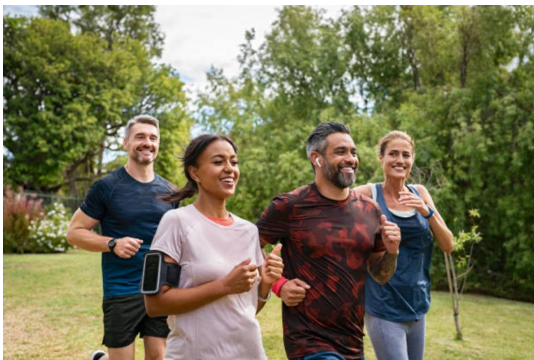
proud of these students and look forward to more students attending next year.

Drone Technology at Castle East

We are excited to announce that students at Castle High School East Campus completed their first drone technology class. This spring, students completed the introductory drone technology course in partnership with Urban City Codes. Students received certificates for completion of the program. Castle East plans to continue this partnership next school year, along with offering more advanced classes for students interested in drones as a career pathway.



The Health Corner



Sunshine and warmth are great ingredients to an active outdoor exercise regimen. Check out this month's *Live Well, Work Well* newsletter to discover tips on how to safely exercise outdoors, how proper nutrition affects the brain and the health benefits of gardening.

[Live Well, Work Well](#)

Empowered Early Learning Academy

We are excited to announce that the Empowered Early Learning Academy received a 5-Star, Step Up to Quality Award from the State of Ohio! This academy is setting the standard of excellence in the community. STEAM is integrated into learning, and students experience an exceptional hands-on approach to academics.

Congratulations to the EELA team! Take a look at the press release.

[EELA Receives 5 Stars](#)



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