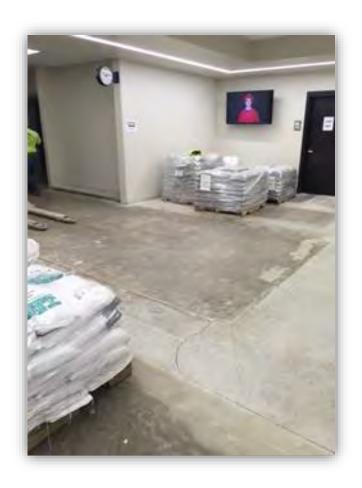
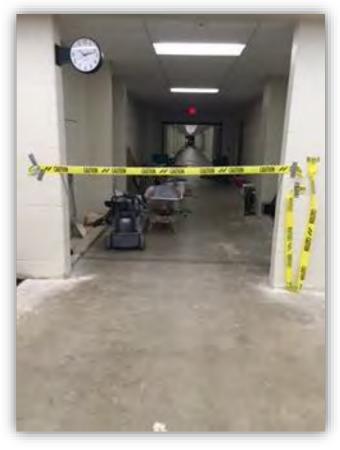
# DOUG BODEY, Director of High School Programs ~



Building Maintenance and Renovation finished the exteriors on the restrooms in Wapakoneta. It is ready for the plumber.

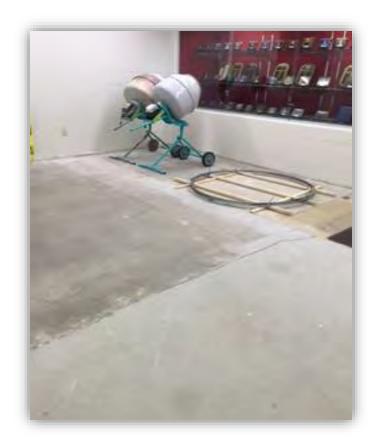


So it begins in the back hallway leading to Adult Ed.















# RICK TURNER, Director of Adult Education Programs ~







Apollo held its 2016 Academy of Medical Careers graduation ceremony at Shawnee Alliance Church. There was a full house on hand to celebrate the many successes in our Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, and Medical Insurance Specialist Programs. This year a total of 51 graduates were honored.







It was standing room only for the Adult Diploma Program and GED graduation ceremony at Shawnee United Methodist Church. This was the first year for the ADP program which awards students with a high school diploma concurrently with an industry certificate. There were 12 GED graduates and 26 ADP graduates present.





Congratulations to our Early Childhood Education graduates as well! Many of these graduates will go on to obtain their Child Development Associate credential (CDA) which is a nationally recognized credential.



Shabree Glenn is awarded the Elfriede Gruwell Book Scholarship through the ABLE program. The scholarship for \$250 is given each year to an ABLE student who enters postsecondary training.





Our STNA program held its first classes in the newly renovated Adult Resource Center - a sure sign that construction is nearing completion on the facility! We are now about a week away from move-in day for the Academy of Medical Careers!



Apollo Adult Ed attended Bradfield Center's Job and Education Fair. Nearly 40 employers and educational institutions attended.

## JAMIE BUELL, High School Instructional Supervisor ~

New Testing Option: If a senior at Apollo did not pass a part of the OGT this May 2016 and had not been exempted per IEP, they took the WorkKeys Assessment with me here at Apollo. This took place after the following occurred:

"House Bill 64 and the Ohio Revised Code require the State Board of Education to adopt new rules permitting a student who began ninth grade before July 1, 2014, choices for graduation that incorporate new graduation options. The State Board voted to adopt the new rules at its December 2015 board meeting. The new rules became effective on Jan. 1, 2016."

New graduation requirements: Students who began ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, must meet their course requirements and one of the following options for the testing requirement:

- 1. A total of 18 Graduation Points across all end-of-course tests;
- 2. A remediation-free score on the ACT or SAT; or
- 3. A composite score of 13 on the WorkKeys and an <u>approved industry-recognized</u> credential.

We are pleased to announce that one of our seniors received a 13 on the WorkKeys and earned an industry recognized credential in her career field in order to receive her diploma before her school graduation ceremony!

Apollo kicked off our online Summer School on Monday, June 13. Greg Zumberger, school counselor, is pictured presenting to a room of students and parents on how to navigate through the online system. We have about 200 students enrolled into our summer school and about 40 students signed up to take the Summer OGT test. Summer School runs from June 13-July 13. Summer school is free to students that attend Apollo in the 2016-17 school year. This has helped

students earn enough credits to meet our eight Admissions requirements to attend Apollo and get caught up on their credits needed to meet graduation requirements! We are also providing math assistance to students here at Apollo throughout the summer school days, which is very helpful as well.



## Dana Dukes-Norton ~ District Marketing Manager

### **Communications Department Activity:**

- National Honor Society
- Senior Honors Night
  - Coordinated web site live streaming with CorpComm and the Tech Team.
  - Social Media Squad in attendance to stream live using Facebook live, Periscope, and also posting to Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.
  - Coordinating tool scholarship room with signage, sign-in sheets, and photos of individual recipients. Photos distributed to social media, internal monitors, and traditional media.
  - Setting up the AEF booth for paver flyer distribution.

#### • Staff Service Awards

- Coordinating awards received and engraving, refreshments for the staff, and award presentation.

### Continuing Activities

- The Partners for a Skilled Workforce project has 14 partners. Initial contact has been made for the marketing activities.
- Tuttle and Touchstone spots are in the final proofing stages.
- Coordinating video shoots, logo distribution to graphic designer for t-shirts, the wall designer for the plaque placement, and the engraving company.
- There has been a continuing conversation with all of the partners for the upcoming newsletter article and logo placement. This project is a very large coordination effort that will be very beneficial to Apollo and our partners.
- A web page is in the final design stages for purchasing pavers or making general donations to the AEF. An account has been set up using PayPal.
- Met with CorpComm to coordinate an in-kind donation of the AEF page for a capstone.

#### Dedication

- Plans for the dedication and the agenda are in the rough stages. Details and arrangement of refreshments, flag-raising, speakers, timeline, partner reception, wall unveil, external and internal signage, lab demos, partner booths/presence, publicity, advertising, video wall presentation, staff roles, speeches, giveaways, partner recognition, and technology are still under consideration. All the associate schools have been contacted for their participation in the September 30 activities, and the Lima Allen County Chamber has been confirmed for the Wake, Rattle and Roll event for the month of September to be held here with tours and demos to follow.

- The goal of this event is to involve associate school students and staff, the Apollo BOE, contractors, partners, staff, students, parent, and regional business/industry to impact regional workforce development and the role of the Apollo Career Center, not only September 29 and 30, 2016, but for years to come.
- Your IPads have been setup by Lila Whyman to include all of Apollo's social media with a generic Apollo Board Member profile/sign in, and I have also created a 2016-17 photo stream, so that you can see the photos shared by staff as well as all the event and daily activities posted by the communications department.
- The coordination of a new virtual server, a separate domain for adult education, as well as beginning the process of SEO (Search Engine Optimization) optimization has been completed. SEO is an on-going process that which I believe will be vital to the district.
- As a Technology Committee member, I will also have a role in the integration of the Schoology LMS. I'm very excited about this new tool to improve internal and external communication for staff, students, and parents.

Please contact me if you have suggestions or ideas for the dedication, as well as any questions you may have.