



### Marion Tech WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

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### The Forge 2025!

17 participants completed the free Forge business classes supported by Alluvial Private Wealth at Marion Tech and 6 who competed for \$7500 in prize money. This program and prize money was made possible by three generous local supporters: Alluvial Private Wealth; Gary and Mary Ann Ferriman; and Steve and Brenda Johnston. All participants who successfully completed the

program also received free business checking accounts from First Citizens National Bank and a free one-year membership at the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce.



Congratulations to Michael and Erin Galyk of Dalton Creek Farms LLC who took home the big prize of \$2500! The farm is being established to grow and market high-quality specialty crops using soilless hydroponic technology in controlled environments. By leveraging short growth cycles, efficient production methods, and local distribution, Dalton Creek Farms will provide ultra-fresh microgreens and leafy greens to restaurants, farmers markets, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) members.

The \$1000 prize winners were: Hannah Conn & Jackie Sanders – Here Today; Kimberly Bryant – K. B. Riley Books; Jacob Redmond – Mythic Grain; Whitney Jones-Stone – The Scent Bar & Co.; and Kyle Jackson- Campaign Boost. Congratulations to all!

### The 2025 Careers Made in Marion was a big success!



38 local businesses from a variety of sectors - manufacturing, finance, healthcare, safety services, government, education and more — met with over 400 high school seniors from all the Marion area schools. The seniors learned there were so many ways to have a career and productive life right here in Marion. Also check out our website: www.madeinmarion.org

Contact Tami Galloway, America's Workforce Development Capital, to be a part of this exciting event in the future. 740-725-4236 or <a href="mailto:gallowayt@mtc.edu">gallowayt@mtc.edu</a>

## The Mobile Lab and Workforce Solutions Team was at the Wyandot County Careers Expo

The Workforce Solutions team brought the mobile lab to the Wyandot County Careers Expo so the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders from all the area schools could find out what was possible at MTC. We had a great day talking about the different programs. Cy Kincaid, MTC's STEM Program Advisor, was there to talk about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Mike explained electricity and Laurie had various toys to demonstrate pneumatics and motors.







# Annual Ohio Nurse Aide Instructor Conference Held at MTC.

This conference was created and planned by nurse aide instructors and coordinators to allow colleagues throughout Ohio to share ideas, knowledge and experiences to promote high quality services. Over 100 participants participated in a variety of sessions to update their knowledge and skills. The conference provided 5 CEU's for each participant as well as lunch and lots of door prizes. Everyone went home with a



beautiful mum! This learning event was a great success and everyone is looking forward to the next one in 2026!



### We had a great time at Boo at the Dale!

We handed out candy, along with many other local agencies and volunteers, to hundreds of trick or treaters at Ridgedale Schools.

### The Last TechCred Application Round of the year! This program helps

businesses address their workforce needs by upskilling current and prospective employees. Businesses of all sizes, from any industry, are eligible for up to \$30,000 per round and up to \$180,000 per year.

#### Applications are open from November 3-28, 2025.

For more information, visit <u>TechCred.Ohio.gov</u>. Contact Mike Augenstein for training and/or help with the TechCred Application: <u>augensteinm@mtc.edu</u> or 740-360-3698.