



# 2017 Outstanding Alumni Awards



2017 Outstanding Tri-Rivers Alumni, left to right: Dylon Caudill, Logan Mitchell, Candice DeWitt and Tyler Lowe.

Tri-Rivers Outstanding Alumni and Distinguished Services recipients were honored at the 2017 board dinner at the Career Center.

The Tri-Rivers Outstanding Alumni awards recognize Career Center and Adult Center graduates who have contributed to their communities, are outstanding in their career fields and/or have furthered their educations. These individuals are Tri-Rivers success stories.

**Tyler Lowe** is a graduate of Tri-Rivers Center For Adult Education's Paramedicine program. Lowe attended Hocking College and then continued his training at Tri-Rivers Center For Adult Education.

He started his career as a volunteer at Fort Morrow Fire in Waldo in 2003 and he continues to volunteer there. He worked at Marion Township Fire from 2004-2007 and throughout paramedic school. Since 2007 he has worked for First Consolidated Fire District as a full-time firefighter/paramedic.

He also has been a Marion County Sheriff Tactical SWAT Team Medic since 2012. He received the Marion County Sheriff's Office Lifesaving Award from Sheriff Tim Bailey in 2017.

**Logan Mitchell** is a 2010 graduate of Elgin High School; he also attended Tri-Rivers Career Center majoring in Diversified Health Occupations. Upon graduation, Logan chose to continue his education in Tri-Rivers Adult Education's

Patient Care Technician program, where he earned his credentials as a state tested nurse aide, certified home health care provider, patient care technician, medical administrative assistant, clinical medical assistant and a phlebotomist.

Logan continues to give back by providing our current patient care technician students a clinical site setting at his facility.

After graduation, he began his career at Memorial Hospital of Union County in Marysville, where he utilized his medical assisting, medical administrative assisting, patient care technician and phlebotomy certifications. He then pursued a career as a phlebotomist at The Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW). During his time at ORW, he was promoted to lead phlebotomist, and director of the phlebotomy lab. Currently, Logan is employed by Quest Diagnostic, where he is a phlebotomist in a private physician's office.

**Candice DeWitt** is a graduate of the Career Center's business program. When Candice was a student at Tri-Rivers, the business program was a combination of business/computer programming/hardware modules.

She became the lead website designer for NuWave Media/Marion Online, then started Neighborhood Image and purchased Marion Online in 2010. She also worked as the fiscal specialist for the Delaware County Auditor's Office from

2009-2016.

Candice is truly #MarionMade and an asset to the community. She is a Tri-Rivers success story.

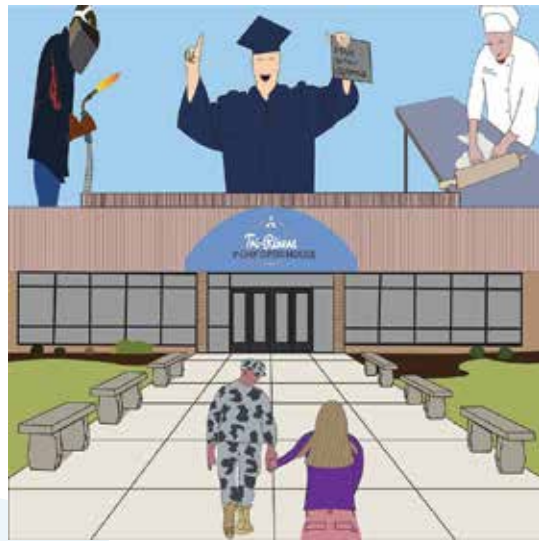
In 2016 she became the budget director for the Marion County Sheriff's Office and accepted the challenge and responsibility of managing the day-to-day financials of the multiple departments at the sheriff's office. In December she was named "Civilian of the Year" by the Sheriff's Department.

**Dylon Caudill** is a graduate of Tri-Rivers' Engineering Technologies program. Caudill first attended the Vex Robotics World Championships in Anaheim, California, as a high school senior, and then as a college student at Marion Technical College. While in college he also worked for Ridgedale Schools as their information technology expert and helped their Vex Robotics team. Two years ago, the Ohio Vex leadership team recommended him to the Robotics Engineering Competition Foundation to be the Ohio representative.

Dylon now travels around the world helping with professional development, camps and competitions. This year, with his leadership, Ohio now has more than 400 Vex Robotic teams and there are 18,000 teams worldwide.

It is hard to believe how much this young man has accomplished in his 22 years.

# Tri-Rivers Events



We Thank Our Veterans!! On Nov. 10 we will provide "Services For Those Who Served."

Poster designed by Christopher Duncan, Digital Media and Entertainment student.

**August 9**  
5:30PM-6:30PM New Student Orientation.

**August 16**  
8:15AM First Day of Class for All Students

**August 28-Sept. 4**  
Morrow County Fair  
We will be there! Stop by.

**August 30-Sept. 4**  
Richwood Independent Fair  
See you there!

**September 7**  
6PM Marion Popcorn Festival Parade  
Watch for us!!

**September 28**  
8th grade tours begin

**September 28**  
3:30-6:30PM Parent Teacher Conferences

**September 29**  
Make A Difference Day With United Way-TRCC students doing community service all day

**October 3**  
3:30-6:30PM Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 6**  
Manufacturing Day at Tri-Rivers RAMTEC

**October 12**  
6PM Vision 2020—Blueprint for the Future. Industry Leadership Teams Meeting

**November 10**  
Veterans Day—Services For Those Who Served

**November 22**  
No School. Make Up Day For Conferences, if needed

**November 23-24**  
Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

**November 29 & 30**  
Exploring Careers Days

**December 7**  
Focus On Your Future Open House

**December 7, 8, 9**  
Santa's Lil Shoppe

**December 9**  
9AM-NOON  
Coats For Christmas

**December 20-31**  
Christmas Break

## Our Address:

**Tri-Rivers Career Center & Center for Adult Education**  
2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road  
Marion, OH 43302

Summers are busy for Tri-Rivers students and staff. Right, students attend a two-day FFA Officer Retreat in Bellville, Ohio.



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## Our Mission:

Our mission is to prepare all secondary and adult students to contribute, advance and succeed in the 21st Century workforce, to be responsible family and community members and to embrace life-long learning.

## Our Promise:

Tri-Rivers promises to provide high quality, efficient technical education with fiscal responsibility, academic accountability and technical advancement.

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**Welding, Fabrication, & Allied Processes**  
650 hours/5 months

If you enjoy learning an universal skill that is in high demand, then a career in welding is for you!

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Job Placement Rate: New Program, No Data  
Earn American Welding Society Industry Certifications  
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**Industrial Maintenance**  
600 hours/10 months

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August 2017-May 2018—Monday-Thursday Evenings, 5-9pm  
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Industrial Training Coordinator: Tim Gray  
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*A Message from*  
**Superintendent Charles Speelman**

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We ended our 2016-17 school year on a high note with two beautiful ceremonies held at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Marion—our high school Senior Recognition and

the Adult Education's Graduation of 74 healthcare professionals. Plus, we had our Industrial Maintenance graduation in our Giauque Auditorium. We expect AMAZING things from all of these graduates!

This summer has been busy with numerous activities, including: 2017 Great Start, a beginners Vex Robotics Camp; an Advanced Vex Robotics Camp; Vex IQ Camp; FFA Officer Retreat; industry certification training in RAMTEC for high school students; and of course, we will soon be heading out to our county fairs!

We also had six RAMTEC Engineering Technology students accepted into the Whirlpool Maintenance Engineering Summer Co-op program. They will have the opportunity to enter the Whirlpool Maintenance Apprenticeship and then work towards their Journeyman card over a five-year period. Congrats to these students: Demetri Hernandez, Nick Lehner, Kaleb Taylor, Quinton Sayre, Thomas Poorman and Corey Vassel. This is a wonderful opportunity and an amazing partnership.

We move into School Year 2017-18 with excitement and anticipation.

We have two new programs—Esthetics (Skin Care) and our Construction Trades Academy—plus we enhanced our Health Careers Academy and added Videography to our Digital Media & Entertainment program. Because of these additional programs and increased interest in our other programs, we have over 180 more students choosing to come to Tri-Rivers this year. That's exciting news!

Our Chief Instructional Officer Larry Hickman, Director of Communications Ellen Bryant Messenger and our Lead Guidance Counselor Sherrie Dunn have been working on creating another new program—a Teaching Academy—for school year 2018-2019. This program will be located at Dayspring Wesleyan Church—right across from Tri-Rivers. This is an exciting partnership. Lara Fogle, director of Dayspring Christian Preschool, will be integral in the implementation of this collaboration. We will share more later!

We are also starting a new club—*Drug Free. Hire Me.* This club is an organized approach to encourage



Drug Free lifestyles and will be supported with ongoing incentives throughout the year to motivate students to speak out against drug use, become examples for their peers, and establish themselves as “work ready” to potential employers.

In October we will hold *Vision 2020—Blueprint for the Future.* This is our annual Industry Leadership Team Meeting (formerly advisory committees). It is crucial that each of our programs offer the skills and training required for good jobs and careers. We rely on our Industry Leaders to guide us and partner with us to make us stronger and better. We appreciate them!

We look forward to this year! Thank you for your continued support of our career center and our many talented, wonderful students.



# 74 healthcare professionals graduate

**Seventy-four healthcare professionals graduated during Tri-Rivers 2017 Adult Education Healthcare Graduation held at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Marion—35 from the School of Practical Nursing and 24 from the LPN to RN Diploma program and 15 from the Patient Care Technician program.**

Dr. Emeline Kelly, DNP, MSN, ACNS-BC, RN, Director of Nursing, said the 2017 graduates are exceptional and she expects great things from them.

This year's recipient of the highest honor for the Practical Nursing Program—The Margaret Helen Gast Award—went to Ryan Michael Irons.

The recipient of the highest honor for LPN to RN students—the Judith Ryan Higel Award—was Emily Yvonne Lake. This award is named in honor of Dr. Judith Ryan Higel.

The Patient Care Technician Highest Level of Achievement, the Judy Louis Norris Award, was presented to Courtney Blair. For 22 years Norris was the Director of Adult Education and developed a myriad of programs, including Patient Care Technician.



Larry Hickman, chief instructional officer, talked about the quality of education at Tri-Rivers and the fact that Tri-Rivers School of Nursing was ranked number one in the State of Ohio by RegisteredNursing.org by analyzing current and historical NCLEX-RN pass rates. “That is amazing and indicative of the quality of Tri-Rivers Nursing program, staff and students.”

Dr. Kelly also attributes the high passage rates of Tri-Rivers nursing graduates to the staff working one on one with students and offering “unparalleled support for students during their training.”

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This 2017 recipients include:

- Mark Robinson for his support of Tri-Rivers & RAMTEC, assistance with Vex Robotics and the National Robotics Challenge.
- Fairhaven Community Nursing Center for providing student preceptorship opportunities, hands-on clinical training for our students, and support of all of Tri-Rivers Adult Education Nursing program.
- Christy Biller, RN at Fairhaven, for being a long-time member and chair of our healthcare advisory board, providing meaningful reviews of our programs, and advocating for Career Tech.



Mark Robinson



Fairhaven Community Nursing Center Team:  
 Lindsey Lewis, Karen Webb, Christy Biller, Becky Blocksom

## Distinguished Service

The Tri-Rivers Lautenslager Distinguished Services Awards are given in memory of Jack Lautenslager, oftentimes referred to as “Mr. Tri-Rivers.” They recognize individuals or groups who donate their time, resources and/or talents in order to make Tri-Rivers successful.

# Senior Recognition Honors Successes 2017



Principal Award Recipients for 2017.

**Tri-Rivers recognized and celebrated the hard work of our Seniors to accomplish their many diverse goals at the 2017 Senior Recognition held at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Marion**

This year, many of our Seniors have already been accepted into employment and/or apprenticeships related to their programs. A large percent have been accepted to continue their education through two and four year colleges and universities with thousands of dollars in scholarships. And around 18 percent of our young men and women have already enlisted in the different branches of the United States military.

**The Principal's Awards for Career-Technical Excellence by Program:**

- Zach Madison—Ag & Industrial Power
- Dylan Cooper—Advanced Machining
- Colton Curry—Automotive Technology
- Blake Ray—Computer Networking Electronics Technologies
- Syrena Rodriguez—Cosmetology
- Caroline Manns—Criminal Justice
- Ashley Steurer—Culinary Arts
- Genevieve Loyer—Digital Media & Entertainment
- Austin Rose—Engineering Technologies

**The Outstanding Academic Department Award Recipients:**

- Chelsie Brenzo—Healthcare Professions (Health Careers Academy)
- Kayla James—Hospitality
- Sabrina Rawlins—Veterinary Science
- Dakota Crum—Welding
- Ben Ackerman—Social Studies
- Brooke Whitaker—English
- Kayla James—Math
- Sydney Hanshaw—Science

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## Programs Honored

Tri-Rivers & RAMTEC programs were recognized at the *Celebrate Marion Gala*, sponsored by the Marion Community Foundation. Others recognized for their programs included: Marion Police Department/MPACT, Marion Family YMCA,



Marion Popcorn Festival and Ohio Health Marion General Hospital. Tri-Rivers is proud to be part of the #MarionMade Team and an honoree for our AMAZING programs!!

