



## The Most Successful Forge Yet!

The Forge had one of its most successful years ever! There were 20 participants who completed the free Forge business classes sponsored by Alluvial Private Wealth at Marion Tech and 9 who competed for \$7500 in prize money. This program and prize money was made possible by three generous local sponsors: Alluvial Private Wealth; Gary Ferriman, owner of Showplace Rent-to-Own; and Steve and Brenda Johnston, owners of Johnston Supply. All participants 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 Justin Malone and Maeghan Malone of Belenos Creations who took home the big prize of \$2500! They specialize in customized products, including 3D printed items, personalized apparel, mugs, mousepads, coasters and tumblers. Their new storefront at 141 E. Center St., Marion, opened on Oct. 12, 2024. The \$1000 prize winners were: Keytones & Cake, Frontier Flower Farms, Foxglove Hollow Home Décor, Pitter Patter Paws, and Alves Landscape. Congratulations to all!



## The 2024 Careers Made in Marion was a big success!



31 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. We broadcast the event back to the Rotary meeting, which was a big hit with the members. Check out the video from Lt. Governor John Husted welcoming the seniors to this event – click [HERE](#) . Also check out our website: [www.madeinmarion.org](http://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 [gallowayt@mtc.edu](mailto:gallowayt@mtc.edu)

## 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. As you can see, Mike was in his element explaining electricity!



## First Annual Ohio Nurse Aide Instructor Conference Held at MTC.

This conference was created and planned by nurse aide instructors and coordinators to allow colleagues to share ideas, knowledge and experiences to promote high quality services. Over 85 participants learned about Alzheimer's, updates to Category A Laws and Rules, updates to STNA testing and skills to emphasize, and updated requirements for NATCEP (Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program). The conference provided 5 CEU's for each participant as well as lunch and lots of door prizes. This learning event was a great success and everyone is looking forward to the next one in 2025!



## The Last TechCred Application Round of the years!

The 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 1-29, 2024.**

For more information, visit [TechCred.Ohio.gov](https://TechCred.Ohio.gov).

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