

**INSIDE**



**3** 2011 Senior Scholarships



**6** 2011 National Technical Honor Society



**7** Polaris and Washington State Community College to Offer Online Chemical Operator Certification



**8** Polaris Selects Student Employee of the Year



WELDING TECHNOLOGY

SUMMER 2011

POLARIS CAREER CENTER

# Compass



*Robert A. Stout is the Owner of Fuerst Automotive in Broadview Heights.*

**POLARIS INDUCTS FORMER AUTOMOTIVE STUDENT INTO HALL OF FAME**

Polaris inducted Robert A. Stout, a former Auto Mechanics student from Berea High School, into the *Polaris Hall of Fame* during a special ceremony in April. *The Hall of Fame* honors former Polaris students who have distinguished themselves in their careers and in the community. Stout is the owner of Fuerst Automotive in Broadview Heights.

We are proud of his accomplishments and appreciate the role he serves as a Polaris ambassador.



## Polaris Honors 2011 Students of the Year

**Mollie Davis**, Baking & Pastry Arts, Berea High School, and **Zachary Sanford**, Criminal Justice, Olmsted Falls High School, were named the Outstanding Seniors for the Polaris Class of 2011 during the 35th Annual Polaris Senior Awards Ceremony on May 31, 2011.

While attending Polaris, **Mollie Davis** discovered a passion for baking. During her two years, Mollie maintained an outstanding attendance record, earned "A's" in the Baking & Pastry Arts program and was named the Outstanding Program Student as a junior and senior. She captured a gold medal at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state and regional levels as a



*2011 Polaris Students of the Year – Mollie Davis and Zachary Sanford*

junior and took home the state title in the FCCLA Pastry Arts competition as a senior. Davis is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and the Berea High School Marching Band. Throughout high school, she volunteered with Safety Town and Camp Mi-Bro-Be. Mollie's

*Continued on Page 2*

SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF BERE A, BROOK PARK, BROOKLYN, FAIRVIEW PARK, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, NORTH OLMSTED, OLMSTED FALLS, OLMSTED TOWNSHIP AND STRONGSVILLE.

FOLLOW US ON



# Congratulations Polaris Class of 2011!

REGISTER TODAY // [MSOHIOBIKE.ORG](http://MSOHIOBIKE.ORG) OR CALL 216.503.4383

Bike MS: **PEDAL TO THE POINT**



**ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE**  
AUGUST 13-14, 2011 // 2 DAYS // 150 MILES

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Photos show that safety and ongoing education will be a top priority for all participants. All participants must wear proper safety gear and follow all rules and regulations. Safety is our top priority. All participants must wear proper safety gear and follow all rules and regulations. Safety is our top priority. All participants must wear proper safety gear and follow all rules and regulations. Safety is our top priority.

## ADMINISTRATION

- Bob Timmons**, *Superintendent*  
**Dave Plahuta**, *Treasurer*  
**Chris McCully**, *Assistant Superintendent*  
**Gerald Lanning**, *Principal*  
**H. Dawn Wiant**, *Director of Pupil Personnel & Satellite Programming*  
**Doug Miller**, *Director of Community Outreach*

## 2011 POLARIS BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Mr. James Weisbarth**, *President*  
Olmsted Falls City School District  
**Mr. Dave Thurau**, *Vice President*  
Berea City School District  
**Mr. David Frazee**  
Strongsville City School District  
**Mr. Thomas R. Herbster**  
North Olmsted City School District  
**Mr. James Oper**  
Brooklyn City School District  
**Mr. Joseph Shucofsky**  
Fairview Park City School District  
**Mr. David Pusti**  
Berea City School District

# 2011 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR CONTINUED

instructor, Chef Elliott Callahan, speaks high praise for her. "Hands down, she's the best student I've ever had." Davis is the recipient of numerous culinary competition-related scholarships, the Polaris Career Center Scholarship, the Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship and the ProStart Scholarship. This fall she plans to attend Sullivan University to pursue an associate's degree in baking and pastry arts.



**Mollie Davis**  
*Baking & Pastry Arts*  
Berea High School

**Zachary Sanford** maintained an "A" average in the Criminal Justice program as a senior and only missed one day during his two-year stint at Polaris. He has earned all of his employment certifications including the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Private Security credential with a 95.56% test score. He was also named the Outstanding Program Student for his senior year and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. In addition, Sanford placed second at the regional SkillsUSA competition, won the state championship in the criminal justice event and will represent Ohio at the national competition. Zach is also active in the community. He is a volunteer auxiliary police officer for the City of Olmsted Falls, has worked a number of Polaris security details and was the team leader of the NorthCoast Tech Prep competition. Sanford's instructor, Mr. Keith Lavery states, "His motivation and dedication to law enforcement and public safety will make him a vital asset to any organization." Zach is the recipient of the Monin Insurance & Financial Scholarship, the Dara Hosta Spirit 5K Race/Walk Scholarship and the Student in Care-Olmsted Community Church Scholarship. After graduation, he plans to attend Cuyahoga



**Zachary Sanford**  
*Criminal Justice*  
Olmsted Falls High School

Community College to pursue a degree in police science. In addition, he hopes to enroll in the Polaris Adult Ranger Academy when he turns 21. His ultimate career goal is to become a full-time police officer or work in homeland security.



# 2011 Senior Scholarships

Many Polaris High School programs provide students access to free or reduced cost college credit, allowing them to get a head start on earning degrees from dozens of colleges and universities. Approximately 70 percent of Polaris High School seniors further their education at two- or four-year colleges or technical schools. To help defray the cost of higher education, Polaris seniors have been awarded over \$800,000 in college scholarships. Below is a summary of the 2011 Polaris scholarship recipients as of May, 2011.



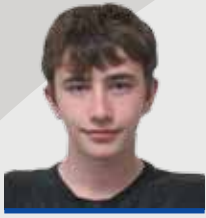
*Polaris placed first in the state ProStart Culinary Team challenge and competed at the nationals in Overland Park, Kansas. The state championship team, joined by Chef Chris Olszewski (left), consisted of Shannon Martincic, senior, Berea High School; Douglas Ferrell, senior, Olmsted Falls High School; Austin Zavodny, senior, Fairview High School; and Domenic Hrezik, senior, Brooklyn High School. As the first place team, the students were awarded over \$108,000 each in college scholarships to numerous renowned culinary schools*

## SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

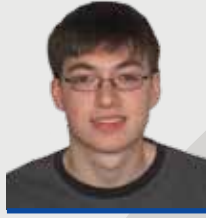
Name	Associate High School	Program	Scholarship
Joshua Baskey	Strongsville	Chef Training	Cleveland Area Restaurant Association ProStart White Castle Foundation Johnson & Wales University
Staci Bohannon	Berea	Sports Medicine	Polaris Career Center
Liznell Castro-Caraballo	Brooklyn	Sports Medicine	Polaris Career Center
Justin Collins	Olmsted Falls	Electronics & Alternative Energy	Student in Care – Olmsted Community Church
Mollie Davis	Berea	Baking & Pastry Arts	Polaris Career Center Medical Mutual of Ohio ProStart
Douglas Ferrell	Olmsted Falls	Chef Training	Baltimore International College Indiana University of Pennsylvania Johnson & Wales University Culinary Institute of America National Institute for Culinary Arts Chef's Academy Columbus Culinary International Culinary Schools Sullivan University ProStart
Jennifer Hicks	Fairview	Early Childhood Education	Polaris Career Center Metro West Kiwanis
Brian Husik	Midpark	Electronics & Alternative Energy	Middleburg Heights Kiwanis Club
Domenic Hrezik	Brooklyn	Chef Training	Baltimore International College Indiana University of Pennsylvania Johnson & Wales University Culinary Institute of America National Institute for Culinary Arts FCCLA Chef's Academy Columbus Culinary International Culinary Schools Sullivan University ProStart
Justin Janca	Fairview	Automotive Technology	Greater Cleveland Automotive Dealers' Association University of Northwestern Ohio Ohio Technical College Automotive Training Center
Dominic LaPinta	Strongsville	Automotive Technology	Greater Cleveland Automotive Dealers' Association University of Northwestern Ohio Ohio Technical College Automotive Training Center
Megan Lunt	Strongsville	Dental Assisting	Polaris Career Center
Shannon Martincic	Berea	Chef Training	Baltimore International College Indiana University of Pennsylvania Johnson & Wales University Culinary Institute of America Chris Polo Alumni Culinary Scholarship ProStart National Institute for Culinary Arts Chef's Academy Columbus Culinary International Culinary Schools Sullivan University ACT Merit Award
Paul Montanari	Midpark	Aeronautics	Polaris Career Center
Andrew Quirino	Midpark	Precision CNC Machining	Red Cross Blood Donor Scholarship American Society for Quality
Caitlyn Rivera	Olmsted Falls	Business & Marketing Technology	Olmsted Chamber of Commerce
Matthew Sako	Fairview	Chef Training	FCCLA Sullivan University ProStart
Zachary Sanford	Olmsted Falls	Criminal Justice	Student in Care – Olmsted Community Church Monin Insurance & Financial Dara Hosta Spirit 5K Race/Walk
Jessica Sheneman	Midpark	Interactive Multimedia	Berea Arts Fest Scholarship
Garret Smith	Olmsted Falls	Precision CNC Machining	Student in Care – Olmsted Community Church
Sparkle Smith	North Olmsted	Dental Assisting	Polaris Career Center
Christine Wilkins	Olmsted Falls	Aeronautics	Kent State University Trustees Polaris Career Center Rotary Club of Berea Key Club Dr. William Hayes
Braden Williams	Berea	Pre-Engineering	Cavaliers Majestic Steel American Society for Quality
Austin Zavodny	Fairview	Chef Training	Baltimore International College Indiana University of Pennsylvania Johnson & Wales University Culinary Institute of America National Institute for Culinary Arts ProStart Chef's Academy Columbus Culinary International Culinary Schools Sullivan University Cleveland Area Restaurant Association

# SENIOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS – 2011

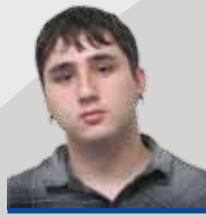
Thirty-one seniors have received top honors in their Polaris career-technical programs. This distinction is determined by academic achievement, citizenship, service, and extra-curricular activities. Congratulations, outstanding seniors!



**Steven Bender**  
Olmsted Falls  
Aeronautics



**Justin Janca**  
Fairview  
Automotive  
Technology



**Jon Edwardsen**  
Olmsted Falls  
Automotive  
Technology



**Mollie Davis**  
Berea  
Baking & Pastry Arts



**Shane Baetzold**  
Midpark  
Building Services



**Justin Nowak**  
North Olmsted  
Business &  
Marketing  
Technology



**Shannon Martincic**  
Berea  
Chef Training



**Jeff Ferguson**  
Strongsville  
Community Work  
Experience



**Chad Mizer**  
Fairview  
Computer  
Networking  
Technology



**Christopher Pintner**  
Berea  
Construction Trades



**Natasha Castro**  
Berea  
Construction Trades



**Rita Montemarano**  
Strongsville  
Cosmetology



**Abigail Zillich**  
Fairview  
Cosmetology



**Man Tran**  
Brooklyn  
Cosmetology



**Zachary Sanford**  
Olmsted Falls  
Criminal Justice



**Kelly Uber**  
Olmsted Falls  
Criminal Justice



**Derek Smith**  
Strongsville  
Deli and Food  
Production



**Megan Lunt**  
Strongsville  
Dental Assisting



**Jennifer Hicks**  
Fairview  
Early Childhood  
Education



**Jacquelyn Hamill**  
Strongsville  
Electronics &  
Alternative Energy



**Jacob Mangan**  
Olmsted Falls  
Emergency Medical  
Technician/Fire  
Training



**Kathryn Haas**  
Midpark  
Employability  
Skills Lab



**Timothy Mann, Jr.**  
Brooklyn  
Heating, Ventilating  
& Air Conditioning



**Jessica Sheneman**  
Midpark  
Interactive  
Multimedia



**Janelle Radesic**  
North Olmsted  
Medical Professions



**Karlina Grendze**  
Strongsville  
Medical Professions



**Garret Smith**  
Olmsted Falls  
Precision CNC  
Machining



**Daniel Weis**  
Berea  
Pre-Engineering



**Liznell Castro-Caraballo**  
Brooklyn  
Sports Medicine



**Alexandra Hogan**  
Midpark  
Teaching  
Professions



**Bronson Knebusch**  
Berea  
Welding Technology

# JUNIOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS – 2011

Thirty juniors have received top honors in their Polaris career-technical programs. This distinction is determined by academic achievement, citizenship, service and extra-curricular activities. Congratulations, outstanding juniors!



**Brian Novak**  
Olmsted Falls  
Aeronautics



**Benjamin Dischinger**  
Olmsted Falls  
Automotive  
Technology



**Kevin Steele**  
Strongsville  
Automotive  
Technology



**Rachael Juska**  
Midpark  
Baking & Pastry Arts



**Mary Ann Grabowski**  
Fairview  
Building Services



**Danielle Lepin**  
Strongsville  
Business &  
Marketing  
Technology



**Ashley Buehner**  
Strongsville  
Chef Training



**Megan Platko**  
North Olmsted  
Community Work  
Experience



**Ryan Foster**  
Midpark  
Computer  
Networking  
Technology



**Christopher Kingery**  
Brooklyn  
Construction Trades



**Vincent Arcangelini**  
Midpark  
Construction Trades



**Justine Vasarab**  
Brooklyn  
Cosmetology



**Lee Ann Crane**  
Midpark  
Cosmetology



**Brittany Zach**  
Strongsville  
Cosmetology



**Scott Korman**  
Midpark  
Criminal Justice



**Andrew Vance**  
Olmsted Falls  
Criminal Justice



**Katyana Speckman**  
Fairview  
Deli & Food  
Production



**Cara Bores**  
Strongsville  
Dental Assisting



**Kearstin Modenbach**  
North Olmsted  
Early Childhood  
Education



**Michael Rhoads**  
North Olmsted  
Electronics &  
Alternative Energy



**Melissa Vanden Plas**  
Strongsville  
Emergency Medical  
Technician/Fire  
Training



**Faith Wallis**  
Berea  
Employability  
Skills Lab



**Collin Brancatelli**  
Fairview  
Heating, Ventilating  
& Air Conditioning



**Samantha Kapustik**  
Midpark  
Interactive  
Multimedia



**Samantha McClelland**  
Brooklyn  
Medical Professions



**Alejandra Garcia-Ponce**  
Olmsted Falls  
Medical Professions



**Kathryn Pautz**  
Strongsville  
Medical Professions



**Justin Otero**  
Midpark  
Precision CNC  
Machining



**Jacqueline Vavro**  
Berea  
Sports Medicine



**John Grabowski**  
Berea  
Welding Technology



*The Polaris National Technical Honor Society Class of 2011*

## 2011 National Technical Honor Society

Polaris Career Center inducted 38 students into the National Technical Honor Society during an April ceremony. The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) is America's highest award for excellence in career and technical education. NTHS's mission is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence, and enhance career opportunities for the organization's members. Fewer than two percent of

America's secondary students are nominated for membership into this prestigious organization. Nominees are evaluated based on scholarship, service, leadership and character. To be eligible, students must meet the following requirements:

- Earn all A's in his or her Polaris program
- Maintain a 95 percent or higher attendance rate
- Maintain a 3.0 accumulative grade point average



Name	Year	Polaris Program	Associate High School
Staci Bohannon	Senior	Sports Medicine	Berea
Madalina Bordas	Junior	Medical Professions	Midpark
Cara Bores	Junior	Dental Assisting	Strongsville
Ashley Buehner	Junior	Chef Training	Strongsville
Jessica Carino	Senior	Interactive Multimedia	Berea
Natasha Castro	Senior	Construction Trades	Berea
Justin Collins	Senior	Electronics & Alternative Energy	Olmsted Falls
Amalia Crisan	Senior	Cosmetology	Midpark
Kevin Eliason	Senior	Aeronautics	Strongsville
Xiaoying Gao	Junior	Business & Marketing Technology	Strongsville
Alejandra Garcia-Ponce	Junior	Medical Professions	Olmsted Falls
Stephanie Gaspar	Junior	Chef Training	Midpark
Jennifer Hicks	Senior	Early Childhood Education	Fairview
Alexandra Hogan	Senior	Teaching Professions	Midpark
Jacqueline Humenik	Junior	Medical Professions	North Olmsted
Justin Janca	Senior	Automotive Technology	Fairview
Samantha Kapustik	Junior	Interactive Multimedia	Midpark
Scott Korman	Junior	Criminal Justice	Midpark
Megan Larson	Junior	Aeronautics	Strongsville
Danielle Lepin	Junior	Business & Marketing Technology	Strongsville
Michael Miller	Junior	Emergency Medical Technician	Strongsville
Justine Mrocza	Junior	Business & Marketing Technology	Strongsville
Adelaide Mueller	Junior	Electronics & Alternative Energy	Strongsville
Justin Otero	Junior	Precision CNC Machining	Midpark
Robert Palcisko	Junior	Computer Networking Technology	North Olmsted
Kathryn Pautz	Junior	Medical Professions	Strongsville
Rachel Poschner	Junior	Medical Professions	Midpark
Andrew Quirino	Senior	Precision CNC Machining	Midpark
Michelle Rooney	Junior	Medical Professions	North Olmsted
Zachary Sanford	Senior	Criminal Justice	Olmsted Falls
Ashly Scheiman	Junior	Medical Professions	Midpark
Ayaz Syed	Senior	Pre-Engineering	Brooklyn
Olga Taranovich	Junior	Dental Assisting	Midpark
Sydney Trotter	Junior	Medical Professions	Midpark
Gabriela Valadez	Senior	Cosmetology	North Olmsted
Kevin Vu	Junior	Criminal Justice	North Olmsted
Kelsey Warren	Senior	Sports Medicine	Strongsville
David Webb	Junior	Aeronautics	North Olmsted

## BREAKING NEWS!

# Polaris and Washington State Community College Join Forces to Offer Online Chemical Operator Certification

Over the next several years, the chemical processing industry will need to hire skilled technicians to manage new state-of-the-art equipment and processing methods. In addition, it is anticipated that many technicians currently in the workforce will reach retirement age in the near future. This “perfect storm” scenario means there will be great opportunities in the high-skill, high-pay chemical processing industry.

Beginning this September, Polaris, in conjunction with Washington State Community College, will offer an Online Chemical Operator Program. This web-based program will provide the operators of today and tomorrow with the advanced knowledge and skills needed to understand and solve problems related to equipment and performance.

This online program has been tailored to meet the needs of new and existing technicians while offering the ultimate in convenience, allowing students to learn at home while working full-time.

### The Chemical Operator Certification course outline includes:

#### The Basics

Intro to Chemical Operator; Industrial Safety/Hazmat; Process Control I; Team Concepts & Practices and Math Essentials

#### The Core

Intro To Chemistry; Elementary Algebra; Applied Physics and Industrial Electricity

#### Advanced Topics

Programmable Logic Control I; Process Control II; Statistical Process Control and Engineering Materials

For additional information, contact Elaine Byrd at 440.891.7697 or visit <http://www.workforce.wsccl.edu/> for more details.



## COMING SOON IN ADULT EDUCATION

Here's a snapshot of upcoming new classes for 2011-2012:

- Beginning Italian
- Coupons 101—The Basics of Coupons
- Distribution and Logistics Management
- Early Child Care/Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Electronic Health Records
- Essential Skills of Communicating
- Granite Fabrication & Installation: Introduction
- Granite Fabrication & Installation: Intermediate
- Graphic & Web Design Certification
- Introduction to Google SketchUp
- Managing Customer Service
- Microsoft Project 2010
- Photoshop for Artists



Visit [www.polaris.edu](http://www.polaris.edu) or call 440.891.7600 for additional information.



## Job Training Program Information Night

Tuesday, August 10, 2011  
Begins at 6:00 p.m.



Polaris Joint Vocational School District  
 State Vocational School  
 7285 Old Oak Boulevard  
 Middleburg Heights, OH 44130-3375

FOLLOW US ON



Simply scan this QR code with your smart phone and automatically be directed to our website.

Quality  
 Education  
 Lifelong  
 Success

POLARIS CAREER CENTER

# Compass

*“If I were starting an HVAC business today, Mathew is the first person I would hire.”*

MR. RICK REITZ  
 POLARIS HVAC INSTRUCTOR

## Polaris Selects Student Employee of the Year

When a student is placed with a local company, the employer evaluates the student’s skills and provides feedback on their progress in the workplace. There is no better indicator of success, than to hear from employers that Polaris students are meeting **and exceeding** their expectations. Based on positive employer feedback and overall performance in the workplace and in the classroom, **Mathew Raponi**, HVAC, Midpark High School, has been selected as the 2011 Student Employee of the Year.

Upon graduation, Mathew plans to continue working for The Brewer-Garrett Company, located in Middleburg Heights. In addition, he will continue as an apprentice with the Pipefitters Local 120. Ultimately, he hopes to reach journeyman’s status and continue working in the HVAC industry.

His Polaris HVAC Instructor, Mr. Rick Reitz, has high praise for Raponi. “If I were starting an HVAC business today, Mathew is the first person I would hire. He’s an outstanding student and will be an asset to any future employer.”

Mathew was recognized as the Student Employee of the Year during the annual Polaris senior awards ceremony.



*Mathew Raponi (right), Polaris Student Employee of the Year, is joined by his Polaris HVAC instructor, Mr. Rick Reitz.*

