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cial events and CVCC have in common?

Besides being appealing to kids and adults alike, they are all linked by skills that students learn at CVCC. Surprising?

Not really, because in addition to learning teamwork, leadership, responsibility and commitment, CVCC Media Technology students learn how to produce that video "magic" you see when you attend a variety of events at places like Quicken Loans Arena (The Q).

Thanks to Jonny Greco, video production manager at The Q, eight senior Media Technology students had the amazing opportunity to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of where all that video wizardry happens, test out the equipment and even see it in action during a Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game.

Jeff Todorovich from the Garfield Heights district, Brad Stokes, Bryan Hradek and Bill White from the Nordonia Hills district, along with Bill Baroana, Dan Caygill, Curtis Varju and Jim Miller from the North Royalton district, all share mutual skills with Greco. What sets them apart is their passion for what Greco does: production.

Through a contact of Media Technology instructor Bernie Van Tilburg, Greco happily arranged one of the first hands-on visits to show off the new "toys" in the facility. If you haven't been to The Q recently, you may be quite impressed by what you see now that it is under new ownership. Like CVCC students, The Q staff is privileged to have the latest technology for production purposes. As described on its web site, "Quicken Loans Arena houses a full-service production facility which includes an on-line production suite, master control facility, TV and radio studios to provide video, matrix, lighting and audio services as well as broadcast coordination."



Pictured (left to right) with Jonny Greco, video production manager at The Q (second from left), are Curtis Varju, Jim Miller and Bill Baroana, all from North Royalton

According to Greco, he and his staff were given the opportunity to create their "perfect world" during the off-season, so they chose "high end, first class equipment top to bottom."

Regarding the CVCC student visit, he said, "Passing on knowledge and showing off our amazing equipment and the fun we have with it is something that is important to

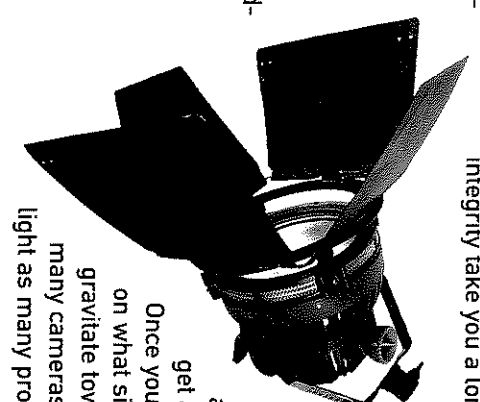
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The Q's video production manager

all of us around here." So, when the time came for the tour, Greco and his staff went out of their way to give our students a real world experience.

"We wanted the kids to have a true hands-on experience to emulate what we do here at The Q," Greco said. "We rotated the kids through different stations: editing on an AVID ADRENALINE; running and operating a CAMERA (while a director was calling for specific shots and setting up the open to the 'show'); technical directing and playing back videos in the CONTROL ROOM; and adding play calls to an exciting highlight at the RADIO/AUDIO station."



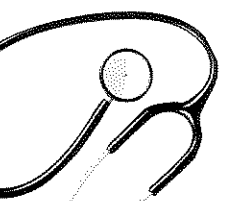
many cameras as you can shoot. Set up and light as many productions as you can.

"Like any job, the people with the most well-rounded skills and knowledge of everything are the best at what they do, but you need to start somewhere." Greco added.

"You want to work hard, don't burn your bridges and always treat people with respect. You never know who is watching, so always put out your best."

Sounds like great advice for everyone.

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What further set CVCC apart from other training facilities was the affordable tuition, convenient times that classes are offered and class structures. "All this served my needs in a total package," said Vince.

He was impressed with not only the coursework but the clinicals as well. "I had no health care experience before attending CVCC. The clinicals gave me a solid foundation to participate with competency and confidence in my practical nursing knowledge and skills," he said.

Building on the firm foundation he acquired here, working at Parma Hospital has further enhanced his skills exponentially, but in the end, he is truly grateful to CVCC for providing the solid fundamentals necessary for his new, fulfilling career as a licensed practical nurse.

If interested in the School of Nursing at CVCC, call 440.746.8332. Aside from practical nursing, CVCC offers an array of medical career training for adults who need to change careers quickly. These "Grab 'N Go" class offerings include Medical Assisting, Medical Transcription and State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA). If you're interested in these career studies, please contact Medical Office Careers Coordinator Gayle Walter at 440.746.8273, or see our website, www.cvccworks.com, for all our Adult Education offerings.

"This is an incredible testament to the job Bernie Van Tilburg and the staff at CVCC have been doing. These kids have had opportunities that many of our most talented and creative team members here didn't even have in college!"

"I have never heard of such a thing, a high school so focused on this business. Truly a real world education."

Greco also noted, "These students have access and opportunity to get their hands on equipment that people in the industry have to wait and wait and work to get to. They will be able to walk right in to any production facility or broadcast and know what to expect and how to handle themselves."

Despite the positive impression that our students left, Greco had some words of wisdom to help up-and-coming production talent. "Like most jobs, hard work and integrity take you a long way. Wanting to learn, surrounding yourself with the right people and always wanting to get better keep you there," he said.

"For most professionals in the industry, they have to get a foot in the door before they get a chance to climb the ladder."

Once you are in that door, depending on what side of the industry you want to gravitate towards is where you shoot as many cameras as you can shoot. Set up and light as many productions as you can.

For more information about the Media Technology program, check out the web site at www.cvccworks.com or contact instructor Bernie Van Tilburg at 440.746.8123 or bernie.vantilburg@cvcc.k12.oh.us