



# What's Happening at the MCSESC!

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## “Top Scholars Awards”

On Thursday, May 2, 2013, the Medina County Schools' Educational Service Center, in conjunction with FirstMerit Bank, sponsored the seventh annual “**Top Scholars**” **Recognition Dinner**, which was held at The Center Café at the Medina County Career Center. The program honored the “top” student at each of the Medina County high schools. Each of these seven students then honored a special school employee (certificated or classified) from his/her school district that “inspired” them to achieve.



Listed below are this year's “Top Scholars” and their “Inspiration” nominees:

<u>District</u>	<u>“Top Scholar”</u>	<u>“Inspiration” Nominee</u>
Brunswick	Alexander Muir	Mrs. Michelle Raglow
Buckeye	Caleb Kupetz	Mrs. Kellie Johnston
Cloverleaf	Ryan Bastian	Mr. Garth Gucker
Highland	Nicole Hadler	Mrs. Tina McKeen
Medina	Ekaterina Knyazkova	Mrs. Carrie Schreck
MCCC	Shannon Matthews	Mrs. Kim Jones
Wadsworth	Haley Marie Beavers	Mr. Nathan Singleton

Of special note this year was the fact that the following “Inspiration” award recipients have received this honor in previous years:

Mr. Garth Gucker — 2009 and 2010

Mr. Nathan Singleton — 2009



### **Inspirational Quote**

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

**Mark Twain**

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# Ohio Educators' Symposium

June 17—20, 2013  
Medina County University Center  
6300 Technology Lane  
Medina, Ohio

The Medina County Schools' ESC is excited to present what we hope to be the first annual Ohio Educators' Symposium during the summer days of June 17-20. This professional development opportunity will bring in top presenters from all over the state of Ohio to present dozens of breakout sessions, as well as keynote speakers. The four days of in-service will be available for both credit or noncredit. Two credit hours will be available from The University of Akron, and additional online credits will be available to participants of the symposium at a reduced rate.

This four-day event will take place at the Medina County University Center, and is open to all professional educators in Ohio.

## Keynote Speakers



Jim Tressel  
Motivational Speaker



Barbara Gunkelman  
FIP Your School  
Race to the Top

### A few of the breakout sessions are:

Autism 101  
Singaporean Education-Teach less, learn more!  
Special Education Legal Update  
Conquering the Enemy of Indecision  
COSI Presents: The Great Egg Drop Challenge!  
An Overview of Gifted Education in Your Classroom  
Teaming with Paraprofessionals  
The Flipped Classroom  
Robotics and Research in the Modern Classroom  
PARCC Updates and Assessments  
Understanding Teacher Value-Added Reports  
Tools for Teachers: Yoga Ed in Your Classroom  
Teacher Blogging



You can receive two graduate credits for \$490 from The University of Akron or 2.8 CEUs for \$210. Contact Janelle Sailer, [jsailer@medina-esc.org](mailto:jsailer@medina-esc.org) or 330-723-6393, Ext. 134, for additional information.

## 2013 Summer Enrichment Opportunities Booklet

Again this year, the Medina County Schools' ESC is providing a Summer Enrichment Opportunities booklet for Grades PreK-12. This



**ENRICHMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES  
BOOKLET  
FOR GRADES PREK-12  
2013**

booklet contains options in the Cleveland Area, Ohio in general, college programs outside of Ohio, the arts, math, science, technology, public service, more opportunities in Ohio, academic opportunities for talented and gifted students, and local camping opportunities. This booklet can be downloaded for your convenience.

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Visit <http://www.medicina-esc.org/Downloads/Summer%20Ops%202013--Updated%20April%202024.pdf> to see opportunities.

## FIRST® LEGO® LEAGUE

Registration opened on May 6 for teams interested in FIRST LEGO League. This year's theme is Nature's Fury, "Prepare. Stay Safe. Rebuild."

Are you ready to join over 200,000 children ages 9 to 14 from over 70 countries and explore the awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves, and more that we call natural disasters? Teams will discover what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play. Brace yourself for NATURE'S FURY!



**FIRST® LEGO® League**

FLL challenges students to think like scientists and engineers. During NATURE'S FURY, teams will build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. They will also choose and solve a real world problem in the Project. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under FLL's signature set of Core Values.



Visit <http://firstlegoleague.org/challenge/2013naturesfury> to learn more and to register your team. Remember, you MUST register with **FIRST® LEGO® League** in order to register for a competition in Ohio.

Form your team soon because competition begins in mid-November, 2013!!!

