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THE CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: Building an Educational Institution from the Ground Up



Demitrius Morman and Malaysia Vaughn tell what they love best about school.
Photo by Nick Downer.

By Kristina Biro

To say that the Campus International School (CIS) is a unique schooling environment would truly be an understatement. Upon entering the school, I could tell there was something special about it. The building was filled with music and artwork; the atmosphere was lively and welcoming.

Julie Beers, principal of the CIS, was formerly the principal of Nobel Elementary in Cleveland Heights. When she was approached with the opportunity to work in conjunction with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and with CSU to share her vision for the school, she couldn't turn the position down. What Beers enjoys most about her position is observing the academic and emotional growth of CIS students and watching them become leaders. According to Beers, the most rewarding part of her job is seeing how much the students

"What makes an excellent school is the relationships within that school building."

— Julie Beers,
Campus International
School's Principal

love the school. How can you tell students love their school? They don't want to leave when the day is over.

Beers shared the vision behind the CIS: to provide excellent schooling within the Campus District, which fosters "international mindedness" and offers a different experience in education. "International mindedness" refers to the values which the CIS pushes to instill in
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Langston Apartment Project set for Completion in August



Langston tenant Gabe Stokes with Senior Property Manager Adam Martin.
Photo by Donna Dieball.

By Donna Dieball

Located at the corner of East 23rd Street and Chester Avenue on the CSU campus, The Langston brings new energy and vitality to the Campus District. Many see the new apartment complex as a catalyst for further investment in the neighborhood's vibrancy and redevelopment.

The first phase of the development, which included 100 apartment units, was completed this past fall. All 318 residential apartments and amenities – including a fitness center, tanning salon, media room and cyber café – will be finished and open at the Langston by August 1.

Langston officials are excited for the completion of their project and for tenants to enjoy the high-quality amenities that are offered. Units are equipped with hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, and a washer and

dryer set. All utilities are included except for electric - cable, internet, water and trash are all free, adding to the development's growing appeal. The Langston also has on-site management and offers 24-hour on-call maintenance.

Another major attraction to life at the Langston is their Preferred Employer program - CSU students receive a waived application fee upon normal credit approval as well as a waived \$200 security deposit. The program also applies to employees of the Cleveland Clinic, Horseshoe Casino, Huntington Bank, Key Bank and Lincoln Electric.

Adam Martin, senior property manager for the Langston, reports that the current Langston tenants make up a well-balanced mixture of students, families and young professionals. The next phase of residents that will be moving in this August is anticipated to include people from a variety of backgrounds
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2013 National Senior Games Coming to the Campus District this July

By Jayme Miller

Looking for something exciting to do this summer in Cleveland? Don't miss out on the excitement of the 2013 National Senior Games, the single largest visitor event in Cleveland in decades.

The 2013 National Senior Games will welcome 10,000 athletes ages 50 and over from across the United States to participate in 19 medal-contending

sports. Competitions are slated for July 19 through August 1 and will take place in various venues across Northeast Ohio, including the brand new Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland Public Hall and Cleveland State University.

All 2013 National Senior Games events and competitions are free and open to the public. Join athletes and the Cleveland community on July 19 at the Opening Festival on Mall 'B' downtown

for an evening of games, food trucks, a beer garden, live music, fireworks and more. The Flame Arrival Ceremony sponsored by AstraZeneca will begin at 8 p.m. that evening and feature the lighting of the National Senior Games Cauldron.

The Games also include the Celebration of Athletes sponsored by AstraZeneca on Friday July 26 at Quicken Loans Arena, featuring live music and a parade of athletes. In addition, The Village, sponsored by AstraZeneca and open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cleveland Convention Center, will include special activities, live entertainment,
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From the Executive Director of The Campus District, Inc.

Dear Friends of the Campus District,

It's an exciting time for the Campus District, Inc. (CDI) organization. The Board of Directors of CDI is embarking on an update to its strategic plan starting this month and going through September. We'll be identifying our top priorities for advancing the District and leveraging its many assets. The Board and I are committed to learning from other organizations in Cleveland and other nearby cities about how to build on the strength of our "eds and meds" anchor institutions to revitalize the entire district. Our first learning experience was in Detroit where we met with staff and leaders of Midtown Detroit, Inc. We saw their impressive work of the past 25 years in real estate development, marketing and events, beautification, business support and attraction and safety. We learned about their new employment and "live local" initiatives in collaboration with the anchor institutions of Wayne State Univer-

sity, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Medical Center and the College for Creative Studies. In Cleveland we look forward to learning from University Circle, Inc. and the Greater University Circle Initiative. We'll share this information with you and keep you updated on our strategic planning work.

From north to south, exciting redevelopment of our neighborhood continues at a rapid pace. Renovations of two buildings in the Superior Avenue Arts Quarter are teeing up, the next phase of the Langston project on Chester Avenue opens this summer, and the Cleveland State University (CSU) Campus continues to evolve with the demolition of Viking Hall completed to make way for the new health careers building. Culturally, the district is alive with new art and photography shows in the Arts Quarter and on Prospect Avenue at the William Bus-ta Gallery, as well as a Parade the Circle

float being created by the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood initiative. We look forward to hosting the Senior Games in July at the CSU campus and will promote our restaurants and cafes in the Campus District to athletes and visitors.

And finally, thank you to our two CSU Honors Program interns Kristina Biro and Nick Downer who did research and wrote articles for this newspaper, our three CWRU Weatherhead business students for their research on community newspapers, and the 23 CSU Urban Planning (MUPDD) graduate students who took on research and planning work for the Campus District this semester. **I hope you will join me to see the culmination of the MUPDD student efforts on Monday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the CSU Levin College. We have exciting work ahead of us!**

Warm Regards,
Bobbi Reichtell



(left) Midtown Detroit, Inc. President Sue Mosey and Campus District, Inc Executive Director Bobbi Reichtell. (right-top) Anne Beck, VP at College for Creative Studies and Vice Chairman of Midtown Detroit Board, Cindy Lombardo, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of Cleveland Public Library and Board Member of the Campus District, and Noel Baril, VP at Henry Ford Health System and leader of the new Midtown Detroit, Inc. local employment initiative. (right-bottom) Ned Staebler, VP at Wayne State University, a key real estate development partner in Midtown Detroit, Byron White, VP for University Engagement at Cleveland State University and Board Member of Campus District, Inc, and Sue Mosey of Midtown Detroit, Inc.

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and professions as well.

"We're really excited to be in the Campus District - it's a great location. To be near downtown, near CSU, near the Cleveland Clinic...it's right in the middle of everything," said Martin. "I love the proximity to the Health Line, the bus station... it's just all-around convenient for all types of people." Martin himself is a Langston tenant and knows first-hand the quality living it has to offer.

Gabe Stokes, an Exercise Science major at Cleveland State, has been living at the Langston since October. He expressed enthusiasm for the cleanliness of the buildings, the energy efficient appliances, and the closeness to CSU.

"The best thing is the convenience. I literally walk out of my apartment, walk across the street, and I'm in class, which is perfect," said Stokes.

Stokes also pointed out that the conscientiousness of the staff makes for a comfortable, at-home environment: "I also love that everyone is personable. They make you feel at home, like you

can come talk to them any time. A lot of building managers don't really like to deal with the tenants, but here it's like family."

With its welcoming atmosphere along with everything it has to offer, the Langston is sure to continue to attract people from all walks of life. Those interested in leasing an apartment can visit The Langston's leasing office at 2044 Euclid Avenue to secure a spot. A limited number of one, two, three or four bedroom apartments are still available.

Donna Dieball is a recent graduate of Cleveland State University and the editor of the Campus District Observer.

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Promise and Parade the Circle

By Joan Mazzolini

For more than 20 years, the Cleveland Museum of Art has been hosting Parade the Circle, a free signature summer event that brings University Circle alive with music and art.

Artists from around the world join Greater Cleveland artists, families, schools and others in a spectacular display of bright costumes, giant puppets, stilt-dancers, handmade masks and colorful floats.

This year, the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood is an outreach site for the Parade and will provide an opportunity for students, residents and partners to take part in the event! To find out more about the parade go to: <http://www.clevelandart.org/events/special-events/parade-the-circle/about>.

It's a big commitment for this spectacular event. An artist from the Cleveland Museum of Art will work with participants - there will be parade workshops at the schools and two community workshops at the Friendly Inn.

"We are delighted to be selected as one of the art museum's community sites for this year's parade and hope that this is only the beginning of our partnership," said Sonya Pryor-Jones, Promise Neighborhood director. "In the same spirit of Parade the Circle, the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood is committed to neighborhood engagement and sees

this opportunity as a way to bring the neighborhood together around a fun learning experience that will expose students and families to the Cleveland Museum of Art and other cultural institutions in University Circle.

"This also serves as a wonderful vehicle for creativity and individual self-expression for everyone involved, and will be a wonderful shared experience for residents and partner organizations alike."

We welcome partners, parents, families and neighborhood stakeholders to participate in the community workshops hosted at Friendly Inn on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to noon; lunch will be served.

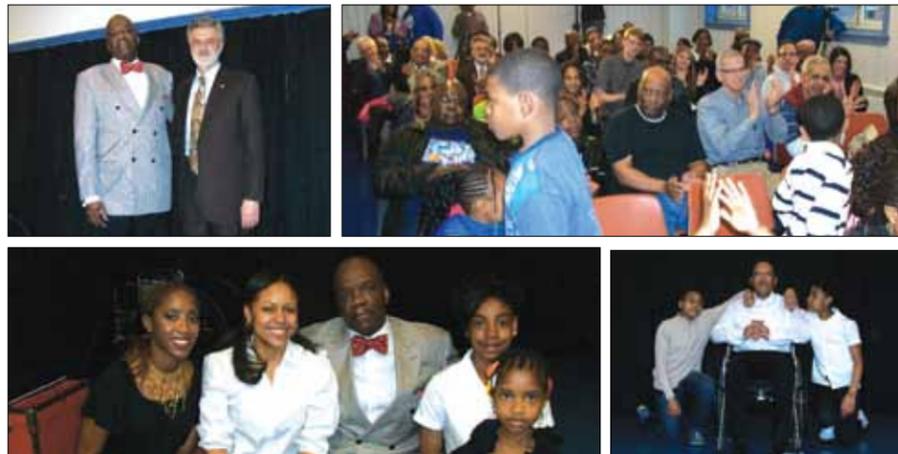
Our Promise parade theme is Unity (music) Band - we will be making costumes and "band" instruments for the parade. The parade is Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and transportation will be provided to and from the parade.

We also need donations to make our costumes and are collecting toilet paper, paper towel rolls and small boxes (from rice, macaroni and tooth paste).

For more information on how to donate or how to get involved, contact Neal Hodges at nhodges@socfcleveland.org and at 216-774-9570. Or to keep up to date, go to www.clevelandpromise-neighborhood.org.

Joan Mazzolini is communications officer at the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland.

"Scenes N' Cedar-Central" - Our Neighborhood's Past Brought to Life



(left-top) Cornell Hubert Calhoun, III and Mayor Frank G Jackson. (right-top) Standing Room Only Crowd at Bath House. (left-bottom) Lauren Sturdivant, Mia Jones, Cornell Calhoun, III, Adaya Bates and Harmony Michelle Finney. (right-bottom) Tariq Ferguson, Lewis Finney and Adaya Bates.

By Nick Downer

On a raw April evening, as a cold wind sent plastic bags scudding across city streets and with the constant threat of rain from menacing grey clouds, about 50 people squeezed into a well-lit upper room of the Cedar Recreation Center, better known as the Bath House, to see the one-night-only production of "Scenes N' Cedar-Central."

Written and directed by Cornell Calhoun III - an accomplished playwright, East Tech graduate, and long-time Cleveland resident - the plot revolves around the East 43rd street of a past generation. Divided into two acts and performed by a talented cast of Central residents, the play took a realistic

look at the time period, describing the joys of block parties, dances with Smokey Robinson playing in the background, and the delicious foods made on holidays.

The play also presented the sorrows of growing up in an urban neighborhood where death and loss could be all too real. The actors in the play were Adaya Bates, Lauren Nicole Sturdivant, Lewis Finney, Harmony Michelle Finney, Tariq Ferguson, and Mia Jones, accompanied by keyboard player Eric Dyson. Also notable was the presence of Mayor Frank Jackson at the event, who was kind enough to pose for pictures with members of the cast afterwards.

Nick Downer is an Honors Student at Cleveland State and an intern with the Campus District.

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CSU is really "Putting On A Show!"



(left) Robert Thurmer, Director of The Galleries at CSU. (right-top) Exhibition space, just off of Euclid Avenue, showing the 42nd Annual Student Exhibition. (right-bottom) A portion of the Merit Scholarship Exhibition. In center, Ryan Upp's "Our Eden's a Failure." Photos by Dan Morgan.

By Dan Morgan

Cleveland State University has been redeveloping its Downtown Cleveland campus for several years now. The process has demolished some older buildings and spurred the construction of new buildings. This story focuses on the realignment of the Art Department and Galleries at Cleveland State, shifting the "spotlight" to Playhouse Square on the western fringe of the Campus District.

The Galleries at CSU at 1307 Euclid Avenue, in the Cowell and Hubbard Building, opened in September of 2012, after moving CSU art classrooms into the nearby, newly renovated Middough Building in January. CSU is also playing a leading role in the newly reopened Allen Theater on Playhouse Square.

Robert Thurmer, The Galleries at CSU's director, also teaches at Cleveland State University.

Thurmer, an established sculpture and conceptual artist himself, was born in Vienna, Austria. In 1973, Robert came to the U.S. to pursue his art career, getting his BFA from Syracuse University and then his MFA from Rhode Island School of Design. The Cleveland Museum of Art brought Thurmer to Cleveland in the 1980's from New York City. Robert also has a strong background and interest in painting and film-making.

"Cleveland State University provides a tremendous well-rounded educational opportunity to Cleveland residents," states Thurmer, "while other area institutions, like Case, tend to attract students from outside the region." CSU's world class faculty

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—Robert Thurmer,
Director of The Galleries at
Cleveland State University

stacks up very nicely compared to much more expensive private schools.

"Also, when you receive a four year degree at CSU you get a university education, changing your life as a person. The student does not just gain a skill, as one might in a vocational school or community college."

Thurmer is very enthusiastic about this point. The current exhibition (closing May 4, 2013) at The Galleries at CSU is the 42nd Annual Juried Student Show and Merit Scholarship Exhibition. This show is organized entirely by the students themselves and includes awards and prizes. Even the jury is selected by the students. Entry into the exhibition is open to all current students, whether they are in the CSU art program or not. This student show features over 60 works of art by 32 students.

The Merit Scholar Exhibition, in a

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ODOT to Invest Estimated \$2.3 Billion in State Transportation System in 2013



Courtesy of ODOT

By ODOT Communication Staff

This year the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) launches one of the largest, most aggressive construction seasons to date, with projects totaling approximately \$2.3 billion. ODOT will begin or continue construction of nearly 1,000 projects statewide, including 10 mega projects, each totaling more than \$50 million. This year's construction program includes close to \$1.6 billion in resurfacing and roadway maintenance work and more than 100 projects will improve interstate highways.

Of the 10 mega projects, six are set to begin this year and four projects will continue. Two of those are right here in northeast Ohio. The Westbound I-90 Innerbelt Bridge is set to be complete this year and open to bi-directional traffic in the fall. In addition, work will begin on the eastbound I-90 Innerbelt Bridge. This project is the largest, most expensive mega project in Ohio totaling approximately \$330 million, which includes the demolition of the existing Innerbelt Bridge in downtown Cleveland.

"Investing in our state's transportation system is vital to our economy and to job creation," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "We work hard to establish and maintain an efficient, effective transportation system that gets people and goods where they want to go in a timely and safe manner."

Of the 1,000 statewide projects, a total of 59 will be active in ODOT District 12 - Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties - at an estimated \$900 million worth of construction. Of the 59 projects, 43 of them are new and worth an estimated \$460 million. Seventeen resurfacing and roadway maintenance



projects and 15 bridge projects ranging from complete replacement to deck replacement will be active in District 12.

In Cuyahoga County, 41 total projects will begin or continue this construction season at an estimated cost of \$764 million, which includes both new Innerbelt Bridges. Other major projects in Cuyahoga County include the West 73rd Street connection with Edgewater Park and the West Shoreway and major resurfacing work on I-90 between the Rocky River and West 44th Street.

Motorists should use caution throughout construction work zones this year. The top three causes of work zone crashes are following too closely, failure to control, and improper lane changes. All of these can be prevented by safe driving, which includes putting down cell phones and avoiding all distractions.

For up-to-the-minute road conditions and details on highway construction projects in every area of the state, visit ODOT's premier website: www.ohgo.com.

For a list of major projects statewide, visit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Services/RoadConstruction/Pages/Construction2013.aspx>.

Members of the ODOT Communication Staff contribute regularly to the Campus District Observer.

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New Exhibition at the Morgan Conservatory

By Mason Milani

The Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of its latest art exhibition, *Woodcuts & Drawings: works on paper and their process* by local artist Andrij Maday. The exhibit is running now through June 4,

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Andrij Maday is a graduate of The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He is the recipient of 12 awards for woodcuts and drawings, and currently is an instructor at the Virginia Marti College in Lakewood. Maday specializes in hand-carved woodcuts, drawings, traditionally executed icons and site-specific murals.

This exhibition of recent woodcuts and drawings showcases the artist's passion as an instructor. Displayed with each printed woodcut are corresponding woodblocks in which the designs are carved in reverse. These blocks, in addition to displays of carving tools and mock-printing sessions, invite the viewer not only into the intricacies of his designs, but into his process as well. He often uses salvaged materials such as pine board cut-offs for woodblock printing in an effort to use the material which is most available around him.

On the tallest wall of this industrial gallery is a display of woodblock prints

on various handmade papers made at the Morgan Conservatory. This wall boasts papers of different fibers, colors, textures, and techniques to illuminate the versatility of combining the handmade paper process with printmaking. These woodcuts were printed at the Morgan by Maday using a Vandercook letterpress machine.

His large-scale drawings display a realistic rendering with broad and gestural strokes. For these drawings, Maday uses a graphite pencil attached to the end of various long sticks, allowing him to execute a wide range of mark-making with an unrestricted approach.

Gallery hours at the Morgan Conservatory are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is open to the public at our Main Entrance on East 47th Street (one-way north from Commerce).

For more information about *Woodcuts and Drawings*, upcoming exhibitions or workshops, please contact The Morgan Conservatory at 216-361-9255 or visit our website at www.morganconservatory.org.

Mason Milani is the Exhibition Coordinator at the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation. He has a background in papermaking and printmaking and is an active local artist.

Spotlight on Emerging Young Photographers at the Cleveland Print Room

By Shari Wilkins

Photography Students from Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and Tri-C will be exhibiting their work from May 17 through June 30 at the Cleveland Print Room (CPR). The CPR is a community darkroom, education center, studio workspace and gallery that opened in the ArtCraft Building in downtown Cleveland this past January.

The Cleveland Print Room is spotlighting some of Northeast Ohio's outstanding student work at the startup nonprofit's latest exhibition, SPOTLIGHT: EMERGING PHOTOGRAPHERS.

With nearly two dozen photographers represented, the showcased work focuses on the ascending young photographic talent coming from Tri-C, Kent State University, Cleveland State University, and Cleveland Institute of Art. SPOTLIGHT furthers CPR's goal of highlighting dynamic new photographic work coming from the rich artistic environment of Northeast Ohio's educational institutions.

"By spotlighting these emerging young photographers, this exhibit increases the visibility and collaboration within the local arts and education communities while cultivating new connections among the region's photographic community," said Print Room founder Shari Wilkins. Advancing the art and appreciation of

the photographic image in all its forms is the mission of the Print Room.

The show is curated by: Nancy McEntee, professor of photography and chair of the Photography & Video Department at the Cleveland Institute of Art; Lori Kella, assistant professor at Kent State University School of Art; Mark Slankard, associate professor of the Photography department at Cleveland State University; and Jonathan Wayne, associate professor and chair of the Photography department at Tri-C.

The work was chosen from among the faculty members' top students in their photography programs and classes. Located on the first floor of the ArtCraft Building on Superior Avenue — in the Campus District near the St. Clair/Superior neighborhood — Cleveland Print Room is a nonprofit community darkroom, educational center, workspace and dedicated photographic gallery. The 3,300 square foot facility offers a place to process 20th century emulsion based film and analog photography collectively with others who share a passion for the photographic arts.

For more information on Cleveland Print Room and membership, visit clevelandprintroom.com or check out the Facebook page. You can also call the Print Room at 216-401-5981.

Shari Wilkins is owner and founder of the Cleveland Print Room.

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What We Love in the District

Interviews & Photography by Donna Dieball.



◀ *Fouad shows his enthusiasm for CSU.*

Fouad Yared

a graduate student at CSU's Levin College focusing on economic development.

- He works as a graduate assistant, teaching classes in Urban Affairs. He also collects survey data for Legal Aid, a company that provides legal council to low-income people. He finds both jobs very rewarding.
- Fouad is passionate about films and hosts film screenings at the Levin College on a regular basis. He also loves Russian Literature – *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky is one of his favorites.
- **Fun fact about his family:** His parents met in Damascus, Syria and got married after only one date! They've been married now for 25 years.
- Throughout the rest of his life, Fouad hopes to be able to change stigmas in society.



◀ *Stephanie poses with her dog, Ginger.*

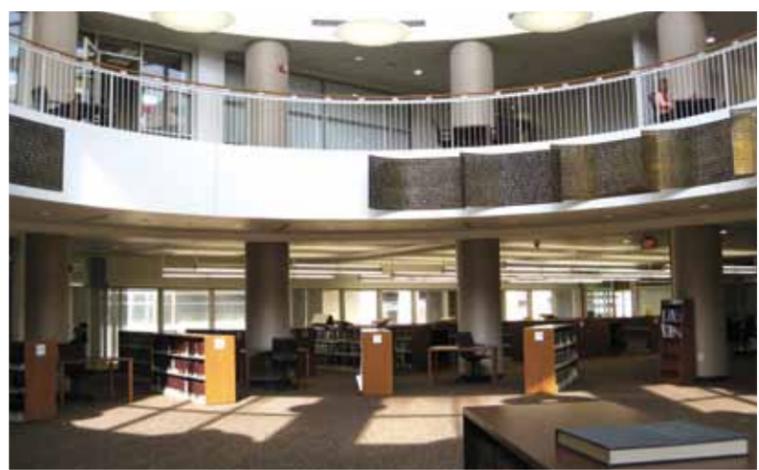
Stephanie Sparks

Stephanie is an Honors student at Cleveland State, triple-majoring in English, Sociology and Criminology and is excited about graduating this month.

- She lives in the district at 1900 Euclid Lofts and loves being so close to CSU.
- Stephanie is a Success Coach at CSU's Tutoring and Academic Success Center. She's also a retail associate at Macy's.
- Outside of school and work, Stephanie loves reading and exercising. She also loves to roller-skate, particularly at Brookpark Skateland in Parma. Her favorite time to go is during "Retro Night," when a wide variety of Michael Jackson songs are played.
- Stephanie loves dogs and is the happy owner of two beagles, Penny and Ginger.



His favorite place in the Campus District:
The Law Library at Cleveland State.



A glimpse inside of CSU's Law Library.



One new thing he would add to the district:
A microbrewery.



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about:
Bon Appétit near East 21st and Euclid Avenue.



Her favorite place in the Campus District:
A quiet bench behind CSU's Science and Research Building.



One new thing she would add to the district:
A roller-skating rink.



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about:
Norton Furniture at East 21st and Payne.



The storefront of Norton Furniture.



Aaron Reese (right) with fellow officer and mentor Frank Sanchez, taken a day before Sanchez's retirement. Photo provided by Aaron Reese.

Aaron Reese

Aaron Reese is a police officer for the Third District Community Service Unit in Cleveland.

- He works from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. patrolling various neighborhoods within the 3rd district, which extends from the river in the flats to Little Italy and includes the Campus District. Aaron is passionate about ensuring the safety and quality of life of Clevelanders.
- Aaron has been a police officer for 17 years. He began as a dispatcher at age 17. He commends both Commander Stevens and Chief McGrath of the

Cleveland Police Force for their constant dedication to guarding the safety of our city's citizens and businesses.

- Aaron is active in the Cleveland Police Athletic League, a group that tutors, coaches and mentors Cleveland youth.
- Outside of work, Aaron enjoys patronizing downtown restaurants and entertainment venues. He loves spending time with his wife and eight-year-old son.



His favorite places near the district: Playhouse Square and Number One Pho at East 31nd and Superior.



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about: The many artist galleries and work spaces in the Superior Arts Quarter.



One new thing he'd add to the district: More parks and green spaces.



◀Photo provided by Tasiana Stigall.

Tasiana Stigall

Tasiana is an Urban Studies major at CSU with a focus on urban planning.

- She lives on campus and feels one of the best benefits of resident life is the opportunity to form great relationships with people all over campus.
- Tasiana works for the Construction Employers Association. She gets to work closely with contractors of all trades and sizes. She says that working for CEA has enhanced her knowledge of building industry needs and helped her recognize the importance of the labor industry as a growing workforce.
- After college, she plans to work for a construction or neighborhood development company to help improve business methods and ensure quality planning.
- More than anything, Tasiana loves meeting new people and making others happy. She goes through life trying to make others smile.



Her favorite place in the Campus District: Everything! But she particularly likes CSU's Mather Mansion.



Mather Mansion at 2605 Euclid.



One new thing she would add to the district: A place for students to hang out at after classes where they can eat, listen to local artists play, listen to poetry and relax.



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about: She feels the whole district is a hidden gem because of the recent investments taking it in a new direction.



◀Mansoor & Sarah enjoy lunch at a Campus District Subway restaurant.

Mansoor Khan + Sarah Knight

Mansoor and Sarah both attend Cleveland State. They've been friends for almost two years

- **Mansoor** is a Chemical Engineering major at Cleveland State. For the past several semesters, he's had a co-op position at Swagelok.
- **Mansoor** enjoys reading and is president of a book club at CSU. Some of his favorite books are *Game of Thrones* and *The Great Gatsby*. He also spends much of his spare time playing video games and football.
- He hopes to someday attain a job that equips him with a personal assistant.

- **Fun fact about Mansoor:** He's never shaved his face!



His favorite place in the Campus District: The 1900 Euclid Convenience Store.



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about: The view from an eighth story window in CSU's Rhodes Tower.



One new thing he'd add to the district: A Taco Bell.



Her favorite place in the Campus District: The Starbucks at E. 14th St. – the people are always friendly!



A "hidden gem" in the district more people should know about: A quiet garden area outside of the CSU Law Building.



Tables outside of the CSU Law Building.



One new thing she'd add to the district: A place to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

St. Vincent Wellness Fair: Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

By Lauren Wilk

As a part of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's continued community outreach efforts, the medical center hosted a Wellness Fair at the Tri-C Metro campus gymnasium on April 13. The goal of the event was to actively engage community members in a healthy lifestyle.

The Wellness Fair, held in collaboration with the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland's Healthy Family Fun Day, provided the community with fun and interactive health information and wellness screenings. In partnership with a host of community organizations, the Wellness Fair was able to offer attendees a fun-filled, educational afternoon. The event offered attendees health and wellness screenings, a variety of talks led by the doctors at St. Vincent Charity, healthy snacks and games and activities for children.

A variety of partners that ranged from health, education, public safety and community civic organizations came together for the afternoon. The event was supported through a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland.

"Caring for the community is a part of the mission of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center," said Wendy Hoke, Senior Director of Marketing

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—Wendy Hoke,
Senior Director of Marketing and Communications at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center

and Communications at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. "The Wellness Fair was a great way for us to engage the Central community in becoming actively involved in their overall health."

In addition to health information, the Wellness Fair gave children an opportunity to explore different ways to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. Hourly Zumba demonstrations, jump rope activities and dance instruction led by the Cleveland Cavaliers Scream Team gave children the opportunity to get up and get moving.

Lauren Wilk is the Marketing and Volunteer Coordinator at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center.

Legal Aid at the Library

By Cathy Poilpre

On Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Woodland Branch of the Cleveland Public Library will host a free, brief advice and referral clinic offered by the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Volunteer Lawyers Program. Service is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please bring all important papers with you.

Attorneys are available for brief advice and referral only and may assist

with civil matters only (no criminal cases). Clinic attorneys do not represent you. If you need legal representation, you may be referred to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland or another service provider. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Legal Aid Society at 1-888-817-3777 or visit www.laslev.org. The Woodland Branch is located at 5806 Woodland Ave.

Cathy Poilpre handles marketing and communications for the Cleveland Public Library.

Neighborhood Leadership Development Program:

Citizens changing Cleveland together

By Donna Dieball

Are you a Cleveland area resident interested in taking an active role in developing your city? Would you like to benefit from skill-enhancing sessions led by dedicated experts in local neighborhood development? The Neighborhood Leadership Development Program (NLDP) has been helping passionate and driven Clevelanders achieve their goals for the past five years.

Established in 2006 by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation with the goal of expanding our city's leadership capacity, the NLDP has already helped many individuals make a significant impact on Cleveland neighborhoods. So far, the program has graduated 84 leaders who continue to make contributions to Cleveland; 18 more will graduate this spring.

The NLDP is open to anyone aspiring to be a leader, regardless of race, class, gender or level of education. Acceptance into the program is competitive: a maximum of 20 participants are accepted each year following an application process and an in-person interview.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be prepared to move forward with an existing project or idea that focuses on improving a particular neighborhood or community.

Accepted participants benefit from a variety of skill-building resources and become equipped with the tools to build strong communities. The program includes 14 leadership training sessions, individual coaching, and exposure to knowledgeable curriculum presenters. You can gain experience developing strategic plans, identifying your personal leadership style, building a professional network and applying your knowledge to real life community situations.

The NLDP staff members are committed to meeting the changing needs of our community. "We offer this program because we believe that strong leaders are the most important asset for Cleveland's future," states the Mandel Foundation.



KC Petraitis, a recent graduate of the NLDP. Photo provided by Sandra Kluk.

One NLDP graduate, KC Petraitis, feels strongly about the positive benefits of the program. Petraitis completed the workshop within the last several years and encourages others to become involved.

"It's a wonderful opportunity; it's great to hear about all the small projects going on that have a huge impact on the neighborhood," said Petraitis, currently a research analyst with Ostendorf-Morris Real Estate Brokerage.

Petraitis also stressed that both personal and professional benefits are gained from the program. There's no limit to requests among participants and the program provides an all-around sense of openness and readiness to help out. Whatever your current project, assistance is always just a phone call away, said Petraitis.

Graduates continue to benefit from the program long after the workshop's conclusion. After completing the workshop process, participants continually receive invitations to ongoing educational and social events. The Graduate Support Program assists aspiring leaders in their efforts to improve the Greater Cleveland area and ensures that support is given in a variety of ways. This year, program graduates will have the chance to apply for \$1,500 grants to help further their community development ambitions.

Those who are interested can apply from June 17 to July 26. To find out more about the application process, visit www.nldpcleveland.com or call 216-776-6172.

Donna Dieball is a recent graduate of Cleveland State University and the editor of the Campus District Observer.



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Pizza Hut First Retailer to Sign at The Langston



Courtesy of CSO Architects of Indianapolis

By Tim Coxe

One of your favorite pizza places is coming to Cleveland's newest mixed-use development, The Langston at Cleveland State University. Buckingham Companies and Polaris Real Estate Equities have signed Pizza Hut as their first res-

taurant tenant, which will occupy 1,094 square feet of retail space in the development. The new restaurant will be located at 2211 Chester Ave, Suite B. The new store, a carry-out and delivery concept, will serve signature Pizza Hut menu items, pasta and its specialty Wing Street chicken and wings entrees. The store

plans to open in August 2013.

"Pizza Hut is the perfect match for The Langston," said Denise Kouril, director of commercial real estate for Buckingham Companies. "It's a highly regarded and well-known dining option that will be embraced by residents, students and working professionals in the area, and we can't wait for its opening."

Founded in 1984, Buckingham is a full service, fully integrated real estate company that develops and manages a wide range of property types. Buckingham has managed more than 90 properties nationwide consisting of approximately 15,000 rental units. Buckingham Foundation also supports over 45 nonprofit and civic organizations through philanthropic outreach in the areas of affordable housing, community and economic development, and arts and culture. For more information, visit www.buckingham-co.com.

Those interested in leasing any remaining retail space at The Langston should contact Francis (Sandy) Coakley, Broker/President, Coakley Real Estate Company LLC at 216-772-4700 or sandy@coakleyrealestate.com.

More information, including apartment floor plans and amenity details, is available at www.thelangston.com.

Tim Coxe is a writer and account associate at Borshoff, an advertising, branding and public relations firm in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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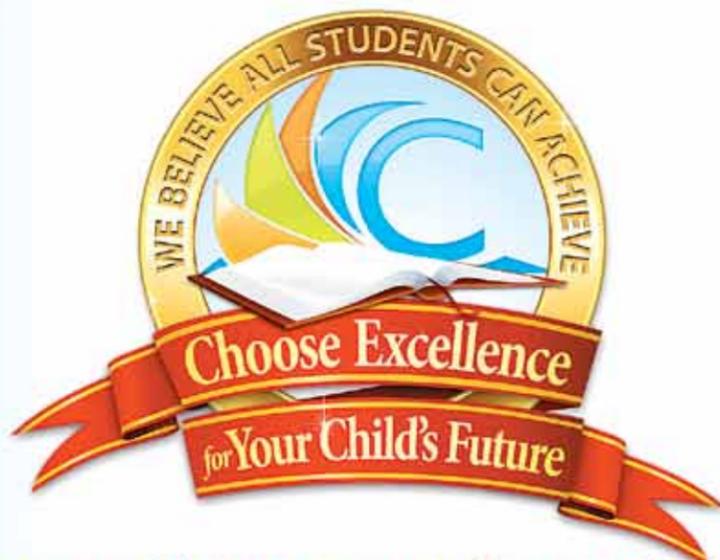
separate section of the gallery, includes work by scholarship recipients Elise Aronson, Benji Diaz, Wei Lee, Patrick McGough, Zack White, and Katie Maurer.

"Hold The Wall" is a very exciting new show, opening May 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. Curated by Dan Tranberg, the painting show will run through June 22. "The show features paintings by 16 artists with ties to Northeast Ohio," Tranberg shares. "Many of the artists live in the Cleveland area. Others live elsewhere, but lived here for some period of time."

Artist Julie Langsam will be doing an abstract painting directly on a gallery wall. Langsam used to teach painting at the Cleveland Institute of Art and now teaches at Rutgers in New Jersey. Tranberg has been teaching, painting and writing at the Cleveland Institute of Art since 2000.

Tranberg's weekly column "Art Matters" was the Plain Dealer's "Go-To Guide" for many years, starting in 1999. For much more about Dan Tranberg go to www.DanTranberg-Studio.com. For more information about Mr. Thurmer visit www.Robert-Thurmer.com. For much more about the "Galleries at CSU" go to www.csuohio.edu/artgallery.

Dan Morgan is a photographer with Straight Shooter Photography. Find out more about him and his work at www.AboutDanMorgan.com.



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THE CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL:
A Student's Perspective



Adam Sedlock, a fourth grader at the Campus International School. Photo by Donna Dieball.

By Adam Sedlock

My name is Adam and I am in the fourth grade at the Campus International School at East 30th and Chester Avenue. We opened in August of 2010 in the back of the United Methodist Church at East 30th and Euclid Avenue. Our side of the building faced Prospect.

When we started in 2010, we were Kindergarten through second grade. Our goal is to add a grade each year until we are K-12, and by then we will be in our third building.

Our curriculum is IB, standing for International Baccalaureate. We stand to do as our curriculum says: we make the world a better place. As a student of this school, you have to

follow the six essential agreements, which are Listen, Be Inclusive, Respect Personal Space, Speak Kindly, and Stay With the Group.

We get to use Cleveland State's Waetjen Auditorium for our winter and spring concerts. We also get to go to Playhouse Square to watch plays. Also, we get to have a PREP Rally before taking the Ohio Achievement Assessment test. This year, we are getting T-shirts that state IB profiles and attitudes on the back for the third and fourth grades, the grades that will take the test this year.

One of the things I like best about my school is that we get to see peers during recess and lunch - so if you are in fourth grade and have friends in third grade, you can still talk to them. I also like that I have the same teacher for all subjects except Art, Music and P.E. That means you get to know that one teacher very well.

So, you have heard a student's perspective about the CIS, and you can learn more about it, too! Just go to www.csuohio.edu/campusinternational/ to learn more about us.

Adam Sedlock is a fourth grade student at the Campus International School.

Student Essay:
 You know my name,
 not my story...



Sherrell Adams, an eighth grader at Carl & Louis Stokes Central Academy, is the recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, from the Carson Scholars Fund. Photo provided by Joan Mazzolini.

By Sherrell Adams

Wow! Where can I begin? I mean, there have been tons of times I've had a problem that I had to overcome. But there is only one time, one DISATEROUS time, that I remember the most.

It was a spring night in 2009 - May 29 - when the problem began. I remember this night as if it were yesterday. Shynnelle and I were lying in bed, getting ready to go to sleep so we could get started with our next day, when our mother walks into the room and says...

"Hey you guys turn on the television and turn to the news!"...

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The 2013 National Senior Games is

estimated to bring over \$35 million of economic activity to the region. For more information, visit www.cleveland2013.com or connect with the Games on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/SeniorGames1>, and Twitter, <https://twitter.com/SeniorGames1>.

Jayne Miller is Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the 2013 National Senior Games.

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(top) CIS students practice telling time during a Mandarin lesson. (bottom) Campus District Intern Kristina Biro interviews CIS Principal Julie Beers. Photos by Nick Downer.

their students. These include the abilities to be reflective, caring, knowledgeable and balanced human beings.

The CIS provides its students with an International Baccalaureate (IB) education, beginning with the Primary Years program. The IB allows students to graduate from grade twelve with some college credit earned.

The IB requires students to take a foreign language; so, at the CIS, every grade studies thirty minutes of Mandarin every day. Here's one of the ways that the CIS's partnership with CSU is especially beneficial. The Confucius Institute at CSU provides the school with three Mandarin teachers; one is certified in Ohio, and every year two new teachers from Beijing are lent to the CIS.

There are several other ways in which the CIS benefits from its partnership with CSU. Students are able to utilize technologies such as an iPad lab via the Urban College. CIS holds music performances at CSU's Waetjen Auditorium. CSU has provided the CIS with an Imagination Playground, grants, student teachers, and opportunities for the CIS's teachers to attend professional conferences. The CIS also utilizes other

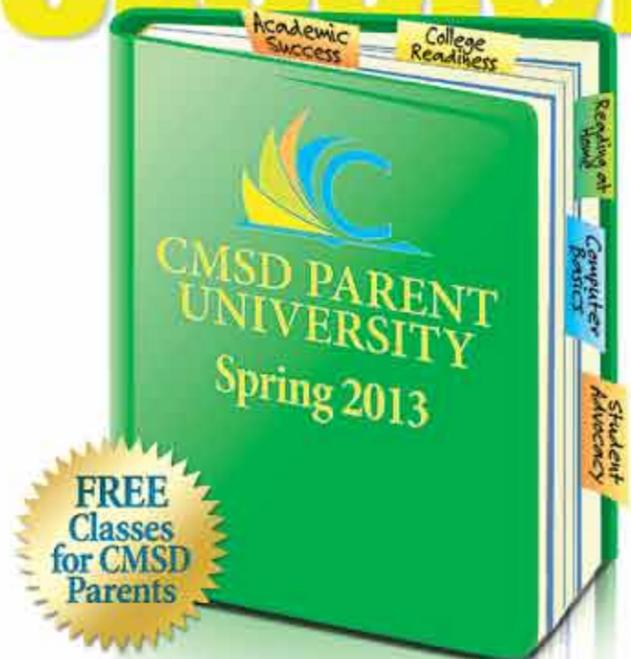
surrounding institutions so that the students take advantage of much of what the Campus District has to offer. Classes go on walking trips around the district; recently they have visited Playhouse Square and some of the district's art galleries.

Currently, the CIS houses grades k-4 and they plan on adding a new grade every year until they are a k-12 school. The CIS is presently looking for a new home to accommodate their growing student population. Ideally, they would like to stay in one building, although if they split and/or move it will be in within the district and in walking distance of CSU.

Beers believes that you could take away what formally makes the CIS a great school, such as the Mandarin and IB curriculum, and the CIS would still be exceptional because: "what makes an excellent school is the relationships within that school building." Students such as Malaysia Vaughn and Demetrius Morman prove Beers right: Vaughn loves the friends she has made at the CIS, and Morman shared a rap that he wrote about math, which made clever references to Pop-Tarts and his favorite teacher.

Kristina Biro is an Honors student majoring in English at Cleveland State University.

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Now Through May 15

A Partial Retrospective of Artist Tom Denny

Come to the Gallery at Old Stone to see the work of artist Tom Denny. Denny currently works teaching drawing and painting at the Orange Art Center in Pepper Pike, and formerly taught art classes at Tri-C. His work has been featured at the French Quarter in New Orleans and locally at Tri-C's Jazzfest.

The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 216-241-6145 for more information.

Location:

Old Stone Church
1380 Ontario Street, Cleveland, OH

Now through June 1

"Invisible Summer" at the Willam Busta Gallery

Stop by the William Busta Gallery and check out "Invisible Summer," an exhibition of work by artist Elizabeth Emery. Emery's collection plays around with color and includes a variety of materials - ceramics, concrete, plaster, wood and fabric. The gallery's regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the gallery at 216-298-9071.

Location:

William Busta Gallery
2731 Prospect Avenue Cleveland OH 44115



Courtesy of greatlakesheater.org.

May 2 through June 23

"Guys and Dolls"

Come see the classic production "Guys and Dolls" presented by Great Lakes Theater, one of Cleveland's highly acclaimed classic companies. Tickets start at \$10. For more information about show times and ticket pricing, call 216-241-6000 or visit www.playhousesquare.org.

Location:

Hanna Theater
2067 East 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44115

May 3 through June 1

"Forever Spring"

The Bonfoey Gallery presents Forever Spring, an exhibit by Cleveland native Gary Bukovnik, who masterfully uses watercolors to produce dazzling florals reminiscent of Japanese art. For more information, call the Bonfoey Gallery at 216-621-0178 or visit www.bonfoey.com.

Location:

The Bonfoey Gallery
1710 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

May 6

Studio 611 - Masters in Urban Planning Design and Development (MUPDD)

Capstone Project: The Campus District

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Twenty-three graduate students have worked together over the course of the spring semester to put into practice everything they've learned in the MUPDD program. The students have done research and generated plans and recommendations on the Campus District's housing market, greenspace, a linkage to the lakefront, use of historic buildings and an arts and entertainment district. Join the Campus District's board and staff in listening to ideas for the district's future and weigh in with your opinions!

Location:

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs
Bonda Room, 2nd Floor
1717 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

May 11

Family Science Workshop: Journey into Space

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Blast off into space as you spend the day learning about stars, meteors, comets, black holes and more! Build and launch a rocket, view a real moon rock, train to become an astronaut, sample "soil" from Mars and experience the STARLAB Planetarium. Finish the day by exploring the first phase of our brand-new NASA Glenn Visitor Center galleries! For registration information, call 216-621-2400!

Location:

601 Erieside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

May 12

7:00 p.m.

Aziz Ansari: Buried Alive

Come see Aziz Ansari perform in the major multi-city stand-up comedy tour "Buried Alive." Ansari has been described as "one of the most prolific writers and performers on the comedy scene in recent years" and labeled "the funniest man under 30" in Hollywood. Tickets start at \$35. For more information, call 216-771-8403 or visit www.playhousesquare.org.

Location:

Palace Theatre
1615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

May 17 through June 22

Art Galleries at CSU

Three exhibits will be showing at the Galleries at CSU this May through June: "Hold the Wall: Trends in Contemporary Painting," "Art for Hope," and "Present and Accounted: A Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Cleveland Performance Art Festival (1988-1999)."

Location:

The Cowell and Hubbard Building
1307 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH

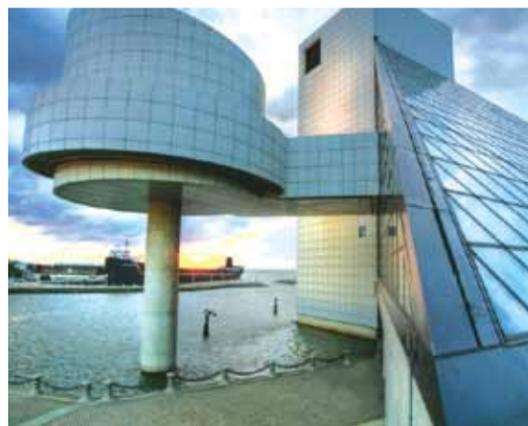
May 17 through June 30

Spotlight: Emerging Photographers Exhibit

Stop by the Cleveland Print Room to view a collection of works by young emerging photographers! The exhibit will feature work by students from Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Tri-C and the Cleveland Institute of Art. Don't miss what these evolving artists have to offer! Call the Cleveland Print Room for more information at 216-401-5981.

Location:

The ArtCraft Building
2550 Superior Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114



Courtesy of Andrew Morrell Photography.

May 18

Rock Your World Festival

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum partners with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Arts Education Department in the presentation of its All City Arts Festival. This event is designed to feature the best work in all the arts disciplines of the students of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, from grades K-12. This event is free and http://campusdistrictobserver.com/members/main.php?which=edit_story&id=33518d open to the public! For more information, visit www.rockhall.com

Location:

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
1100 Rock and Roll Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44114



Courtesy of Jan Willem van Wessel.

May 18 & 19

Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon

Race weekend in Cleveland is full of excitement for runners and their friends and families! Saturday, May 18 will feature an 8 a.m. 5k and an 11 a.m. Kids' Run. Sunday, May 19 will feature a 7 a.m. Marathon and Half Marathon as well as a 7:30 a.m. 10k. Find out much more at <http://www.clevelandmarathon.com> or call 800-467-3826.

Start Line:

Northwest corner of the FirstEnergy Stadium,
Home of the Cleveland Browns
1085 W. 3rd Street Cleveland, OH 44114

May 25

Blues Chronicles at House of Blues

9 p.m.

Come out for Blues Chronicles, a group that was formed in Cleveland by Reese Black Germany, Nicola Marchi and Al Moses. During performances they use a combination of open tuned slide guitars, both acoustic and electric and blues harp. Blues Chronicles also may offer anecdotes, bits and pieces of information about each of the songs or composers. There is no cover charge for the event! Call 216-274-3321 to find out more.

Location:

House of Blues Cleveland-Restaurant Stage
308 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114

May 26

The 56th Annual Cleveland Feis: Traditional Gaelic Arts & Culture Festival

7:30 a.m.

The Greater Cleveland Feis Society extends a warm and cordial CEAD MILE FAILTE ("A hundred thousand welcomes!) to all. Mass and opening ceremonies begins at 7:30 a.m., and the Feis will start at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the lunch break will be the Treble Reel followed by the Choreography, Figure and Ceili competitions. Music and Vocal Competitions commence at 8:30 AM and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.clevelandfeis.com> to learn more.

Location:

CSU Wolstein Center
2000 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115

June 1

Cleveland VegFest: Conscious Living, Compassionate Choices

9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This FREE, all-day event will host a fabulous array of nationally regarded, dynamic speakers. They'll share information on all aspects of vegan living ranging from cutting-edge nutrition advice and engaging food demonstrations, to presentations on sustainable food production and environmental & social justice. There is something for everyone at this FREE, family-friendly event! To find out more, call 216-970-6267.

Location:

Cleveland State University's Student Center
2121 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115