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NEWSLETTER



Together for Tomorrow: Building Brighter Futures Gala

October 14, 2026

5:30-8 p.m.

Location: Employers Health

Our annual gala is quickly approaching, and we can't wait to celebrate another incredible year with the community that makes C.A.M.P. possible.

The evening will feature inspiring student stories, opportunities to connect with mentors and supporters, and a chance to help ensure more students have access to the resources, relationships, and experiences that change lives.



Mentorship Meet Up

Recently, 30 students and 30 mentors gathered for our Mentor Kickoff Pizza Party. While the evening included plenty of pizza and conversation, its real purpose was much bigger.

Our mentorship program helps students build meaningful relationships with professionals who have walked the path before them. For many students, having someone in their corner during those first years of college can make all the difference. Mentors become trusted advisors, sounding boards, networking connections, and sources of encouragement through academic challenges, career decisions, and life's unexpected turns.

ACT/SAT Scores Increase by 7–8 Points

Our students continue to demonstrate what's possible when preparation meets opportunity. This year's ACT/SAT preparation program resulted in an average score increase of 7–8 points, with five students earning scores in the 30s.

Those improvements open doors to additional scholarship opportunities, competitive university admissions, and greater confidence as students prepare for college. We're incredibly proud of the hard work these students put in, and we're grateful to everyone who helps make these programs possible.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

This summer, three C.A.M.P. students completed internships with The Timken Company, one of our region's leading manufacturers. Internships like these give students far more than workplace experience. They build confidence, introduce career possibilities, develop professional skills, and often create relationships that continue long after the internship ends. Thank you to Timken for investing in the next generation of Northeast Ohio's workforce.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ROBBANIQUEA BLAKELY

Robbaniquea Blakely was able to complete her undergraduate degree in just two years. She credits C.A.M.P. with providing her the resources and tools needed to succeed both in the classroom and beyond. With dreams of attending law school, she knows she can always count on her connections at C.A.M.P. as she continues her education and career.



Q: What has your C.A.M.P. experience been like?

A: During high school, C.A.M.P. allowed me to gain first-hand knowledge of numerous career paths. Once I decided on a career, they helped me build connections and confidence through job shadowing. C.A.M.P. has also remained an open door for me to seek advice regarding college and post-graduate decisions.

Q: What has surprised you the most about the program?

A: What surprised me most about the program was the unconditional support it provided. I truly feel more confident knowing there is always someone in the C.A.M.P. office who is willing to offer guidance and encouragement as I pursue my future endeavors.

Q: What are your current career goals?

A: As a recent Ohio State University graduate, I am currently working as a legal assistant at a business and estate planning law firm while pursuing my MBA at Ohio University. After earning my MBA, I plan to attend law school and continue building a career in the legal field.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: TONY YOHO

C.A.M.P. helped land Tony an internship at The Timken Company that later turned into one of his first jobs out of college. After graduating college in just three years and knowing the first-hand impact C.A.M.P. has on students, Tony has returned to C.A.M.P. to help better the program that gave him so much professionally and personally.

Q: Looking back, what did C.A.M.P. mean to you?

A: C.A.M.P. has meant so much to me since I first joined the program. There are so many people within the program who genuinely want to help students accomplish their goals, and their support has really helped me start my career.

Q: Why did you decide to come back and volunteer?

A: I decided to come back to C.A.M.P. and volunteer because I wanted to give back to the program that gave me so much. Being only four years out of high school, I felt I could provide a unique perspective to current students.



Q: What would you tell current C.A.M.P. students?

A: I would tell the current students to take everything out of C.A.M.P. that you can. C.A.M.P. provides so many different benefits that you may not even realize right now, but by showing up, being involved, and staying connected even after graduation, this program has the opportunity to impact your life in ways you cannot imagine.

Celebrating the Class of 2026

This spring, we celebrated another remarkable group of C.A.M.P. seniors as they crossed the graduation stage and prepared for their next chapter.

Watching these students grow from middle school into confident young adults is one of the greatest privileges of our work. Their accomplishments are a testament not only to their determination, but also to the families, mentors, educators, and supporters who have walked alongside them.

Congratulations, Class of 2026; we can't wait to see what's next.



STUDENT SEMINARS

Below are the dates for our upcoming student seminars, all held from 2 to 4 p.m.:

- August 23
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 13



Thank You to Our 2025 Sponsors & Donors

Last year's gala was a huge success because of the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and all the individuals who believe in the potential of our students. Your support helped fund scholarships, mentoring, ACT preparation, career seminars, internships, college visits, and countless life-changing opportunities throughout the year.

Every success featured in this newsletter is, in part, your success too. Thank you for believing in our students and investing in their futures.



Steve and Lisa Gregory



College Bound & Debt Free Because of YOU

We're proud to share that 16 of our 17 graduating seniors are continuing their education, with tuition fully covered through scholarships, grants, and financial aid. Combined, our students were awarded \$753,000 in financial packages this year. That means these students can focus on learning and building their futures instead of worrying about overwhelming student debt.

Just as exciting is where they're headed. Eight students are attending outstanding colleges and universities right here in Northeast Ohio. Others will continue their education at nationally recognized institutions, including **Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Washington and Lee University, and Oberlin College.**

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Meet Molly McDougal

Head of Creative, TKG

Take a moment to get to know one of our talented, dedicated board members.

Q: Why did you choose to get involved in C.A.M.P.?

A: I was first approached by Tom Venturella and Marcia Cussen years ago about volunteering with C.A.M.P. As a young professional just starting out, they thought I would have some helpful perspective to share about careers in digital marketing.

Over the years, I attended career roundtables and brought students into TKG for job shadowing opportunities, then I deepened my participation as part of the C.A.M.P. Advisory Committee, where I helped start the bi-annual newsletter, refresh the program website, and support promotion efforts for last year's gala. Now, as part of the C.A.M.P. Board, I'm excited to continue pouring into these incredible students to help them achieve their academic and professional goals.



Q: What inspires you the most about the students?

A: Regardless of the obstacles they've faced, these students are incredible. They are smart, professional, and hardworking. I was blown away the first time I joined a C.A.M.P. roundtable session. Everyone was engaged in the conversation, asked thoughtful questions, and demonstrated clear motivation to succeed. I am in awe of their drive and dedication.

Q: Why should others consider supporting C.A.M.P.?

A: C.A.M.P. changes lives. When students join this program, their ACT scores jump dramatically. They are awarded astounding financial packages. Doors open to some of the most prestigious universities in the country. It is no small feat and a result of every generous person who has supported this program over the years.

MANY WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every student who succeeds through C.A.M.P. is supported by an entire community. Whether you have time, resources, or expertise to share, there's a place for you.

Attend the Gala

Celebrate our students while helping raise funds for scholarships and programming.

Become a Mentor

Help guide a student through high school and college by sharing your experience and encouragement.

Offer an Internship or Job Shadowing Experience

Introduce students to careers they may never have considered and help them gain valuable professional skills.

Join the Board

Help shape the future of C.A.M.P. through leadership, advocacy, and strategic guidance.

Make a Donation

Every gift helps create opportunities that change lives. Together, we're proving that where a student starts should never determine where they finish.

Learn more, donate, or get involved at echscamp.com/how-to-give/
Thank you for being involved in C.A.M.P.!