



# OAKMONT EDUCATION

OAKMONT EDUCATION PULSE: NAVIGATING EXCELLENCE IN CREDIT RECOVERY & ADVANCEMENT

## Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds Celebrates Ribbon Cutting at Great Oaks High School & Career Center

Oakmont Education is proud to announce the grand opening of **Great Oaks High School & Career Center** in Des Moines, marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by **Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds**. The school, which opened on **August 26, 2024**, offers a unique, tuition-free educational experience for students aged **16 to 21**, focusing on helping them earn a high school diploma while gaining hands-on **career technical education (CTE)**.



At the ceremony, Governor Reynolds praised the school as a key part of Iowa's evolving educational landscape, emphasizing the importance of **school choice** and second chances for students. "This is a place where young people can find opportunities and pathways to success that meet their unique needs," she said. Reynolds' support reflects her broader push for educational innovation through legislative efforts like **House File 813**, which has expanded the state's public charter school offerings.

Great Oaks currently serves **75 students**, offering career training in industries such as **construction, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare**. The school focuses on helping students gain industry-recognized credentials, ensuring they leave with valuable skills for the workforce. Students like **Brisney Vasquez**, a senior focusing on plumbing certifications, are thriving in this environment.

Oakmont Education's mission is to transform the lives of students through dropout recovery and career training. By offering students a path to both academic and career success, Great Oaks is making a significant impact on the Des Moines community. Click on the buttons below for more coverage of the event.

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## Record Breaking: Celebrating Our 2023-2024 Ohio School Report Cards

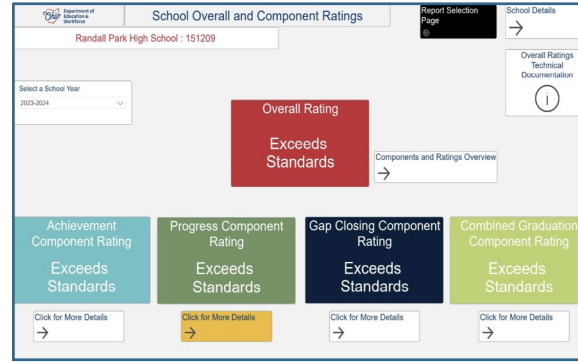
We are excited to announce the release of the 2023-2024 Ohio School Report Cards, which showcase the outstanding performance of Oakmont Education schools across the state. These report cards offer important insights into how well our schools are performing, providing transparent information to parents, educators, and community members while helping us celebrate successes and identify areas for continuous improvement.

A particular highlight this year is **Randall Park High School**, which earned “Exceeds” ratings across all four key components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, and Graduation. Randall Park is one of only seven Drop-Out Recovery High Schools in Ohio to achieve this level of excellence on all four components since the state started overall ratings in 2014-15—an accomplishment that places it in the top 1% of schools.

In addition to Randall Park’s impressive 100-point score, several other Oakmont schools have achieved remarkable results. Schools such as **Cliff Park High School**, **Franklinton Prep High School**, and **Regent High School** earned strong overall scores of 90 points, with “Exceeds” ratings in Achievement, Progress, and Graduation. These schools exemplify the hard work and dedication of our educators, staff, and students in striving for excellence.

The Ohio School Report Cards are a critical tool for ensuring transparency and accountability in education. They drive local conversations on improvement and establish high expectations, helping us ensure equitable outcomes for all students. Oakmont Education remains committed to helping our students achieve their full potential, and these report cards reflect our schools’ progress in meeting and exceeding those goals.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to support our schools in creating bright futures for all students. For more detailed information on the Ohio School Report Cards, please visit [reportcard.education.ohio.gov](https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov).



School	Overall	Achievement	Progress	Gap Closing	Graduation	Total Points
Randall Park High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	100
Cliff Park High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Exceeds	90
Franklinton Prep High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	90
Regent High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	90
Cypress High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	Exceeds	80
Frederick Douglass HS Main & Euclid	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	80
Liberty High School	Exceeds	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	80
Old Brook HS Main & Parma Campus	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	Exceeds	80
Towpath Trail HS Main, Barberton & East Campus	Exceeds	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	Exceeds	80
Marshall HS Main & Hamilton Campus	Meets	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	Meets	70
YouthBuild Columbus Communit School	Meets	Exceeds	Meets	Meets	Meets	70



## \$1,000 Scholarship Announced for Old Brook High School Parma Campus Graduates

On September 9, 2024, representatives from **Oakmont Education** and **Old Brook High School Parma Campus** joined the **Parma Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing** at Ridgewood Golf Course. During the event, PACC Chairman **Chris Inman** announced a **\$1,000 scholarship donation** to Old Brook Parma. The scholarship, to be awarded to a deserving graduate (or divided among recipients), will support post-graduation success. **The Building Leadership Team** will establish award criteria, and the winning essay(s) will be selected by the PACC. This generous donation represents a significant step in supporting students’ futures.

## Marshall High School’s Hamilton Campus Shines as it Hosts Forbes 30 Under 30 Day of Service

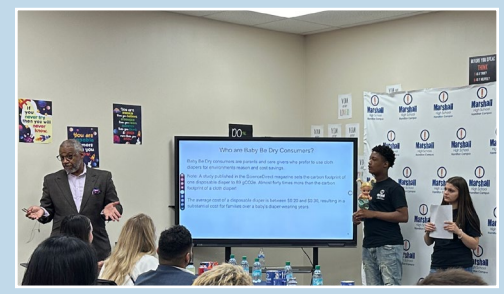
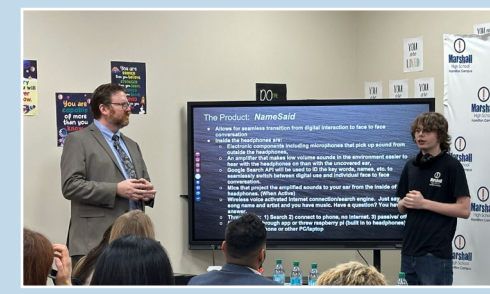
This year, Forbes Magazine hosted its annual **30 Under 30** event in Cincinnati, and **Marshall High School’s Hamilton Campus** was selected for a special day of service on September 25th, 2024. The event was a tremendous success, with Marshall High School receiving a generous **\$33,000 donation** from the Under 30 listers community.

Students at the Hamilton Campus had an incredible opportunity to be mentored by some of the brightest young professionals in the world. They showcased their entrepreneurial skills by pitching business ideas to a **Shark Tank-style panel**. The student projects ranged from innovative tech solutions to community-focused initiatives, including:

- **Jiggy n’ Juicy**, a farm-to-table healthy eating concept
- **The Third Base Experiment**, a reality show concept for Netflix
- **Veloce**, a wearable NFT bank card
- **Order of Draw**, a phlebotomy wristband tube holder
- **NameSaid**, smart headphones with integrated Google Lens technology
- **Baby Be Dry**, a newborn diaper alert system

The students were exceptional hosts, showcasing remarkable poise, creativity, and professionalism throughout the event. **Order of Draw** emerged as the Shark Tank winners, impressing the panel with their innovative concept. Meanwhile, the school’s culinary students wowed attendees with a delicious array of appetizers and desserts, served alongside lunch.

The day highlighted the exceptional talent of Marshall High School’s students and left a lasting impression on all who attended.





## Notes on a New School Opening: Great Oaks High School – A Dream Realized

A little over a year ago, Great Oaks High School and Career Center was just a vision—a dream to create a space where students could reclaim their futures through personalized education and strong relationships. On **August 26, 2024**, after months of planning and determination, we proudly opened our doors, seven months after receiving state approval.

In just three short weeks, our journey has been filled with growth, transformation, and celebration. We started with an orientation that introduced our core values: **Own Your Growth, Respect the SOS, Enjoy the Journey, Bend, Don't Break, and Speak to Empower**. These values shape our culture and guide our students through both their academic and personal development.

Already, students are embracing these values, with one completing their core credits—a milestone for both the student and the school. Enrollment has quickly surpassed **75 students**, and we continue to welcome more as they pursue their diploma and **national industry recognized credentials**.

A recent Iowa vs. Iowa State tailgate symbolized our rapid growth and strong community spirit. At Great Oaks, students are discovering an education that engages them, supports their goals, and prepares them for life and career. This is just the beginning of an exciting journey for Great Oaks High School, and we are eager to see what the future holds. - *Contributed by School Director Kris Byam*



## Exciting Expansion at Old Brook High School Parma Campus

Old Brook High School's Parma Campus recently completed an exciting expansion, **adding 2,674 square feet** of space to better serve students. The new additions include an **Advanced Manufacturing Lab**, which will provide hands-on training in this growing field, and a **Flex Classroom** that will offer additional academic space, support **Orientation**, and house the school's Why Try classes. A new **Resource Room** and three additional offices have also been added.

This expansion also enhances the lobby area, creating more seating and breakout space for students to collaborate and relax in the commons area. These improvements will help students thrive academically and socially!



## Oakmont Education Announces Winners of "The Beloved Community" Competition

Oakmont Education is proud to announce the winners of our "Beloved Community" competition, a celebration of the partnerships between our schools and their local communities. This initiative encouraged schools to showcase their commitment to integrating academics, youth development, family support, and community growth. Schools from across the Oakmont network were tasked with assembling a team to lead and document their community service efforts during the 2023-2024 school year.

Participants went above and beyond, organizing meaningful events such as neighborhood clean-ups, food drives, and programs supporting the elderly and disabled. Each school compiled their initiatives into a creative presentation that highlighted their passion for community engagement, with students playing an active role in every project.

The winners of the Beloved Community Service Project for the 2023-2024 school year are:

1. **First Place \$2,000** – YouthBuild
2. **Second Place \$1,000** – Towpath Trail (Barberton)
3. **Third Place \$500** – Liberty

The winning schools will decide how to use their prizes to enhance school culture, with exciting options such as a Cedar Point trip or a school-wide Ice Cream Day. Thank you to all who participated! The projects demonstrated the power of community in fostering stronger families and healthier neighborhoods.



Towpath Barberton Community Garden



Dayton Home Repair Network

The Liberty High School Construction program partners with the Dayton Home Repair Network annually to provide essential home repairs for residents who are physically and financially unable to make repairs. One of the repairs this year was to build steps and an entry porch for a resident who was unable to access the front door.