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Lorain County JVS named Career Z Challenge Semi-Finalist, awarded \$20K for accelerating work-based learning programs

Oberlin, Ohio -- Lorain County JVS High School is proud to announce its selection as one of 73 semi-finalists in the national Career Z Challenge through The U.S. Department of Education, an initiative aimed at expanding work-based learning opportunities for Generation Z. This prestigious recognition comes with a \$20,000 cash prize, underscoring the school's commitment to preparing students for leadership roles in the rapidly evolving job market.

Megan Champagne, Associate Principal at Lorain County JVS High School, expressed her excitement: "Being named a semi-finalist in the Career Z Challenge is a tremendous honor. This recognition reflects our dedication to providing students with real-world experiences that not only prepare them for their future careers but also position them as leaders in their fields."

The funds will be used to enhance the school's work-based learning programs, which are critical in equipping students with the skills needed to excel in industries that are driving Greater Cleveland's economic growth. As the region continues to evolve into a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship, the demand for a skilled workforce has never been greater.

Michelle McClintic, High School Supervisor at Lorain County JVS High School, highlighted the impact of the award: "This \$20,000 prize will allow us to expand our work-based learning opportunities, ensuring that our students gain valuable hands-on experience and insight into their future careers. It's about more than just technical skills; it's about preparing students to be the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs."

Greater Cleveland's pro-growth business environment is creating new opportunities, and Lorain County JVS is at the forefront of developing the talent pipeline to meet this demand.

Superintendent Glenn Faircloth emphasized the school's broader mission: "Our success in the Career Z Challenge is a testament to the hard work of our staff, students, and community partners. We're not just preparing students for jobs; we're preparing them to be leaders who will drive the economic development of Greater Cleveland and beyond."

Lorain County JVS remains committed to shaping the future of the region's workforce, ensuring that students are well-prepared to contribute to the continued growth and success of Greater Cleveland.

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