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Globally Competitive



German-American Apprenticeship Partnership

International Exchange 10.15.24



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➤ Upper Valley Career Center Apprenticeship

Introductions



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Today's Topics

- Introductions
- How the program started
- History of the program
- Selection process for students
- German School
- Hosting & Traveling
- Evelyn's story



How did we get here?

- May 2016-Mr. Haak & Mr. Trapp traveled with Troy Chamber of Commerce to Hannover Germany for Hannover Messe
- January 2017-Tony Trapp travels to New York City, GAPP covered expenses
- March 2017-Started student selection process
- April 2017-Parent/Student meeting
- Summer 2017-Host information and travel information
- Fall 2017-First Student Exchange Partnership with BBS/ME
- Fall 2018-Second Student Hosting Exchange with 12 students
- Spring 2019-Traveled to Hannover/Hamburg for Second Exchange w/10 students
- Fall 2019-Hosted 8 students from Oct. 10-22
- Spring 2020-Traveled to Hannover for Third Exchange and trip was stopped seven days soon due to COVID
- Fall 2023-Hosted 12 students from Oct. 20-31
- Spring 2024-Traveled to Hannover/Hamburg for Fourth Exchange w/12

Exchange Travel Info

- 2017-2018 5=10
- 2018-2019 12=10
- 2019-2020 8=8
- 2023-2024 12=12
- 2024-2025 14=14
- 2 coordinators
- Cities traveled to
 - Munich, Frankfurt, Hannover, Berlin & Hamburg
- Each student has traveled over 10,000 miles by plane, train, bus, bike or car



UVCC CTE Programs Info

Carpentry, Electrical Trades, Manufacturing, Media, Pre-Engineering & Welding

German/American Apprenticeship Exchange Corporate Partnerships



Participants-UVCC

1. Cooper Hartle-Construction II (Jackson Center)* *UVCC Apprentice
2. Robert Luckey-Welding II (Botkins)*
3. Lailah Brewer-Welding II (Bradford)*
4. Alexandra Eilerman-DDPT II (Fort Loramie)*
5. Gavin Hull-Manufacturing II (Piqua)*
6. Cole Butler-Welding II (Jackson Center)*
7. Bronson Van Culin-Construction II (Newton)*
8. Austin Martin-Interactive Media II (Troy)
9. Deanna Rodeheffer-Pre Engineering II (Fort Loramie)
10. Cole Leininger-Construction I (Lehman/Piqua)
11. Sophia Davis-Electrical I (Troy)
12. Ray Hoying-Electrical I (Fort Loramie)
13. Addyson McClain-DDPT I (Fairlawn)
14. Lincoln Reiss-Construction I (Anna)

Hosting Info

UVCC Student

Cooper Hartle →
Robert Luckey →
Lailah Brewer →
Deana Rodeheffer →
Bronson Van Culin →
Ray Hoying →
Alexandria Eilerman →
Addyson McClain →
Gavin Hull →
Austin Martin →
Lincoln Reiss →
Cole Butler →
Sophia Davis →
Cole Leininger →

BBS/ME Student

Theodor Michael Filbrandt
Yves Gordon Flemming
Merle Friedrich
Sarah Anastasia Gilowski
Malte Joern
Daniel Krieger
Letizia Anastasia Sachiko Kühn
Christina Maria Lobbel
Matti Loth
Caiden Nickolas Ruhm
Jamal Safa
Nik Leon Schebitz
Luca Marie Schiermann
Foster Georg Wulf



Austin Martin

Cole Butler

Robert Luckey

Cole Leininger

Bronson Van Culin

Lincoln Reiss

Ray Hoying



2024/2025 Exchange Students



Deanna Rodeheffer Alexandria Eilerman Lailah Brewer

Addyson McClain Sophia Davis

Gavin Hull

Cooper Hartle



Participants-BBS/ME



Daniel Krieger



Foster Wulf



Malte Joern



Letizia Anastasia



Matti Loth



Matti Flemming



Sarah Gilowski



Theodor Filbrandt

Hello UVCCI
 Once again we are happy and grateful to visit you at Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, Ohio 🇺🇸
 We will start on October 10 for the USA. On October 26 we will be back in Hannover. It's exciting to have this unique opportunity to get to know you. In March 2025 we will welcome you guys here in Hannover at BBS-ME.



Luca Schiermann



Jamal Safa



Christina Maria



Caiden Nickolas



Nik Leon



Luca Marie

First Name	Last Name	Program	Gender
Theodor Michael	Filbrandt	Construction	Male
Yves Gordon	Flemming	Media	Male
Merle	Friedrich	Construction	Female
Sarah Anastasia	Gilowski	Mechanical	Female
Malte	Joern	Construction	Male
Daniel	Krieger	Electrical	Male
Letizia Anastasia	Kühn	Construction	Female
Christina Maria	Lobbel	Media	Female
Matti	Loth	Mechanical	Male
Caiden Nickolas	Ruhm	Media	Male
Jamal	Safa	Electrical	Male
Nik Leon	Schebitz	Mechanical	Male
Luca Marie	Schiermann	Electrical	Female
Foster Georg	Wulf	Construction	Male

2024-2025 Exchange Group



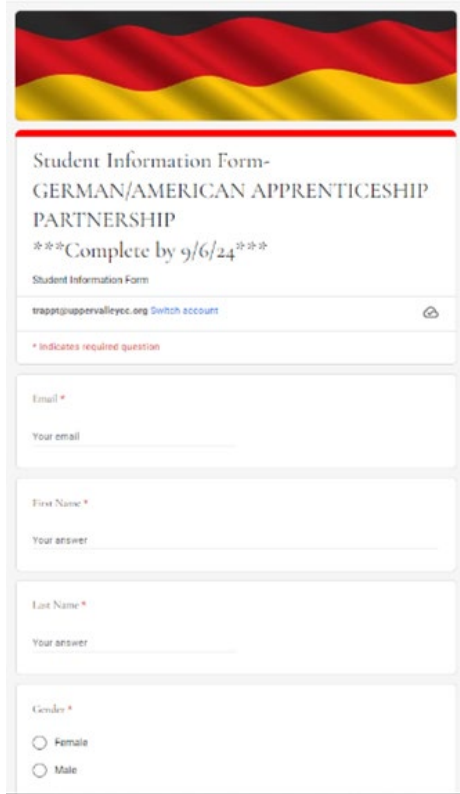
Prerequisites for Exchange Program

- 2.5 GPA or better and passing all classes junior year
- 95% attendance or better (excused and/or non-excused days)
- All teachers' recommendations (lab, academics, other)
- Parent or guardian support
- Demonstrate good citizenship characteristics, follows regulations and self-disciplined
- Personal character-Polite, Maturity, Etc..

Selection Process for Exchange Program

- Student nominated by CTE instructor and/or Apprenticeship Coordinator
- Grade, attendance, personal character & discipline reviewed
- Student meeting
- Interview
- Parent/Student meeting
- Parent Background Check
- Video Introductions

Application Process-Complete by 9/6/24



Student Information Form-
GERMAN/AMERICAN APPRENTICESHIP
PARTNERSHIP
Complete by 9/6/24

Student Information Form

trappz@uppervalleycc.org [Switch account](#)

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

Gender *

Female

Male



Phase 1-Hosting

- Selection process
 - Good character/grades/attendance/interview
- Hosting dates
 - October 10th-October 22nd
 - Keeps cost down
 - 2 week adoption
 - Be flexible and adaptable
 - Meet at the school on Thursday, October 10th-Afternoon/Evening (More details to follow)

Phase 2-Your Work

- Acquire passport
- Financial commitment
- Meet and maintain all prior requirements
- Clear expectations (ahead of time)
- Discussions about manners
- Parents/Students both sign contracts

Phase 2-Travel

- Passport
 - Acquire passport
- Transportation
 - Plane, trains and public transportation
- Financial commitment
 - Payment Plan
 - \$1000-\$1200 (3 easy payments)
- Spending money
- Meet and maintain all prior requirements
- Parents and students sign all agreements
- Discussions about manners
 - We are not only guests at the school, but there country
- Euro conversions
 - Bank...merge money w/friend to possibly get better rate
- Cell phone usage
 - International plan
- Dates
 - Feb. 28th - March 14th 2025

Phase 1-Forms

- **Yellow sheet**
 - Hosting info
- **Coral sheet**
 - Permission form
- **Blue sheet**
 - Behaviour policy
- **White sheet**
 - Calendar

What does 2 weeks in Germany look like..

- Get acquainted with sponsoring school
- Host families
- Daily school activities
- Company tours
- Culture and History tours and information
 - Hannover
 - Hamburg

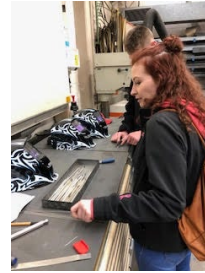


Mechanical Engineering
(Metal Works), Electrical,
Carpentry & Media Design

BBS/ME School orientation



School days in Germany



Hannover Germany

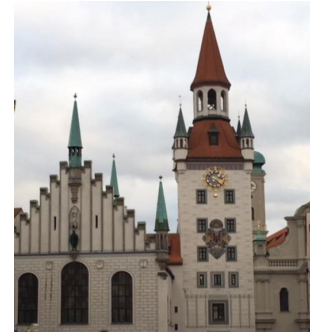
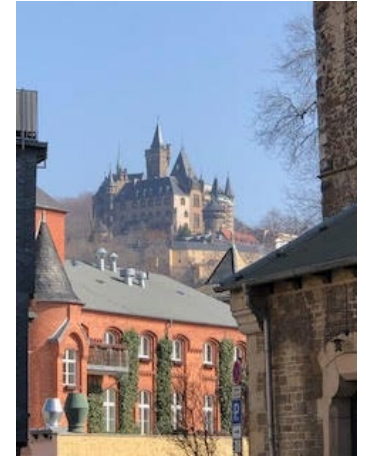


Tours of cities and corporations

- Volkswagen factory tour
- Waste to Energy Plant tour
- Cave tour
- Travel Agency IT Department



Tours of city and corporations



Germany Cities





Hamburg has more bridges than any other city in the world

More than London, Amsterdam & Venice together

Appx. 2500....



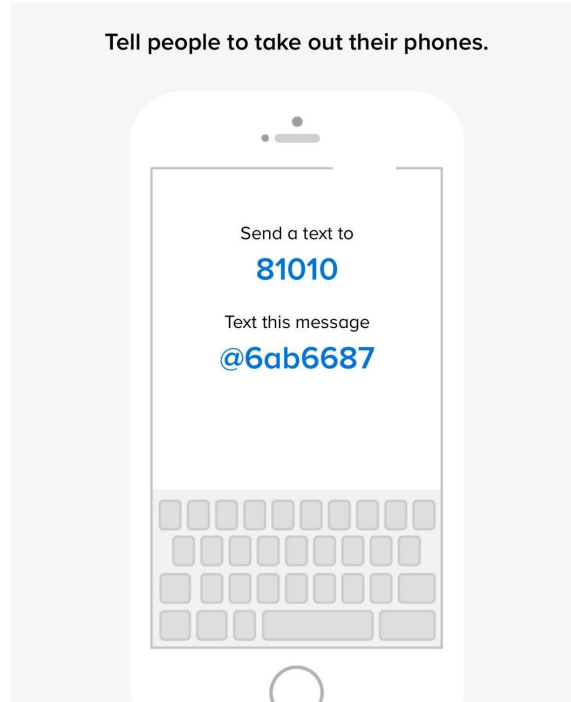
If you have ever wondered whether the people of Hamburg are called Hamburgers, the answer is YES (for the record, it doesn't sound as funny in German as English)



It's NO vacation!!



Communication



Challenges

- **Scheduling**
 - Time Difference (6 Hours)
 - Holiday Schedules (Germany)
- **Accommodations**
 - Male/Female
 - CTE Programs
 - Matching 1:1
- **School**
 - Class sizes, CCP, Apprenticeship Work Schedule
 - Extra Curricular Schools Activities
 - CTE Hands On Time-Level of Experience
 - SkillsUSA Fall Conference
- **Selection Process**
 - Added Juniors 18-19
- **Hosting and Traveling Timeline**
 - School Calendars
- **Language Barrier**
 - CTE (Vocational) Vs. Language Class

Orientation

- Introductions
- History
- Agenda
- UVCC T shirt handouts (Small Gifts)
- Work boots for T&I Labs
- Laptop distribution
- Campus tour



Advice

Be Adaptable....Be Flexible

It's not right....It's not wrong

It's different

Evelyn Uliviti Story

- Pre Engineering Student at UVCC from Piqua High School
- UVCC Exchange Student 18-19
- Applied for the CBYX program on December 20, 2018.
- CBYX interview on February 27, 2019
- Selected March 23, 2019, while in Hannover.
- Pre-Departure Orientation was June 27-30 and departed June 30. Stayed with a host family in Bonn for 8 weeks where she attended language school (no prior German language experience).
- Now living in Brelingen for 10 months with Tom's family and go to BBS-ME with Tom.
- Plans to get an internship at a kindergarten in Brelingen in January to improve my German skills first and then an internship in drafting/engineering after.
- Returns to the USA on June 23, 2020 (COVID Restrictions)
- Returned to Hannover in June 2022
to complete her apprenticeship in Engineering
- January 2025 she will receive her German Apprenticeship certificate





Questions.....



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German-American Partnership

- Students are nominated by CT instructor
- Invited to informational meeting
- Parent/guardian support
- Completion of online form
- Interviewed & selected.



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