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## This Week in Politics

# Gerrymandering, Resignations, Petitions

### Federal Court rejects State's request to stay ruling in gerrymandering case

A three-judge U.S. District Court panel on May 9 denied Ohio's request for a stay of the order for the Ohio General Assembly to draw a new congressional map to replace the unconstitutional districts drawn in secret by Republicans after the 2010 Census and used to favor disproportionate results since 2012.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, among the most partisan of statewide elected officials, argued for the stay on grounds that the US Supreme Court might rule by June 30 on gerrymandering cases

from North Carolina and Maryland in ways that could potentially negate the District Court's ruling.

Ohio legislators face a court-imposed deadline of June 14 to submit a new map that meets constitutional standards. Failure to do so could lead the Court to impose its own map. While some officials have voiced concern over the June 14 deadline, in a similar case [Pennsylvania was able to implement a lawful map in a bigger state in even less time to comply.](#)

### Lorain mayor resigning to take job in Chicago

Lorain mayor Chase Ritenauer, 34, is resigning effective May 31, and moving his growing family to Chicago for a new job.

The Lorain County Democratic Party will have until July 15 days to appoint Ritenauer's successor. They will also need to nominate a candidate — likely the same person — to run for the position in November, since Ritenauer's term was due to end December 31.

Lorain City Council president Joel Arredondo will serve as interim mayor until the new mayor is selected, according to the city's law director.

### Ten apply to fill at large seat of South Euclid councilman Jason Russell

An orthopedic surgeon, a retired accountant, a software installer, a banker, and a commercial property manager are among the nine applicants seeking to replace

Jason Russell on South Euclid's city council. Russell, who had been serving as council president, resigned effective May 1, citing personal reasons that included increasing career responsibilities. He also became engaged earlier this year [to Tiffany Tarpley, WKYC news anchor].

Applicants for the at-large seat include Dennis Silsby of Greenway Ave.; Breanna May, Avondale Ave.; Christopher Latham, Westdale Rd.; Curtis Orr, S. Belvoir Rd.; Haariss Ilyas, Novicky Ct.; Mary Bastawros, Argonne Rd.; Denise Turner, Hinsdale Rd.; Susan Hardy, Plainfield Rd.; Andrew Fernandez, Berwick Ln., and Carol Sisson, S. Wilburn Dr.

City Council will choose  
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## Robotics program, science fair score with area students at Tri-C event

By Kenneth D. Hale  
SPECIAL TO THE REAL DEAL PRESS

Eighty-five students from area middle and high schools and colleges participated in a Science Fair and Robotics program at Cuyahoga Community College's metro campus on Friday, May 3.

The science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program, hosted by

Tri-C and the local chapter of the National Technical Association, was designed to expose the attendees to hands-on, fun robotics experiences, and the opportunity to meet and interact with science and engineering experts.

Dr. Bilal Bomani, research scientist, college math instructor and vice president of the Cleveland chapter of the NTA,

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Curtis Orr



Christopher Latham

Russell's successor to serve the balance of his term which ends December 31. Whoever is appointed by council would likely run in November for a full term.

Of the ten applicants, Denise Turner has already filed for the November election.

### Activists in Cleveland Heights looking to implement ward set-up for city council

A group of citizens looking to change how council members are elected plans to circulate petitions to put a charter change on the ballot this fall. The petition seeks to have several council members elected by ward. Presently all council members are elected citywide.

A meeting to discuss the issue is scheduled from 7-8p this Wednesday, May 15 at the home of activist Diane Hallum on Oxford Rd. in the city's northeast side. Those wishing to attend should call 216.691.9386.

## Robotics program, science fair

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Photo credit: Lewis Burrell III

co-sponsor of the event, got straight to the point in addressing the students.

"This STEM program is designed to "STEM-u-late your mind". We want to increase your knowledge ... and inspire you with hands-on robotics competition, and opportunities to meet STEM professionals and connect with mentors, if you are serious about pursuing STEM careers," Bomani said.

The organizers' message

seemed to resonate with many of the students. Destiny Brown, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at New Tech East High School student, acknowledged that she enjoyed the innovative STEM program. "I was told some very important stories that inspired me. I learned that it doesn't matter where you come from you can still achieve your dreams," said Brown, who aspires to work in broadcasting or journalism.

Destiny's reaction was echoed

by DaNaja Wallace, one of her New Tech classmates. Wallace, who aspires to a career in forensic nursing, found the event appealing because she "got to interact with others, build robots, listen to some STEM stories, and earn prizes".

Bomani pronounced the fair and robotics competitions a huge success and was pleased to note participation by "the most diverse group of students from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District that we have ever had".



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## Business Ledger

### Calling all Small Businesses: Get answers, connections Tuesday, May 14

This Tuesday, May 14, the Business Growth Collaborative — a network of 11 entrepreneurial support organizations in North-east Ohio — is hosting its first Small Business Resource Fair. The event is designed to provide area small business owners and their teams access to specific tools designed to match their needs.

Fair organizers want to address the specific needs and most pressing challenges that business owners face and to create connections to the people, training and resources that will help their business grow.

The day's offerings will run from 8a to 2p and include:

- One-on-one appointments with organizations offering personalized advice on how to address specific business needs.
- “Speed networking” tables attendees can rotate through, meeting new people, making new connections and discussing pertinent topics.
- Hands-on workshops focused on the most common small business needs, interests and challenges.
- An exhibit hall comprised of small business support organizations and resource providers, including Business Growth Collaborative Partners and other businesses focused on supporting entrepreneurs.



Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear entrepreneur Jeff Hoffman at the luncheon keynote speaker. Hoffman has been the founder or principal of multiple startups, including Priceline.com, Booking.com, uBid.com and more. Click [here](#) to read his full bio.

Workshop topics include Cash Flow Analysis/ Working Capital; Using Capital to Start and Grow a Business; Create a Sales Plan; Credit & Money Management; Supplier Diversity Readiness; Building an Effective Small Business Website; Building Your Professional Consultants Team; Intellectual Property 101; Business Valuation; and How to Stay Out of Court and Save a Ton on Lawyers if You Can't.

Other features of the fair:

- A social media lab where business owners can develop their brand image by creating a social media presence onsite at the event on the major social channels of Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.
- Complimentary professional headshots.
- A video lounge where attendees can film a 15- to 30-second pitch video to promote their business.

The event takes place at the I-X Center. More information is available [here](#).

Collaborative members include the Economic Community Development Institute [ECDI], the [Commission on Economic Inclusion](#), [COSE](#) (Council of Smaller Enterprises), [Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council](#), [Operation Hope](#), [The Presidents' Council](#), [The Urban League of Greater Cleveland](#), [Hispanic Business Center](#), [Jumpstart](#), [MAGNET](#), and the [Ohio Aerospace Institute](#).



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### Three Honored at 2019 Spiritual Enrichment Breakfast

Judge Larry Jones, journalist Dick Peery, and former Cleveland Brown Walter Beach III each received honors for community service at the sixth annual Spiritual Enrichment Breakfast at Liberty Hill Baptist Church on May 4. The event is hosted annually by The Snookie Foundation and Quad C Enterprises.



Tiwanna Williams



Catherine Donnelly



Patricia Ramsey

### Women's Business Center honors Fifth Third's Ramsey, 2 others

The Women's Business Center of Northern Ohio has selected Patricia Ramsey, vice president of community and economic development at 5/3 Bank, as its Woman of the Year. The honor will be presented this Thursday, May 16 at WBC's event celebrating female entrepreneurs at the Ariel International Center, 1163 East 40 St. [44103]. Tiwana Williams of Pearl Flower Catering and Catherine R. Donnelly of Yourkvitch & Dibo LLC will also be recognized as member and volunteer of the year, respectively. Click [here](#) for info/tix.

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**QUOTE of the Week**  
**"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."**

- Thomas A. Edison

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BY KEITH KNIGHT

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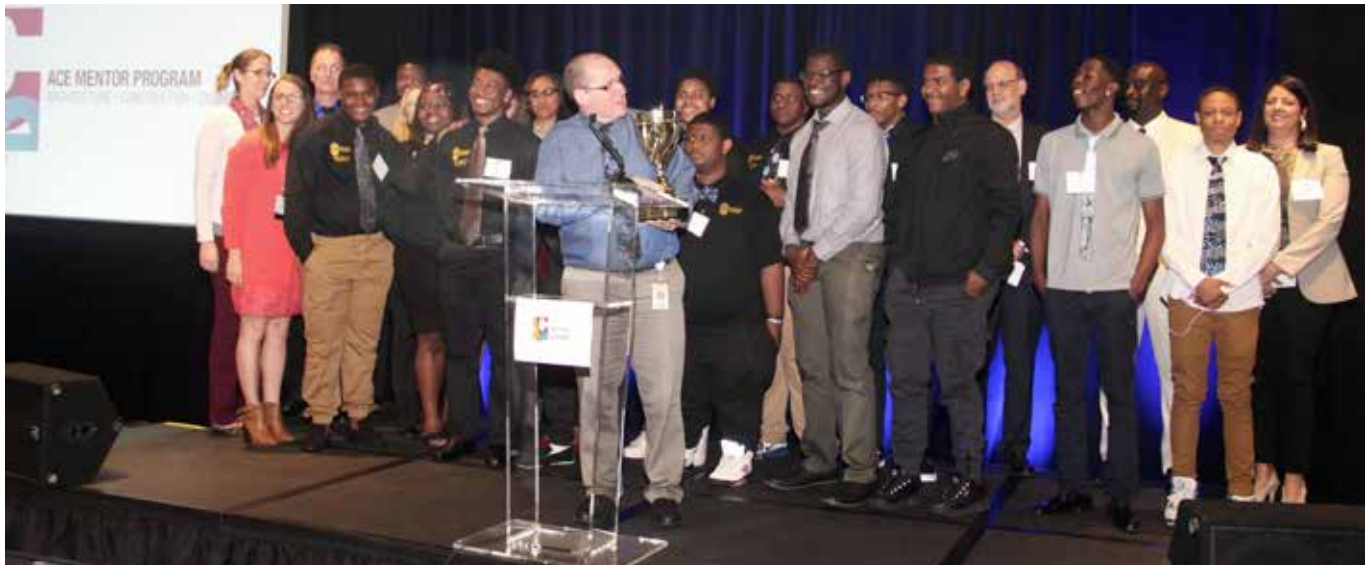
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# Students in ACE Mentor Program eye bright future



*Clockwise from top: Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon presents trophy to winning team from New Tech East HS; New Tech poster summarizing their project; a few of the mentors and volunteers from the ACE Mentoring Program.*

**By Sylest Lofton**

The future is bright, as shown through the ambitions and creative visions of ACE Mentor Program students. This message was clear to an audience of ACE Mentor Cleveland Program supporters, teachers, mentors, and family members who gathered on May 9th at the annual ACE Banquet to recognize the accomplishments of the 2018-2019 ACE class.

Throughout the evening banquet attendees learned first-hand from ACE students, alumni, mentors, and community leaders about the positive impact the ACE Program has made on youth in the Cleveland community.

The ACE Mentor Program is an after-school mentorship program that introduces high school students to the worlds of architecture, construction, and engineering through mentoring from A/E/C industry professionals. Students work diligently through the school year to prepare a design and construction project in response to a program RFP addressing real-world problems.

Currently, the program engages 175 students across 11 schools (10 of which are within the Cleveland Metropolitan School, with one additional site being at Warrensville Heights High School) and is supported by a network of over 130 A/E/C industry professionals. Since its inception 11 years ago, the program has awarded a staggering \$950,000 in scholarships to high school students.

Speaking to banquet attendees, Eric Gordon, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) CEO, attributed ACE's true value to the program's structure which facilitates "demonstrations of learning." Demonstrations of learning are a teaching

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strategy increasingly being used within CMSD to highlight and foster student knowledge by giving them a platform to learn applicable skills. “It [demonstrations of learning] says so much more than simple test scores but is also the reason our test scores are continuing to climb,” stated Gordon.

Presentations from this year’s top two scoring ACE classes, Warrensville Heights and New Tech East, shined a light on the level of sophistication and skill that demonstrations of learning can bring to student’s education. The conclusion of the evening saw New Tech East’s design and construction for “The Great ACE Bridge” — a pedestrian bridge the students designed to connect the city of Cleveland with the waterfront — win the program’s top honors. The judging panel consisted of esteemed professionals Jeff Appelbaum, Thompson Hine LLP; Freddy Collier, Jr., Cleveland Planning Director; and Lillian Kuri, Cleveland Foundation.

The ACE Banquet was made possible largely in part to major program supporters University Hospital/Sodexo, Cleveland Foundation, Construction Employers Association and Geis Family Foundation. Congratulations to all ACE students, mentors and teachers on another successful program year! To donate or become involved in the ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland visit: <https://www.acementor.org/affiliates/ohio/cleveland/about-us/>



Top: Students from New Tech advance to dais to receive their award. Bottom: Scholarship awards and checks for ACE students on display at banquet.

## Community Calendar

Cleveland’s [Norman S. Minor Bar Association](#) will be chapter host for this year’s Region VI conference of the National Bar Association. The meeting takes place starting Thursday, May 16 and runs through Sunday, May 19. Venues for most events will be the Tucker Ellis LLP and the Aloft Cleveland Hotel.



The **Black Child Development Institute** will host its first annual community resource fair this Saturday from 10:30a-1:30p at Ginn Academy, 655 East 152 St. [44110]. It’s a one day, one stop event providing services and support for those in need of youth mentoring, free and low cost summer camps, and much more. Vendors include Cleveland Inner City Ballet, MLK Premier Boxing Camp for Boys and Girls, and several public and private agencies. It culminates National Black Child Development Week. For more info: call/ email 216.464.3507 / [cleveland@affiliates.nbcdi.org](mailto:cleveland@affiliates.nbcdi.org) or visit [here](#).

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