

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



OUR VISION

STUDENTS ARE:

KNOWN. VALUED. SUCCESSFUL.

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Board of EDUCATION



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"The 2023-2024 school year at GOAL Digital Academy was marked by a focus on "Kindness." We chose this theme because we believe that a single act of kindness has the power to change a person's life. This principle guided our actions, decisions, and interactions throughout the year, helping us build a supportive and compassionate community for our students, staff, and families."

Key Areas of Focus FY24

STAFFING AND GROWTH

GOAL hired 20 new staff members to address growth and retirements, including roles focused on data-driven decision-making. A full-time Testing Coordinator was added to refine assessment strategies and support data accuracy.

MTSS IMPROVEMENT

Collaborating with State Support Team 7, GOAL enchanced its Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to improve graduation rates. This framework helps identify and address students' needs through targeted interventions.

LITERACY TEAM EXPANSION

The Literacy Team was expanded in the 2023-2024 school year. Staff attended numerous trainings at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center & through the state to deepen their understanding & implementation of evidence-based reading instruction. Additionally, co-teaching was elevated & expanded, with frequent data analysis to make real-time adjustments throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT

Improving attendance for both students and staff was a priority in FY24, resulting in an increase of over 5% from the previous two school years. This success was driven by the efforts of the Attendance Team, comprised of Jill Millisor and Stephanie Andrews, who made tremendous strides. They held weekly meetings with Educational Advocates and Leadership at each lab, focusing on data to ensure continuous improvement.

PBIS IMPLEMENTATION

In 2024, GOAL launched Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) with live events to engage students, spearheaded by Stephanie Bowers. PBIS is framework designed to support school-wide practices that promote a safe and inclusive environment by addressing the social, learning, behavioral, and emotional needs of all students.

GRADUATION ACHIEVEMENT

GOAL proudly graduated 134 students in FY24, marking the largest graduating class in history. This milestone reflects our commitment to providing students with the support and resources needed to achieve their educational goals.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The strategic plan rollout included increasing equitable access to academic and SEL support, enhancing student and staff success through quality instructional practices, and fostering greater engagement among stakeholders. Leadership structures were strengthened to ensure consistency and high expectations across the district.

As we move forward, GOAL remains dedicated to our mission of providing an innovative, student-centered educational experience. Our commitment to kindness and our focus on ensuring that every student, staff member, and stakeholder is truly known, valued, and successful will continue to guide our efforts in years ahead.

ADDING TO OUR GOAL FAMILY



Nicholas Goodwin
Intervention Specialist

Sarah Falgout Intervention Specialist

Laurie Sorrick Intervention Specialist

Jessica Murnahan SPED Aide - Mended Reeds

Jenna Streib Behavioral Therapist

Daria Herrejon Student Intern - Tutor

Lindsey Secrest
Educational Advocate

Kelly Crosby Science Teacher

Amy Stuttler English Teacher

Alyssa Clayton Art Teacher Olivia Ballard Records Manager

Tina Main
Testing Coordinator

Saundra Brummage Customer Service

Natalie Wilson Customer Service

Ruthann Parrish Customer Service

Colleen Clayton
Customer Service

Taylor Starcher K-5 Teacher

Angie Brocwell K-5 Teacher

Alden Coffman Social Studies Teacher

Dawn Rose Math Teacher

RETIREES



Nan Stanish
Director of Special Education



Deb Strong Behavioral Therapist

GOAL Grow Our Own PROGRAM

GOAL Digital Academy created a "Grow Our Own" Program to address staff employment gaps for school counselors, special education, school administration, and teachers. The GOAL Board of Directors has made significant financial commitment to the "Grow Our Own Program over the past five years. Superintendent Tish Jenkins believes that by promoting from within can help with staff morale & recognition. It's hard to hang onto your best workers, and top performers if they are looking for new opportunities. When an employee is promoted, especially if it aligns with their career goals, it can inspire the rest of the team. Reasons GOAL is emphasizing employee development include:

- Remaining Competitive
- Employee Morale
- Ongoing Certified Staff Shortage
- Promoting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Peer-to-Peer Recognition

- Creating a Culture of Learning
- Reducing Turnover
- Aligning Employee Development with district needs
- Understanding what the employee values
- Succession Planning

GOAL has actively planned for succession by identifying long-range needs and cultivating internal talent to meet those needs. Succession plans typically focus on a two and/or three-year process of preparing employees for new roles within the organization. GOAL staff who are identified for the "Grow Our Own" Program have 100% of course work, fee's & state tests paid for by the district. Staff are required to commit to two years at GOAL for every year schooling is paid for.

STAFF COMPLETING PROGRAMS IN FY24



Stephanie Bowers
Masters in
Educational Leadership
& Principal Licensure



Angeline Burke Masters in School Counseling



Chelsea Lee Masters in Special Education



Kyleigh Holtsberry Masters in Special Education



Casey Clark
Graduate Licensure in
Career Technical Education



Matthew Alexander
Canvas Certified
Instructor



Nancy Hale Canvas Certified Instructor



Pat Wood Canvas Certified Instructor

Accolades & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Dionna Randas Principal & Director of Curriculum and InstructionGOAL Digital Academy

Curriculum & Instruction

GOAL Digital Academy consistently leads the way in online learning and curriculum by continuously enhancing its online presence and tools while finding new and creative ways to engage students with the content. This year, GOAL made all Credit Recovery courses available through Canvas, which has increased student engagement and made it easier for parents and staff to track progress. Credit Recovery Teachers, JR Burns and Matthew Alexander saw success in the program year-round and also made it accessible through our Summer Enrichment Program. Over 183 credits were earned by students grades 9-12 in the 2023-2024 school year.



GOAL has expanded its high school math curriculum with alternative Algebra 2 options, including Quantitative Reasoning, Computer Science, Statistics & Probability, and Foundations of Data Science. These courses offer students more engaging and relevant ways to meet their Algebra 2 graduation requirement.

INSTRUCTURECON



GOAL Digital Academy and The Tomorrow Center staff and leadership attended InstructureCon, an annual conference hosted by the Canvas learning management system company, bringing together educators, administrators, and edtech professionals to explore new tools, share best practices, and discuss innovations in education technology. Featured sessions included product demos aimed at advancing online learning and student engagement, keynote addresses, course sharing, cross-enrollment strategies for student success, archiving Canvas data, navigating the future of education, embracing innovation and disruption, and aligning academia with a skills-first mindset.

DIGITAL LEARNING ANNUAL CONFERENCE (DLAC)



GOAL Digital Academy demonstrated its leadership in online education at the Digital Learning Annual Conference (DLAC) 2024 in Austin, TX, where it highlighted innovative strategies in student engagement and mental health. GOAL Teachers, Kelly Watson and Hope Losh led discussions on Co-teaching and AI in the English Language Arts classroom, attracting over 80 table talk participants and extended dialogue lasting beyond the sessions. The high level of interest in GOAL's methodologies highlighted its influence in the educational community, with many attendees eager to see presentations at future conferences.



DLAC 2024 also emphasized the importance of early student engagement and the role of data in refining instructional practices. Inspired by the conference, GOAL plans to launch pioneering mental health support initiatives for students and families in the 2024-2025 school year, including a confidential website and app offering free resources. Sixteen staff members attended the conference!







Literacy Grant TEAM

The Literacy Grant Team at GOAL Digital Academy is dedicated to enhancing literacy instruction through innovative, data-driven approaches. Educators attend monthly training sessions and team meetings. utilizing screener and diagnostic assessments to implement multi-tiered support systems for students. The team also identified literacy coaches across the district to train staff in effective literacy instruction. Their efforts have earned both state and national recognition for their ingenuity in online literacy education, demonstrating GOAL Digital Academy's commitment to improving literacy outcomes for all students.

LITERACY GRANT TEAM MEMBERS





















Pictured: Dionna Randas Stephanie Bowers Stephanie Frisch Carla Pasheilich

Hope Losh Kelly Watson Pat Wood

Amy Stuttler McKynna Byrne Melinda Radabaugh



I love that GOAL is dedicated to fostering holistic student development. Our teachers & staff prioritize the use of research-based academic and behavioral interventions to address the diverse needs of all students. Over the past year, the MTSS and PBIS teams have spearheaded implementation of targeted supports, particularly focusing on high school reading and writing interventions. As a result, we have observed significant improvements in students' overall academic growth.

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Nan Stanish Retiring Director GOAL Digital Academy



Stephanie Bowers Lead Intervention SpecialistGOAL Digital Academy



Special Education Initiatives

The 2023-2024 school year marked significant growth for the Special Education Department at GOAL. To better serve our students, we hired three additional Intervention Specialists, enhancing our team's ability to support academic achievement, increase both in-lab and online attendance, and improve course completion rates. Each student on the caseload of our Intervention Specialists meets with their assigned specialist weekly, ensuring they receive the necessary interventions and personalized guidance to thrive in the classroom. These consistent check-ins foster strong relationships and provide students with a safe, supportive environment for one-on-one engagement.

A key innovation was the introduction of SameGoal, a new platform for writing & managing Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and Progress Reports. SameGoal streamlines collaboration among Intervention Specialists, service providers, general education teachers, & the transition coordinator, ensuring each student's IEP accurately reflects their strengths and needs. This seamless communication improves the effectiveness of support and tailors educational strategies to individual learners.

In addition to supporting students with special needs, Intervention Specialists partnered with the English department to integrate new strategies required by Ohio's Science of Reading initiative. Co-teaching efforts were implemented in 9th and 10th grade English Language Arts classes, while our middle school collaborated to develop an updated literacy curriculum for younger students.









Collaboration with State Support Team 7

Our partnership with State Support Team 7 (SST7) has enhanced professional development for our Special Education team, providing vital training in student attendance, graduation rates for students with special needs, IEP development, and collaboration with general education teachers. This support has strengthened staff skills and ensured compliance with state standards. SST7 also recognizes exceptional achievements, and this year, GOAL Digital Academy celebrated several honorees. Kristina Magoon, an Occupational Therapist, was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Educator award for her virtual support of students in developing fine motor skills. Kristina's innovative ideas & positive outlook make her an invaluable member of our team. Two of our students, Bradleigh Glass and William Matz, received the Outstanding Student Achievement award for their dedication to improving academic performance in math, executive functioning, & independent work. Their accomplishments reflect the strength of GOAL's Special Education program and the unwavering commitment of our educators.

PBIS+ AT GOAL

GOAL Digital Academy launched its Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports+ (PBIS+) plan to create a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment. The plan includes tiered interventions to support positive behavior and address social-emotional development.

GOAL IS THANKFUL IN

Tier 1: Universal interventions with clear expectations, parent involvement, and positive reinforcement.

Tier 2: Targeted support like mentoring, behavioral contracts, and restorative practices.

Tier 3: Intensive interventions for chronic behavioral issues, including wraparound services and crisis intervention.

GOAL staff emphasize kindness, engagement, & responsibility through

POSITIVE BEHAVIORS

GOAL STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE EMPATHY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS FEELINGS & ACKNOWLEGAMENT OF THEIR PERSPECTIVES.













monthly themed projects designed to enhance student and family involvement, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. The PBIS+ plan has demonstrated significant improvements in student engagement and attendance, while also promoting positive behavior and academic success. These efforts reinforce a supportive and inclusive school culture, where students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and personal growth.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The PBIS Student of the Month program at GOAL Digital Academy recognizes three students from each Learning Lab every month, one from each grade band, for their outstanding efforts, participation, engagement, and success. This program encourages students to be kind, engage actively, and take initiative in their learning.





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Honorees are awarded a certificate, have their achievement showcased with a poster displayed in their GOAL lab, receive a Student of the Month sticker, and enjoy a congratulatory call home from administration, all in recognition of their accomplishments and positive impact on the school community.



OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Jeff Grimmett
Principal & Director
GOAL Digital Academy

Lab & Security Updates

At the Mount Vernon lab, GOAL Digital Academy contracted with a company to install a fully functional kitchen. This new space will serve multiple purposes, including providing meals to students, parents, and staff, as well as offering cooking lessons to students.



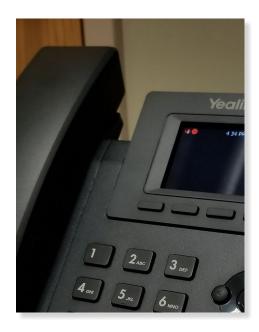


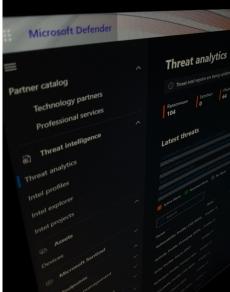
GOAL Digital Academy has implemented several safety upgrades across its labs to enhance security & emergency response. New access control panels & live panic buttons were installed in the Delaware, Newark, Galion, and Marion labs to allow for faster response times from police and fire departments. These panic buttons will directly alert first responders when help is needed, ensuring a safer environment for students. In addition, six new security cameras will be added to the Marion lab to cover newly leased space, bringing the district-wide total to 70 cameras.

In FY24, GOAL received a security grant from the Attorney General's Office, led by Dave Yost. This grant enabled the purchase of a new phone system with enhanced safety features, including calling & SMS capacity, as well as BenQ digital messaging TVs to broadcast school-wide announcements and emergency alerts. Lastly, GOAL installed Bolo Stick security door pins across its facilities.

These devices allow staff to quickly secure classrooms or offices by inserting a pin through the door block & into the ground, preventing unauthorized access during lockdown situations, significantly strengthening the overall security framework at GOAL Digital Academy.











TECHNOLOGY
Wesley Brooks
Assistant Director
GOAL Digital Academy

Cybersecurity

GOAL implemented Microsoft Defender to protect sensitive data, securing staff and student identities across all devices. Its proactive threat detection safeguards the digital environment from cyberattacks, ensuring personal information, academic records, and operations remain safe. Additionally, we have upgraded to the Lightspeed filtering system, which offers stronger content filtering to protect users, especially students. Lightspeed blocks inappropriate content while maintaining internet access and provides detailed reports, allowing administrators to manage network safety more effectively.

Hardware

To meet the growing needs of students and staff, GOAL Digital Academy added 360 new Chromebooks to replace outdated equipment and 31 Microsoft Surface laptops for teachers and staff. These devices ensure reliable technology for students and provide staff with flexible, modern tools to boost productivity.

GOAL has also expanded its connectivity capabilities by upgrading to new 5G hotspots through the T-Mobile connectivity program. These 5G hotspots allow for faster, more reliable internet access, especially for students in remote or underserved areas.

Additionally, we transitioned our phone system to Elevate, allowing for improved communication with students & new features such as the ability to make announcements. Every staff member now has a desk phone, & we can page devices for emergencies or during drills.

To further enhance connectivity, GOAL has also replaced all wireless APs (access points) in school labs with the latest MR-36 models, which offer faster, more stable internet access. These ensure that the entire school benefits from reliable Wi-Fi, boosting both student and staff productivity in lab environments.

Attendance INITIATIVES



Stephanie Andrews
Attendance Coordinator
GOAL Digital Academy



Jill Millisor
Process Improvement Coordinator
GOAL Digital Academy



engagement across the district.

The Attendance Department took a proactive approach this year to educate staff, students, and parents about the importance of attendance. As part of this initiative, they developed and launched two key documents for the district: Academic Supports and Attendance and Anxiety. These resources provide valuable information on how consistent attendance impacts student success and addresses common challenges, such as anxiety, that can affect attendance. By offering guidance and support to families and staff, the Attendance Department has helped to reinforce the significance of regular school participation and offered practical solutions to improve student engagement.

In 2023-2024 GOAL saw a significant reduction in absenteeism rate, lowering it to just under 9%, an improvement from the previous year's 13% while also successfully reducing the number of Absence Intervention Plans through improved communication and more effective attendance resolutions with families. These efforts have contributed to better student engagement and attendance.

Our weekly Mentorship Program & Educational Advocate reviews have played a key role in supporting our attendance initiatives, helping to strengthen communication between the district and families. By offering personalized guidance and support, staff work closely with students and their families to address attendance challenges and identify solutions. This ongoing communication has been instrumental in ensuring that attendance issues are addressed early, contributing to improved student attendance and

ABSENT RATE

THE ATTENDANCE CONNECTION

GOAL Digital Academy hosted its first "Attendance Connection" event at the Marion Learning Lab, bringing together representatives from various schools to collaborate on dropout recovery and prevention strategies. The event highlighted the challenges faced by students dealing with academic and personal issues, with a focus on mental health. GOAL's Mental Health team provided strategies to support students affected by mental health conditions, emphasizing the role of online schooling as an alternative option for students with social anxiety, though it requires strong self-discipline & support. The event also featured a session on HB410 from GOAL's legal team, offering guidance for families struggling with attendance issues. The meeting was praised by drop-out recovery school attendees for its valuable insights & collaborative spirit.



Software **DEVELOPMENT**



Ryan Hontz Software DeveloperGOAL Digital Academy

Kiosk Attendance System

The Kiosk Attendance System saw several key improvements in the 2023-2024 school year. Location services were added to the kiosks, allowing for more accurate tracking of student attendance. An automatic logout system was implemented to ensure students who forget to log out are signed out automatically, improving overall system efficiency. Additionally, error capturing was introduced for all kiosk attendance logs, enhancing the system's reliability and reducing potential issues.

Student Achievement System (SAS)

The form-based attendance system was upgraded into a comprehensive web-based application, offering students a more efficient and user-friendly experience. The new system provides visual graphs and charts that allow students to quickly see how many hours they've logged, how many they have left for the week, and review all previous entries. Additionally, the application includes a feature for students to easily contact help if needed, streamlining the attendance tracking process.

GOAL Administrator Key Updates:

- Added "Lab Location" feature to attendance & asset management systems.
- Updated asset policies and procedures to reduce shrinkage.
- Introduced student alerts and assignment features for staff.
- Updated truancy letters, including a specific version for adult students.
- · Improved cross-browser capability.
- Implemented a new table/grid system for handling tabular data.
- Added "New Feature" & "Fixed Issue" notifications to the dashboard.
- Enhanced user interface for easier search of inactive students.
- Implemented lab inventory tracking to monitor device counts.
- · Added error capturing for all attendance-based logs.



Ria Rietschlin Education TechnologyGOAL Digital Academy



Staff Portal Website

GOAL Digital Academy has enhanced its internal Staff Portal, now hosted on Google Sites, offering a more user-friendly and visually appealing interface that is easy to update and maintain. Ria Rietschlin introduced a new Reference Info section, providing comprehensive written and video tutorials on the Elevate phone system. These tutorials help staff seamlessly navigate key features, including desk phones, desktop apps, and mobile apps, making the transition to the new system smoother. The flexible format allows staff to choose between video walkthroughs or detailed written instructions, ensuring everyone can quickly adapt to new tools and systems, ultimately fostering a more connected and efficient workplace.



MARKETING
Casey Clark
Marketing Manager

Marketing Manager GOAL Digital Academy

Casey Clark, the Marketing Manager at GOAL Digital Academy, has made significant strides in enhancing brand initiatives, managing press releases and publications, and fostering overall growth at GOAL. In addition, Casey has strengthened the districts social media presence, overseen website maintenance and launches, and worked to improve the school's culture and voice through branding and communication efforts.

BRANDING SUPPORT

Branding is the heartbeat of GOAL Digital Academy, serving as the foundation for meaningful student & family engagement. A strong, consistent brand identity helps create a sense of belonging, trust, and recognition within the school community, reinforcing GOAL's mission and values. Through well-crafted messaging, visual elements, and communication strategies, the district not only captures the attention of prospective students and families but also fosters lasting relationships with current ones. Effective branding drives engagement by aligning GOAL's culture, voice, and offerings, ensuring that students and families feel connected, supported, and inspired throughout their educational journey.

District Supports in FY24

Administration

Annual Report
Staff Appreciation
District Calendars
Student & Staff Handbooks
New Staff Training
Employee Photos
Staff Retreat
K-5 Brochure
School Pictures

Operations

Orientation Materials Student Badges & Lanyards

Guidance

Honor Roll Senior Huddles Graduation

PBIS+

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Attendance

Attendance Tips

PBIS+

PBIS+ Monthy Themes Student of the Month School Spirit Merchandise

Special Events

Total Solar Eclipse Kits
The Attendance Connection
Career Development Conference
DLAC Materials
Summer Enrichment Materials
Fine Art Kits
Lab Posters/Flyers









Press Releases

In FY24, Casey Clark wrote, drafted, and compiled 20 press releases that captured GOAL events and achievements across all constituents on a monthly basis. These releases were published in seven different community publications that the district serves. Additionally, Casey contributed to growing the academy's mailing list by 50%, further expanding its outreach and engagement.

Website Updates

The GOAL website saw improvements in FY24 with the launch of a new blog section, which provides dedicated space for news updates and district information. Alongside this initiative, Casey boosted the school's social media presence, ensuring multiple ways to engage with the community. Additionally, routine website maintenance updates were made, ensuring the platform remained functional, accessible, and aligned with evolving needs.





WWW.GOALDIGITAL.ORG

SOCIAL MEDIA

GOAL Digital Academy has an active presence on both Facebook and Instagram, utilizing these platforms to engage with the community, highlight student achievements, and promote events. In FY24, the district made significant strides in expanding its social media reach with a 21% Organic Growth in followers engaging with content. Top posts always include student and staff features & achievements, or community partnerships and events.







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POSTS



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

LeRoy Smith
Principal
GOAL Digital Academy

BOOK CLUBS

GOAL Digital Academy's Summer Enrichment Program saw great success with its Book Clubs across all grade levels. Participants engaged in weekly Zoom discussions, fostering a strong love for reading and creating a vibrant community of young readers. The program provided students with an opportunity to explore new books, share insights, and enhance their reading skills in a collaborative and supportive environment.

Led by: Taylor Starcher, McKynna Byrne, Carla Pasheilich, Gretchen Stranges, & Stephanie Frisch

ROBOTICS

GOAL Digital Academy's Robotics Club held three summer camps in June, introducing students in grades 7-12 to sensors & engineering concepts. Participants built "Clawbots" and tackled a variety of challenges during sessions held at the Mansfield, Galion, and Marion Learning Labs. The hands-on experience allowed students to develop their engineering skills while fostering creativity and teamwork.

Led by: Keith Willis









BAKING CLUB

GOAL Digital Academy's first-ever Baking Club, part of the summer enrichment program, was a huge success. Twelve students joined staff at the Galion Lab to make pizzas from scratch. Participants learned how to follow a recipe, measure ingredients, and practice kitchen safety. Each student made their own dough, added sauce and toppings, and enjoyed their homemade creations, gaining valuable culinary skills in the process!

Led by: Sandi Brummage









STAINED GLASS

Over two days in the Delaware and Mansfield Learning labs, students & staff members learned & practiced the basic techniques of Stained Glass including scoring, cutting, & soldering glass. They practiced safely using cutting tools to score & break glass, cut glass with special pliers, and soldered pieces to create designs. Students selected their colors from a variety of glass, resulting in unique creations made by each student.







Led by: Chelsea Lee, Casey Clark, and Alyssa Clayton

SUMMER ACADEMICS

iReady - GOAL Instructors Carla Pasheilich and Angie Brocwell

Utilizing the iReady online educational platform, this voluntary program created personalized learning paths tailored to each student's needs. These learning paths addressed educational gaps & extended knowledge in areas of strength. Students could earn gift cards as an incentive for lessons completed and passed in reading and math. This summer, 20 students earned gift cards for their success in the program. Additionally, 22 students in grades 4 through 7 completed the rigorous requirement of 20 lessons per week in Math and Reading, totaling 100 lessons at their instructional level to advance to the next grade level.

Math Bridge Program - GOAL Instructor Angeline Burke

Twelve 8th-grade students participated in GOAL Digital Academy's Summer Enrichment Math Bridge Program, designed to help them prepare for the transition to high school. The program focused on reviewing essential math concepts, ensuring that students are equipped with the foundational skills needed for success in their upcoming high school courses.

Credit Recovery - GOAL Instructors JR Burns and Matthew Alexander

GOAL Digital Academy's Credit Recovery Summer School Program was a resounding success, with 75 students enrolled and a total of 78.5 credits earned. Two students even graduated as a result of their hard work during the program. Staff mentors played an active role, providing tutoring and support, while students showed impressive initiative by scheduling Zoom sessions and reaching out for additional help.

Credit Recovery Teacher JR Burns praised the students' motivation, noting their accountability and drive to stay on track. Burns reflected on how the program not only helped students earn credits but also boosted their confidence—an impact that has carried over into the new school year.



K-8 & SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Kelli Fisher DirectorGOAL Digital Academy

K-8 Department Initiatives

This year, the K-8 Department underwent some staffing changes, with a few veteran teachers departing and three new positions filled over the summer. We welcomed Taylor Starcher, a first-year teacher, to lead our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes, McKynna Byrne, our former RIMP instructor, to teach 3rd grade, and Angie Brocwell, from Galion City Schools, to take on 5th grade.







Taylor Starcher McKynna Byrne

Angie Brocwell

We also expanded our RIMP (Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan) intervention services to now include 4th grade, ensuring support is available for students in grades K-4. In addition, new dyslexia screening measures and services were implemented for students in grades K-3 to further enhance our literacy support initiatives.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



Jenna Streib
Behavioral Health Therapist
GOAL Digital Academy

Mental Health Matters

GOAL Digital Academy has made significant strides in enhancing student well-being by consistently implementing a comprehensive Universal Social-Emotional and Wellness Screening for grades K-12. In addition to this proactive approach, GOAL offers Social Skills and Therapy Groups, along with individualized counseling services through their dedicated mental health team. By fostering strong partnerships with external agencies like OhioRISE, GOAL Digital Academy provides crucial support to both students and their families. The team also leverages its PBIS+ framework to offer additional resources including a "Mental Health Matters" initiative that boosted the knowledge and coping strategies to both students and staff members.

In FY24, the mental health team had the opportunity to present at the DORP E-School Attendance Connection event, where they addressed the impact of mental health challenges on students,

families, & educational outcomes. Their collaborative efforts have led to noticeable improvements in the mental and behavioral well-being of students across the district.





GUIDANCE **Heather Allen Lead School Counselor GOAL Digital Academy**

School Counseling

The School Counselor Department has made significant strides in enhancing student support services. Angeline Burke, part of our "Grow Our Own" program, completed her coursework for her school counselor license. In collaboration with our Behavioral Therapists, our school counselors provided student group sessions at various lab locations, offering additional support for emotional and behavioral well-being. Additionally, the department began extending services into the elementary grades, introducing Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons in select grade levels to support younger students' emotional development and resilience. The partnership between Clinical Counselors and our School Counselor team has strengthed and now we can identify students who need further wrap around or tiered services.

Honor Roll

In FY24, GOAL Digital Academy celebrated an average of 180 students achieving honor roll status each term. This reflects the commitment to academic excellence and the hard work and dedication of its students.



COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

GOAL Digital Academy had six students enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) courses through partnerships with four colleges: Columbus State, OSU Mansfield, North Central State, and OSU Marion. This opportunity allows students to earn college credits while still in high school, advancing their academic and career goals.

Partnerships with Local Career Centers

In FY24, over twenty GOAL Digital Academy students were enrolled in local Career Centers, where they pursue specialized career and technical training while continuing to complete their core academic classes through GOAL as their home school district. This flexible arrangement allows students to gain hands-on, career-focused experience while maintaining progress toward their high school diploma.









SENIOR HUDDLES

Celebrating Our Graduates

In April 2024, GOAL Digital Academy hosted its "Senior Huddle" event for potential graduates and their families. The event took place at each local learning lab, with students scheduling time slots in advance with their School Counselors to ensure they were credit-eligible and had credentials for graduation.

During the event, seniors were fitted for caps and gowns, had their senior photos and videos captured, and received gifts and goodies to celebrate their achievements. There were also opportunities for students to meet graduation standards through Alternative Pathways and create success plans if needed.

The Lifelong Learning Scholarship

At Senior Huddles, students were encouraged to apply for the GOAL-sponsored scholarship. English teacher Stephanie Frisch, who is also the scholarship 21 committee leader, provided essay writing techniques.

Graduation CLASS OF 2024



The Lifelong Learning Scholarship

Three Lifelong Learning Scholarships were awarded to students in support of their continuing education.

These scholarships are possible due to generous staff donations & fundraisers.

2024 Winners

Makayla Clark \$750 Alexas Miller \$750 Aliza Kotterman: \$750

Awards

Before the students received their diplomas, special awards were given out for the following accomplishments:

CBI American Government

Veronica Green Akira Hoffman Destany Palasia Kayliah Pierce

CBI World History

embrace their potential:

Princeton McArtor Kara Baker Jenna Abrams Kaleb Drain Allegra Ruhl Natalie Peters

Student

Speakers

Six graduates took the stage

to share their experiences

and encourage their peers to

Gabriel Bryant







GOAL Digital Academy proudly celebrated the success of its 2024 Graduation Ceremony, a momentous occasion that captured the dedication, achievements, and spirit of our students, staff, and community. GOAL graduated 134 students, the largest class in school history, marking a historic milestone. The event reflected our vision of providing every student the opportunity to achieve their goals, with personalized video tributes and inspiring speeches that celebrated each student's unique journey.

Wesley Brooks, the Assistant Director of Technology at GOAL, delivered an emotional speech about his personal journey, resonating deeply with graduates and families. His message of resilience & perseverance highlighted GOAL's mission to foster personal growth and academic achievement, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.















Valedictorian:Zoe Frary, Galion **Salutatorian:**Rylan Cramer, Mount Vernon

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"Each staff member at GOAL Digital Academy made a difference in my life."

- Jenna Abrams, Marion Grad





PARTNERSHIPS & ENGAGEMENT

Jessica Caughlan
Director
GOAL Digital Academy

ODE Family and Community Engagement Initiative

This past year marked the final phase of GOAL Digital Academy's participation in the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Family and Community Engagement Initiative. Jessica Caughlan served as the point person for both the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and GOAL. This state-funded grant provided a valuable opportunity to establish partnerships with several community organizations, all focused on addressing the mental health and engagement needs of our students and their families. Through this initiative, GOAL successfully hosted numerous family engagement events at each of our labs. These events helped foster relationships and collaborations with over 20 community organizations that support the diverse needs of our students and families. The connections made during these three years will continue to grow, thanks to the foundational work of our Educational Advocates and Staff Student Mentors.

In addition to strengthening relationships, these partnerships have also contributed to the expansion of GOAL's student body, particularly with the development of new external sites in Columbus and Lawrence County. Looking ahead, we remain committed to engaging families through ongoing school and community activities, ensuring that the positive impact of this initiative extends far beyond the life of the grant.







Homelessness & Foster Care

GOAL Digital Academy's Homelessness and Foster Care Support Team provides essential resources to students and families in need. The team supplies backpacks equipped with necessities like sleeping bags, dog and cat food, and Kroger gift cards to assist with expenses. They also refer families to the "Hope to Dream" program for beds. Pregnant or new mothers receive backpacks or diaper bags filled with diapers, clothes, and toys, and babies are welcome in the labs, giving student-parents time to focus on their schoolwork. In addition, the team connects families with valuable community resources and maintains ongoing follow-ups to ensure continued support.

THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

GOAL Mentors

In FY24, GOAL Digital Academy proudly showcased its one-on-one Mentoring Program, an initiative designed to foster personal and academic growth in students. This program pairs each student with a staff mentor who offers weekly guidance on academics, attendance, and life challenges, ensuring students stay connected and supported in their online learning environment. The program has significantly reduced absenteeism and behavior issues, with data showing that students who meet regularly with mentors are more likely to attend school and achieve better outcomes.

The Mentoring Program goes beyond academics, providing holistic support for students' mental health, time management, and personal goal setting. GOAL remains committed to supporting students through this impactful time in their lives.

Student CLUBS

Student SERVICE CLUB

Led by: Gregg Snouffer, Keith Willis, and JR Burns

CPR Training

Student Service Club & Staff participated in a comprehensive CPR training class, designed to equip members with life-saving skills. The training involved a blend of online coursework and in-person practice. Students first completed an online module, learning about the principles of CPR and emergency response techniques. Following the online training, they gathered with peers for hands-on practice, where they demonstrated proper chest compressions, rescue breathing, and AED usage.





Teacher Appreciation

Student Service Club participated in a thoughtful teacher appreciation activity, where they worked together to create lavender sachets for staff members. The project involved teamwork and collaboration, with students dividing tasks such as assembling the sachets, decorating, and preparing them for distribution. This activity not only allowed students to express gratitude to their teachers but also served as a fun exercise in teamwork.



Food Fight

In November, Student Service Club enthusiastically participated in the "Food Fight," a food drive initiative aimed at supporting local communities. Students organized the drive, collecting non-perishable food items from their peers, families, and the surrounding community. Once the donations were gathered, the students took an active role in delivering the food to various community locations, ensuring the donations reached those in need. Through this effort, students not only contributed to fighting hunger but also earned valuable community service hours for their involvement.



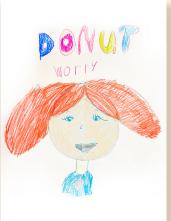








Jenna Abrams GOAL Marion Senior



Hayley Rhodebeck GOAL Mansfield 6th Grade

Poster Design Challenge

Students Service Club members participated in a Poster Design Challenge aimed at raising awareness for mental health. The challenge encouraged creativity while promoting an important cause. Each student designed a poster reflecting the theme of mental health awareness, with submissions highlighting messages of support, understanding, and self-care. Two outstanding winning designs were selected from students: Jenna Abrams and Hayley Rhodebeck, and proudly displayed at the GOAL Annual Art Show & Sale, giving the students an opportunity to share their impactful work with the broader community.

Penny Wars

Student Service Club hosted a Penny Wars competition, where labs competed to raise the most money for charity. Each lab rallied together to collect coins, with students deciding to donate the funds to causes they cared about. A total of \$387 was raised and donated to Hope in a Box, a charity founded by a GOAL student that supports foster kids who age out of the system and often face homelessness. Additionally, \$57 was donated to a teen center in Cardington. As a reward for their efforts, the winning lab was treated to a pizza party, adding a fun incentive to this impactful fundraising event.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The North Central Chapter of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), in collaboration with GOAL Student Service Club, successfully hosted the 2024 Career Development Conference (CDC) at GOAL Digital Academy's Marion Learning Lab. Students from GOAL Digital Academy, Northmor, and Mount Gilead schools showcased their skills in a range of career readiness competitions judged by industry professionals. The event, aimed at bridging the gap between education and employment, offered students the chance to participate in real-world scenarios such as job interviews, public speaking, and teamwork challenges. Superintendent Tish Jenkins emphasized the importance of empowering students to explore career paths and develop essential job market skills. The success of the 2024 CDC reflects the ongoing commitment of JAG North Central, GOAL Digital Academy, and partner schools to invest in the future workforce of the region.







Led by: Dee McGrew, Casey Clark, Gregg Snouffer, Keith Willis, and JR Burns

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club at GOAL, led by Keith Willis, was a great success, with students exploring drivetrains and robotics principles through hands-on projects like claw bots and catapult bots. Monthly challenges allowed them to apply their skills, and later lessons focused on programming autonomous operations and using sensors like inertial and distance sensors for tasks such as object avoidance. The club's activities culminated in March with a final challenge that tested coding, driving, and teamwork. Additionally, Robotics Club and Computer Science students volunteered at the VEX State Competition, gaining valuable experience and completing community service.









Led by: Keith Willis

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

In the ASL Club, students explored various aspects of Deaf culture, comparing and contrasting it with hearing culture. They discussed common misconceptions about the Deaf community and learned about Audism. The club also highlighted famous Deaf individuals in politics, sports, acting, and music, broadening students' understanding of the community's impact. Members learned how to introduce themselves and practiced the ASL alphabet, with fingerspelling competitions becoming a club favorite. One popular lesson covered different forms of ASL storytelling, with Visual Vernacular and ABC stories, which use the handshapes of each letter of the alphabet to tell a story, standing out as the most engaging activities for the students.



Led by: Kaneisha Brooks, ASL Instructor



FITNESS CLUB

The Fitness Club at GOAL Digital Academy has been active across all Learning Labs, offering a wide range of fun and engaging activities. Students participated in games like four square, basketball, badminton, and pickleball, while also enjoying group dances such as the Cha Cha Slide. Yoga sessions were held multiple times a week during live classes, promoting relaxation and mindfulness. The club also organized group workouts and took walks around the neighborhood, encouraging students to stay active and build healthy habits in a supportive and energetic environment.

Led by: Christion Brooks, Physical Education & Health Teacher

ORIGAMI CLUB

Organized by Math teacher, Shawn Rose, the Origami Club at the GOAL Digital Marion Learning Lab provided students with the opportunity to explore the art of paper folding throughout the year. Participants learned various folding techniques, creating intricate designs such as cranes, flowers, and animals. The club fostered creativity, patience, and attention to detail, allowing students to express themselves through their unique paper creations. It was a relaxing and enjoyable activity, offering a break from academics while developing fine motor skills and an appreciation for this traditional Japanese art form.









Led by: Shawn Rose, Math Teacher

ART CLUB

GOAL Digital's Art Club provided students with a diverse range of creative activities throughout the year, both in-person and online. Members explored hands-on projects like 3D duct tape creations, sculpture, painting wood slabs, pumpkin painting, and life-size tracings. The club also embraced digital opportunities, with students participating in comic-making, digital sculpting, and virtual museum tours.









Led by: Casey Clark and Alyssa Clayton, Art Teachers

GOAL Digital GOES LIVE

GOAL continued Live Lessons in the 2023-2024 School year with teachers continually discovering innovative ways to engage students in the online environment. This year they took it a step further by hosting live lessons from various locations, aiming to not only teach, but also showcaase places within the local communities served by GOAL.

Kitchen Science with K²

Kitchen Science with K², led by Science Teachers Kyleigh Holtsberry and Kelly Crosby, brought engaging, hands-on science lessons to GOAL Digital Academy students via Zoom throughout the year. Each month, the duo demonstrated scientific principles using everyday kitchen items. These fun and interactive experiments sparked curiosity and a love for learning.

Events Offered:

Bread Making
Butter Making
Ice Cream Making
Foaming Pumpkins
Bioplastic Ornaments
Art Pendulum
Pinhole Projectors









THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Pinhole Projectors with K²

In preparation for this year's Solar Eclipse, GOAL Digital Academy provided students with Solar Eclipse Bags, containing eclipse glasses, a T-shirt, fact sheets, and maps with timing information. To further engage students, K² also hosted a live Zoom session, to help them create Pinhole Projectors!



The Mansfield Reformatory

GOAL Digital Academy hosted a captivating virtual tour of the historic Mansfield Reformatory, led by history teacher Gregg Snouffer. Staff and students explored the prison's rich history and the lives of its former inmates. They had fun exploring the eerie ghost stories that have long haunted the site. Broadcast via Zoom, the event offered a unique and immersive experience, blending education with a touch of the supernatural. There were over 150 Staff and Students participating online.











Morrow County Fair & Farmlife

During the second week of school, which coincided with Morrow County Fair, middle school teacher Mike Galleher took a creative approach to his live lessons by streaming directly from the fairgrounds. Typically, he doesn't hold live lessons during fair week due to his involvement in activities, but this year, he decided to bring the fair experience to his students. Combining all his grades into one session, he live-streamed from his phone, giving students a virtual tour of the sheep barn, hog barn, beef show, horse show, and poultry and rabbit barn. Galleher also hosted a Social Studies lesson from the historic log cabin on the fairgrounds, where he interviewed a member of the Morrow County Historical Society. The students learned about the history of the cabin, its relocation by the historical society, and its significance to the local area. The two live sessions engaged over 100 students via Zoom!



PBIS GOES LIVE

In March, the PBIS+ team introduced a new initiative by hosting virtual events for all GOAL students, featuring guest speakers from the community via Zoom. Participants included the Student Service Club staff, a behavioral health specialist, a graduate, a science teacher, and a teen advocate from Turning Point, Robin McNeal. These speakers engaged with students on topics such as mental well-being, forming positive habits, building healthy relationships, and university experiences. The high level of student participation was remarkable providing valuable insights and inspiration for future activities.



Fine Arts AT GOAL

5TH ANNUAL ART SHOW & SALE

GOAL Digital Academy celebrated its 5th Annual Art Show & Sale at the Delaware Lab, showcasing the exceptional talents of our students & the strong support from communities across Central Ohio. The event was a record-breaking success, featuring over 1500 art pieces from 250 students, & raising \$2,714 for our young artists and Fine Arts programming. Jenna Abrams, a 2024 graduate, stood out with her "beautiful chaos" artwork, generating \$600 in sales & earning the top seller spot. Casey Clark, the event's creator, praised the engagement and joy it brought to the school. New K-8 Art Teacher Alyssa Clayton highlighted the shared creativity & accomplishment felt throughout the event, which was attended by over 200 staff, students, & community visitors from across our GOAL labs.



250









ART PIECES







\$2,714





SCARY STORIES

Beginning in 2023, English teachers and students in CBI Comp English I, English 9, English 11, and English 12 contributed original short stories of suspense and fright to Volumes I and II: Compilations of Scary Stories that became part of the offerings at the Annual Art Show & Sale. Creative and frightening tales were drafted and edited throughout the year during units about short stories, suspense, and unreliable narrators. Students were given 100% artistic license with their chosen subjects, and stories were presented as submitted in their final drafts. In 2024, we added imaginative cover art created specifically for this project by senior Princeton McArtor of the Delaware lab.

Featured Student

WINNERS



Art Teachers, Casey Clark and Alyssa Clayton awarded over 40 students with accolades for their participation in the 5th Annual Art Show & Sale. 1st. 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons for each grade level, and "Top Artist" for each grade band. (1st Place Award Winning Art Pieces Featured Here)



Jason Cole 1st Grade Mansfield



Katieann Deems 2nd Grade Mount Vernon



Calah Mahek 3rd Grade Galion



Haley Sieving 4th Grade Mansfield

Mansfield



Emmalyn Glass 5th Grade Marion



Mansfield

Lillian Chafin

10th Grade



7th Grade Galion



Alex Shonebarger 8th Grade Newark



Francesca DePauw 9th Grade Newark



Jacob Hurley-Calevro 11th Grade Delaware



Jenna Abrams 12th Grade Marion

ARTAPOLOOZA

GOAL Digital Academy proudly participated in the Artapolooza event hosted by the Mid-Ohio Educational Center in Mansfield, Ohio. This annual art competition showcases the creativity and talent of students from various districts across the region. Artapolooza has a rich history of bringing together students from multiple school districts to celebrate and promote the arts.

In this year's event, eight GOAL students won awards, highlighting their artistic excellence and dedication. GOAL Digital Academy continues to foster student creativity and is thrilled to see their hard work recognized in such a wonderful regional competition.



WINNERS

Paisley Blevins Kindergarten

Budding Artist Award

Annabella Halley Kindergarten

Budding Artist Award

Justin Rhett Stewart
1st Grade
Budding Artist Award

Jaxson Baldwin
4th Grade
Outstanding Artist Award

Haley Sieving
4th Grade
Outstanding Artist Award

Ciera Cramer 6th Grade Outstanding Artist Award

Cadence Layne
10th Grade
Honorable Mention Medal

Jenna Abrams 12th Grade Honorable Mention Medal

AWARDS







Lab **EVENTS**

Lab Events at GOAL

At GOAL Digital Academy, fostering strong relationships among staff, students, and families is at the heart of our mission. We believe that meaningful engagement not only supports academic success but also nurtures a vibrant and inclusive school community. By offering a wide range of events across our seven Learning Labs, we aim to create opportunities for students and families to connect, learn, and grow together. Below is a list of events that have taken place across our Learning Labs, reflecting our commitment to engagement and student success:

Mansfield

Halloween Party Winter Party Dr. Seuss Day Mental Health Party Themed Meals Days

Galion

Valentine's Day Skate Thanksgiving Meal Cookie Decorating Halloween Party Lunch & Learn

Mount Vernon

Knox County Career Center Thanksgiving Meal Holiday Family Night Ice Cream Social

Delaware

Bowling for Christmas
Halloween Party
Breakfast with DCP
Turning Point Visit
Hot Chocolate Bar
Breakfast Friday's
Family Night at the Fair
Thanksgiving Meal

Marion

Marion Popcorn Festival Gold Rush Party Thanksgiving Feast Halloween Party End of School Party

Newark

Waffle Wednesday Senior Breakfast Halloween Thanksgiving Holiday Bowling Pizza Parties Basketball at the Gym

Cardington

Bowling Party Family Game Night Halloween Pancake Breakfast Thanksgiving Meal

MANSFIELD













GALION













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MARION













NEWARK





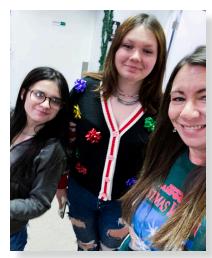








MOUNT VERNON













CARDINGTON













WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT GOAL EVENTS?

"I love GOAL events because they give you the chance to meet students face-to-face! It's amazing to see them step away from the computer screen and connect in real life."

> GREGG SNOUFFER, TEACHER

Family & STUDENT STORIES

DELAWARE Student Spotlight Hope in a Box Memphis Wilson

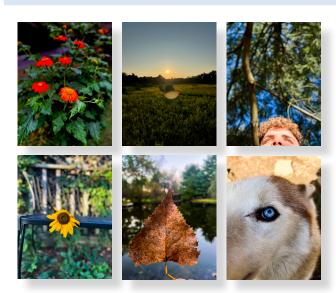


Memphis Wilson, a Junior at GOAL Digital Academy Delaware Lab, is the President and Founder of Hope in a Box, a nonprofit that supports young adults who are homeless or aging out of foster care by providing essential items.

Memphis founded the organization at the age of 15 and has shared his success story with local leaders, including a presentation to the Delaware County Commissioners.

GOAL Digital Academy Student Service Club launched a Penny Wars fundraiser that successfully raised \$380 to directly support Hope in a Box, helping to further its mission.

For more information, visit www.hopeinaboxohio.com.



Memphis has thrived in a variety of classes at GOAL, with JAG & Photography being standout favorites. Through his photography class, he uncovered a natural talent for capturing compelling images, which earned him an award at the Annual Art Show & Sale.



WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

I like GOAL because it is a great mix of education and flexibility. It allows me to have a lot of freedom to work and help my family out while still receiving the same quality education I would at any school.



The work-based learning program was another key experience, equipping Memphis with valuable real-life skills while allowing him to earn school credit for his hours worked.

Currently, Memphis works in Guest Relations at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium while also running his nonprofit, Hope in a Box. The flexibility of online learning has given him the time and space to grow this impactful organization. In his free time, Memphis enjoys being with friends and family. 41

MARION Student Spotlight Emmalyn and Bradleigh Glass

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

I like GOAL because I get to work at my own pace and take breaks when needed.

Emmalyn is a competitive gymnast with the Bucyrus Aerials at the Bucyrus YMCA, training three days a week to prepare for the 2024-2025 season.

Favorite Subject: Art





















WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

I like GOAL because I can work from home. It's quieter with fewer distractions, which has helped improve my grades. It's also easier to stay organized since all of my homework is on my computer.

> Bradleigh is involved with the Marion County Special Olympics team, the Marion Hawks, where she participates in swimming and track and field, and she plans to join the basketball team this fall.

Favorite Subject: Math

"As a mom, I love GOAL because it gives my daughters the freedom to manage their schoolwork independently, while still holding them accountable for their progress. It's comforting to know that if they need extra help in any subject, they can get support in the lab." - Callie Glass

Emmalyn & Bradleigh have won numerous awards for their accomplishments at GOAL Digital Academy including art, and recognition from State Support Team 7.







GALION Student Spotlight

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

Even though GOAL is an online school, I appreciate that each class has something cool to learn.
They also provide great opportunities for student engagement & community service.



Jenna Roof

Jenna Roof, a Junior at the GOAL Digital Academy Galion lab has made great strides in her path to graduation. She stated, "GOAL has been amazing! During my first year, I really struggled in traditional school and got held back, but since transitioning to GOAL, the staff have helped make sure my grades are good and that I'm back on track to graduate on time."

Jenna expressed her appreciation of the variety of classes provided in online instruction and opportunities for student engagement and community service for graduation seals. She said "I'm planning to take the free CPR certification because it will be helpful now, and in the future"

Favorite Subject: Art













Jenna is a creative student at GOAL Digital Academy who showcases her artistic talents in the school's Annual Art Show & Sale. Outside of her studies, she is passionate about theater and actively participates in productions at the Galion Theater, a significant part of her life where she connects with others, builds friendships, and expresses herself creatively. When not on stage or rehearsing, Jenna enjoys working at Kentucky Fried Chicken, where she values the supportive team environment, and spending time at home with her family and dog.

CARDINGTON Spotlight

Faith Fankhauser

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

GOAL has helped me get where I am by being patient with me and understanding my circumstances. What I like about GOAL is that I can do my school anywhere I want, and I don't have a set timeframe—I can do it anytime of the day. My teachers have also been a huge support. I wouldn't be where I am today without them.



Favorite Subjects: Practical Math & American History

Faith has been a GOAL Digital Academy student since January 2022. As a single mother of an 18-month-old baby, she juggles full-time work and living on her own, with no outside support in caring for her daughter. Faith has faced many challenges, coming from a background where housing is unstable and financial hardships are a constant struggle. At one point last year, she was not only caring for her baby but also for her middle-school-aged brother. Despite having every reason to give up, Faith has persevered. She has drawn closer to achieving her goal of graduating, her determination has only grown stronger. The GOAL community is cheering her on every step of the way! Faith loves hikes and swimming with her daughter!

MOUNT VERNON Spotlight Reece Hammons

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

"I love GOAL because my teachers are nice and respectful. I can bring Aaliyah to the lab, and the staff treats both me and my baby with kindness. I never feel like I'm treated differently because I have a child. Plus, I get to sit in a comfy chair!"



Favorite Subject: English 11

Reece Hammons joined GOAL Digital Academy in January 2024 after facing challenges with transportation and truancy at her previous schools. After finding out she was expecting her daughter & facing pregnancy complications, she could no longer attend traditional school. Despite initially being required to attend the lab by her probation officer, she is now off probation and chooses to attend daily with her baby. Reece has steadily improved her grades, takes full advantage of tutoring and resources, and has built a support system with other students. She's learned to advocate for herself and her daughter, and we look forward to seeing them both at graduation.

MANSFIELDStudent Spotlight



Braylon Chandler

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

"I really like GOAL because of the flexibility—it allows me to do other things during my day and finish school later. I also love how helpful the teachers are. Plus, I really enjoy all the clubs that GOAL provides."

Favorite Club: Robotics

Braylon is a well-rounded student at GOAL Digital Academy, where he values the flexibility to balance school with his interests and responsibilities. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, participating in sports, and working in the media department at his church, where they manage sound and display for the sanctuary. Through GOAL, he has also had the opportunity to enroll in College Credit Plus (CCP) classes at North Central State. Currently, he is taking a Microsoft Office class and will begin a Geology class, followed by English and IT Essentials courses in the spring. This diverse learning experience is helping Braylon build a strong academic foundation while exploring his passions.

NEWARK Student Spotlight Secora Balinger

WHY DO YOU LOVE GOAL?

""GOAL never stopped believing in me. They kept pushing me, encouraging me to keep going and fight harder. Thanks to their support, I'm still moving forward, and that's why I love GOAL.'

Throughout Secora's high school journey, she faced many challenges, including financial instability, family difficulties, and migratory housing. Despite these obstacles, she remained dedicated to her education with the support of her teachers and intervention specialists. In fall 2023, Secora faced her biggest challenge—motherhood. After welcoming her son, Atreus, she continued to work diligently toward her diploma, bringing her baby to the lab each day. With determination and the help of GOAL staff, Secora successfully graduated as part of the Class of 2024.

General Fund FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Unencumbered Cash Balance	\$1,219,278	-
Funded FTE's	816	-
Revenue	2024	of Total %
State Funding	\$6,111,553	90%
Career Tech	\$498,696	7%
All Other Revenues	\$161,745	3%
Total Revenues	\$6,771,994	-
Expenditures	2024	of Total %
Personal Service	\$3,391,961	48%
Employee Benefits	\$1,508,747	22%
Purchased Services	\$1,707,046	24%
Supplies & Materials	\$362,619	5%
Capital Outlay	\$26,924	0%
Other Purchases	\$41.439	1%
Total Expenditures	\$7,038,736	-
Deficit	\$266,742	-
Unreserved General Fund Balance	\$952,536	-
Expenditures per FTE	\$7,889.27	-

OUR MISSION

GOAL IS:

DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESS
OF ALL STUDENTS BY
PROVIDING FLEXIBLE,
SUPPORTIVE,
STUDENT-CENTERED
PROGRAMMING IN A
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