The Wayne County Schools Career Center Outstanding Business Partner for December 2008 is Orthodontic Specialists of Wooster, Inc. The company is operated by Neil L. Pooler, DDS, MS and Susan C. Grimm, DDS, MS. Dr. Pooler began practicing in Wooster in 1979, and Dr. Grimm since 1986. Their practices combined six years ago to form Orthodontic Specialists of Wooster. It is now located at 208 East Milltown Road in Wooster.

Orthodontic Specialists was nominated by Shelly Perry, dental assisting instructor. "This office employs many of our grads from the dental assisting program," said Mrs. Perry. "Dr. Pooler and his assistant, Alicia Gray, are active members of my advisory committee."

Alicia volunteers as a judge for SkillsUSA competitions, and the office has provided placement opportunities for seniors in dental assisting for many years. Currently, Emily Maibach, a senior from Heritage Private School, is working there in the afternoons.

"I want to recognize this business for the support they have given my program," said Mrs. Perry. "Nearly all of their employees were dental assisting students at the Wayne County Schools Career Center. They provide additional training for advanced placement students each year as well."