

Tri-County Business-Education Partnership 2023-24 Outcomes

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Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	ACRE Training	\$3,000.00	Targets over 1000 students in 10-12th grade. Students at BCAVTS work closely with the support staff. This staff currently lacks the essential knowledge of available employment services and opportunities for students. This project would enroll all support staff in the Arc's Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators training. BCAVTS support staff will assist students in job skills after completion of the training. The Arc of PA will train and work with staff.	Students:	0	11/2023-2/2024: Online	The Arc of Pennsylvania provides ACRE Training to interested individuals across the state. Over the course of the time period, BCAVTS staff have been trained on career awareness, retention, and acquisition of skills to relate to students.	Staff that completed the training are utilizing the skills and knowledge in the classroom to help students make the next step. Several students have been able to obtain part-time employment due to the assistance of these staff members.
					School Personnel:	18			
					Employers:	1			
					Parents:	0			
					Community:	0			
Total:	19	7							
Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	Careers in Building Construction	\$3,000.00	Targets 100 students in 12th grade. Students of the BCAVTS will visit the Western PA Builders Guild. The Builders Guild will be joined by over 30 construction companies and other unions. Students will have the opportunity to discuss apprenticeship opportunities, speak with recruiters, find out more information about the trade, and receive strong insight. Students will also actively work on their public speaking skills. Staff attending this event will adjust future BCAVTS curriculum to meet industry needs.	Students:	100	11/16/2023: David Lawrence Convention Center	Over 30 construction union officials offered hands-on demonstrations, apprentice, and career information. Students spoke to individuals of all levels in the unions to gain insight into the careers. Many education pathway opportunities were covered, such as apprenticeship programs and degree options.	Students made connections and had meaningful conversations with union members. Knowledge of the hiring process, benefits, and expectations were valued. Public speaking and interviewing skills were worked on.
					School Personnel:	8			
					Employers:	30			
					Parents:	0			
					Community:	0			
Total:	138	130							
Northwest Elementary School	Butler	K-5 Site Visits	\$2,730.00	Targets 427 students in K-5th grade. Students will tour Giant Eagle, Living Treasures Animal Park, an orthodontist, the Zelenople Municipal Airport, and the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School. Students' curriculum will cover the high-need jobs before the trips and include discussions afterwards. In March, the school will hold a career theme during Read Across America Week in which students will pull from these experiences. Students will connect careers to their own Holland Occupational Themes codes (RIASEC Assessment: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional).	Students:	427	3/14/2024: Sprankle's Grocery 5/8, 15, 16/2024: Living Treasurers 5/10/2024: Butler County Courthouse 4/19/2024: Zelenople Airport	During the facility tours, students were able to see Sprankle's Grocery, Living Treasures, Butler County Courthouse, and the Zelenople Airport. Occupations that were discussed include, but are not limited to, baker, cashier, stocker, manager, owner, truck driver, chef, custodian, veterinarians, animal caretakers, biologists, dieticians, historians, clerks, judges, police officers, pilots, business administration, flight salesman, air traffic controller, and maintenance.	Students were impressed with the facilities and employees that spoke to them. The trips were very effective in showcasing the behind-the-scenes work that occurs in businesses. Students did very well at asking questions, staying involved, and connecting the experiences to the material that was covered in the classroom.
					School Personnel:	35			
					Employers:	5			
					Parents:	0			
					Community:	0			
Total:	467	382							
Indiana Area School District	Indiana	Lunch and Learns	\$500.00	Targets 900 students in 11-12th grade. Employers and local businesses will visit with the students for two hours on the day of the Lunch and Learn. Students will have the opportunity to discuss the ins and outs of the career and workday as well as give advice. Lunch and Learns will be scheduled once per week throughout the school year. Currently, there are over 50 businesses interested in participating. These businesses span across multiple industries. Information collected at each Lunch and Learn will be used by both teachers and students in conversations with parents.	Students:	900	Every Wednesday of the 2023-24 school year at the Indiana High School Library	Lunch and Learns are a conversation with interested students and employer about the career or organization. This gave students the opportunity to meet people from a variety of careers and industries. Employers come into the school during the lunch periods and set up in the library. Students bring their lunch into the library to eat with the employer, learn, and ask questions. It was a very successful year. Next year, employers should speak about current employment opportunities more.	Several students were able to find employment, coordinate job shadowing experiences, and apply for a job after graduation due to these events.
					School Personnel:	4			
					Employers:	25			
					Parents:	0			
					Community:	0			
Total:	929	421							

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Indiana County Technology Center	Indiana	Carpentry/Masonry, Culinary/Cosmetology, Digital Communications	\$2,735.78	Three projects targeting 32 students in 10-12th grade, 81 students in 10-12th grade, and 46 students in 10-12th grade. ICTC's Digital Communication students will visit the WQED Film Academy, the Culinary and Cosmetology students will visit Nemaacolin Resort and Spa, and the Masonry and Carpentry students will visit the Carpenters Union Training. Students will discuss career pathways, use their experience in classroom projects, and gain valuable firsthand knowledge of the respective industries.	Students:	159	4/10/2024: Bauer Block 5/7/2024: WQED Film Academy	Students from the ICTC Digital Communications program visited WQED Film Academy, received a tour, spoke to professionals, and participated in a workshop held at the facility. ICTC Masonry and Carpentry students visited Bauer Block to tour the facility, discuss employment, and more accurately visualize the skills involved in the industry.	On the tour of Bauer Block, students worked on a wide variety of technical skills, including: footings and foundations; estimation of materials and cost; site preparation; safety; layout; the manufacturing process; and several occupations in the industry. While at WQED, students worked on interviewing techniques, lighting, exposure, focus, depth of field, and more. The hosts were very informational and worked well with the students.	
					School Personnel:	9				4
					Employers:	4				2
					Parents:	0				0
					Community:	0				0
					Total:	172				83
Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	GPADA Career Day	\$1,595.00	Targets 66 students in 10-12th grade. Students that are attending the Automotive Technology Program will attend the Greater Pittsburgh Area Dealers Association (GPADA) Career Day event at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Various automotive dealerships from the Western Pennsylvania region will be attending the event to present career and educational opportunities, including dealer-sponsored education programs. The Community College of Allegheny County partners with many of these dealers. Information regarding this opportunity will be provided. BCAVTS staff attending the event will discuss upcoming and recent changes in the industry to adjust curriculum.	Students:	66	2/16/2024: David L. Lawrence Convention Center	BCAVTS students were exposed to many potential employers in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. Students had the opportunity to discuss all potential careers and how to obtain employment. The Community College of Allegheny County presented to students in attendance to discuss the various automotive programs that they have. Students then had the chance to walk through the auto show and discuss car maintenance with attendees.	Students had many beneficial conversations centering around the automotive industry, career outlook, employment opportunities, automotive training programs, and tricks of the industry.	
					School Personnel:	2				2
					Employers:	10				81
					Parents:	0				0
					Community:	0				5
					Total:	78				131
Armstrong Center for Community Learning	Armstrong Indiana	2024 Career Fair (Armstrong and Indiana)	\$11,775.00	Targets 400-600 students in 10-12th grade. On April 12, 2024, a career fair will be held at the former Elderton High School gymnasium. 15 local schools will attend the event. Over 100 employers will be set up to discuss immediate and long-term career opportunities, educational prerequisites, and more. During this career fair, a job fair will also be held and open to the public. Business Education Partnership funding will only be used for the students' career fair. Employers will not be charged for attending the event. In addition to the schools of Armstrong and Indiana counties, over 12 partner organizations will be involved, including the CareerLink, Chambers of Commerce, and commissioners. Students will work on soft skills during the event. Students will be instructed to bring resumes to use during the event.	Students:	600	4/12/2024: Elderton Elementary School	High school students from Armstrong, Homer Center, Indiana, Lenape, Penns Manor, Purchase Line, Redbank Valley, River Valley, United, and West Shamokin participated in the career fair to learn about skills needed by employers to obtain employment. In the afternoon, 90 jobseekers attended the job fair at the same location. There were 71 participating employers in this two-county fair.	With a diverse group of students from 11 schools, this career fair was an enriching experience that fostered collaboration and growth. Employers overwhelmingly agreed that students put their best foot forward. Employers were impressed with the student's ability to listen and comprehend their current job openings. School arrival times were carefully staggered to reduce congestion. Event programs were professionally printed and provided to all participants.	
					School Personnel:	45				18
					Employers:	100				71
					Parents:	0				0
					Community:	13				120
					Total:	758				461
Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	Lutheran Senior Life/2024 Butler County Career and Resource Fair	\$3,000.00	Targets 50 students in 11-12th grade. On April 10, 2024, a career fair will be held at Founders Hall on Butler County Community College's campus. This event will involve over 60 employers, including Concordia, Presbyterian SeniorCare, and Anova. Students will begin the day by visiting Lutheran Senior Life for a tour and conversations with employees in regards to current and future career opportunities. After this, students will travel to the career fair. Students will work on their public speaking skills during the day.	Students:	50	4/10/2024: Lutheran Senior Life and BC3	Students attended an event at Lutheran Senior Life to explore job possibilities, opportunities, and learn about healthcare in assisted living facilities. Students received a tour and had discussions during the trip. After this, students attended the Butler County Career and Resource Fair held at Butler County Community College. While at this event, students met with potential employers, discussed job openings, and learned about the skills that employers are looking for today.	Student feedback showed that the day was incredibly rewarding. Students found the back-to-back trips to be fun as well as educational. Students learned more about how their current experiences can help lead to employment after graduation. Many students walked away from the day with a more detailed career outlook.	
					School Personnel:	2				2
					Employers:	20				66
					Parents:	0				0
					Community:	2				4
					Total:	74				57

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Butler Area School District	Butler	Student Advisory, Career Fair, Lunch and Learn, Onsite Career Visits	\$3,000.00	Targets 2,000 students in 9-12th grade. This application covers a variety of activities for students. Students will participate in the Student Advisory Board, which involves attending facility tours of manufacturing companies in Butler County (Oberg, United Plate Glass, Bayer, and Penn United). Through the Future Ready class, students will also be touring and visiting other facilities in different industries, like Brayman Construction, Deep Well Services, and the PA State Police. Butler Area School District will also hold a career fair on April 25, 2024. This will be at the high school and all high school students will participate. Finally, Butler will be holding Lunch and Learn opportunities for students. Each event will be capped at 20 students. The PA State Game Commission, Butler County Judge, and Pittsburgh Job Corps will be visiting for these trips.	Students:	2000	2195	11/7, 17/2023, 1/21/2024, 2/13/2024, 3/13, 15/2024, 3/25/2024, 4/5, 9, 23, 29/2024, 5/10, 24, 30/2024: Many employers 4/18/2024: BC3 4/25/2024: Butler Senior High School	For the facility tours of employers, the organization provided a tour, conducted a brief presentation that includes hard and soft skills required for employment, and provided lunch during a Q&A. The visit to Manufacturing Day provided students with the opportunity to visit with manufacturing employers to explore company mission while exploring careers. For the career fair, over 70 employers set up displays in the high school gyms to speak to the students.	The tours provided students with the perfect environment to speak to the manufacturers and employers on a small scale. Students asked incredibly insightful questions. Manufacturing Day was very successful for the students. They were able to speak about high-paying, high-tech careers in the diverse industry. The career fair exposed students to industries, professions, and career paths. Students gained valuable insight into necessary skills and qualifications to prepare for work.
					School Personnel:	20	96			
					Employers:	30	111			
					Parents:	1	0			
					Community:	10	27			
					Total:	2061	2429			
ARIN IU28	Armstrong Indiana	Soft Skills Challenge	\$3,000.00	Targets 1,350 students in 11-12th grade. Students from Armstrong and Indiana County schools will travel to businesses to practice their soft skills in challenges. Students will spend the day in downtown Indiana and be scored on their ability to work independently, professionalism, communication, and time management. Each business will have their own challenges. For example, S&T Bank and First Commonwealth are challenging students to solve a financial plan challenge. There are 10 employers involved in the event and 12 school districts. Students will have the opportunity to practice their soft skills in a practical setting, rather than their traditional environments.	Students:	1350	218	4/15, 17, 19, 22, and 24, 2024: Downtown Indiana	The Indiana County Chamber of Commerce and ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 welcomed the Apollo-Ridge, Leechburg, Penns Manor, Armstrong, Freeport, Homer-Center, River Valley, Marion-Center, United, Purchase Line, and Indiana School Districts for the Soft Skills Challenge in downtown Indiana. Students formed teams and competed in challenges hosted by businesses. These challenges included communication, civic-mindedness, critical thinking, financial literacy, teamwork, and the world of work.	The following are direct quotes from students that participated in the event: "I liked how free and 'adult' like we felt and how we were treated. I got to meet so many new amazing people and was offered some amazing opportunities for the future." "I liked learning outside of the classroom and doing things that actually matter. If we did things like this more often, kids would be much better prepared for the world."
					School Personnel:	30	20			
					Employers:	10	15			
					Parents:	0	0			
					Community:	5	40			
					Total:	1395	293			
United School District	Indiana	Nulton Aviation FAA Drone Pilot Training	\$1,264.45	Targets 5 students in 10-12th grade. Students have been working with drones in classroom instruction. Drone flying has become a core part of surveying, videography, security, architecture, and more. Students participating in the Nulton Aviation FAA Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot training will be certified drone operators at the completion of the course. Students will also practice problem solving, IT skills, instruction creation, and math skills. Educators involved will adjust their drone flight class based on this group of students.	Students:	5	5	5/7/2024: Nulton Aviation/Johnstown Airport	The students have worked with drones in the class that this was paired with. Students worked very hard to prepare for the FAA Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot exam to be certified drone operators.	Students collaborated, planned, and communicated with each other throughout the year in the class. Drone flying is a much-needed skill for many occupations such as surveying, videography, security, architecture, and others. Drones will set the stage to degrees in aviation, engineering, and unmanned aircraft systems.
					School Personnel:	1	2			
					Employers:	1	1			
					Parents:	0	0			
					Community:	0	0			
					Total:	7	8			
Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	Site Visits for Healthcare Students	\$1,065.00	Targets 35 students in 10-12th grade. Students that are in the health assistant program at Butler County Area Vocational Technical School will visit with Sunnyview and Concordia. The overall goal of this day is to tour the facilities and discuss career options at these locations. Students will be required to dress in professional attire and practice using language that is fit for the workplace. The teachers that will be on the trip will use the knowledge of the needs in the area to better educate students before clinicals and job shadowing.	Students:	35	35	6/3/2024: Sunnyview and Concordia	Students met with the Human Resources department for Sunnyview and Concordia. They spoke about health careers in general as well as the specific opportunities that these two facilities had available.	Students were able to learn more about the difference between independent living, assisted living, and skilled living. Several students filled out job applications and received helpful tips on doing so. Students and the employers worked on developing communication skills and expressed the importance of accurate and timely communication.
					School Personnel:	2	2			
					Employers:	2	2			
					Parents:	0	0			
					Community:	10	15			
					Total:	49	54			

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Knoch School District	Butler	Computer Science Professional Development	\$3,000.00	Targets 30 students annually in 9-12th grade. The professional development that the teacher will undergo is Project Lead the Way's Computer Science Principles. There are two different sections covering different topics. This educator will also use this training to get students ready for CyberPatriots which is a national youth cyber education program created in the United States to help direct students toward careers in cybersecurity or other computer, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. The educator involved will use this training to adjust curriculum and enhance the computer science classes. The educator will use this experience to foster real-world connections to the Computer Science field by partnering with local businesses throughout the school year for presentations and discussions.	Students:	0	0	The Computer Science teacher at Knoch School District participated in the Project Lead the Way's Computer Science Principles training. The teacher is using the teaching methods and topics covered to create the 2024-25 school year curriculum.	The teacher was able to gain a better understanding of the PLTW curriculum which, in turn, will allow students to learn the fundamentals of coding, data processing, data security, and task automation while learning to contribute to an inclusive, safe, and ethical computing culture. The course promotes computational thinking and coding fundamentals and introduces computational tools that foster creativity.
					School Personnel:	1	1		
					Employers:	3	3		
					Parents:	0	0		
					Community:	10	0		
Total:	14	4							
Indiana County Chamber of Commerce	Indiana	Excellence in Education Event	\$3,000.00	On May 13, 2024, selected Students of the Month from the 7 Indiana County School Districts will be recognized by community members and business leaders at the Excellence in Education Awards. At this awards banquet, one student and one teacher will be selected to win a brand new car from Colonial Motor Mart in Indiana. This event recognizes students who are career ready and who exemplify academics, school/community involvement, essential skills, and leadership inside and outside of the classroom. The event also recognizes the distinguished educators who help these students achieve this success.	Students:	700	700	The Excellence in Education event honored 56 outstanding students and 8 outstanding educators for their hard work and efforts.	This event was the culmination of a seven-month program that recognized student and education excellence in abilities to display four characteristics and ideologies in the Indiana County Ready Program. It was a great success.
					School Personnel:	8	8		
					Employers:	12	15		
					Parents:	112	250		
					Community:	2	7		
Total:	834	980							
Butler County Area Vocational Technical School	Butler	STEM Training at BCAVTS	\$3,000.00	Targets 36 school counselors in Butler County. Approximately 10,000 students will be indirectly engaged via the counselors' learning. For two days, BCAVTS will host the counselors to learn about available career pathways in STEM fields, focusing on Machine Technology. Counselors will network and collaborate with each other as well as industry professionals from Oberg Industries and Penn United Technologies. They will tour both of the facilities as well as participate in a hands-on metal project that they will design and create. Counselors will learn about the BCAVTS Machine Technology program, manufacturing, and the engineering, math, and science skills that are needed for the field.	Students:	0	0	36 counselors and school educators at Butler County high schools and the BCAVTS received STEM training and tours of local manufacturers. There were opportunities to network and collaborate with industry professionals. This training will enhance the counselors' Career Pathways knowledge for students of all ages, but specifically in grades 10-12. This also helped spread awareness of the Machine Technology program at BCAVTS.	Several technical skills such as machining, product design, and corrective/preventative actions were discussed in addition to soft skills. Survey feedback showed that almost all of the attendees will be able to share what they learned during the experience. Educators and counselors would like to have this experience in other areas/industries as well.
					School Personnel:	36	36		
					Employers:	2	2		
					Parents:	0	0		
					Community:	1	6		
Total:	39	44							
Total Statistics: 16 Projects	Total Number Involved		5,529	Employers Involved in Projects: #1 Cochran, Andritz, Applied Test Systems, Arconic, Armstrong, Audubon Society of Western PA, AutoZone, Bauer Block, Bayer, Brayman Construction, Builders Guild of Western PA, Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School, Butler County Chamber of Commerce, Butler County Community College, Butler County Courthouse, Butler County Family YMCA, Butler County Parks and Recreations, Butler Floor & Carpet Co., Inc., Butler Technologies, Inc., Career T.R.A.C.K., Inc., Catalyst Connection, Charter Foods North, Clark Metal Products, Cleveland Cliffs, Coherent Corp. (II-VI), Colonial Motor Mart, Commonwealth of PA, Community Care Connections, Community Options, Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Cygnus Manufacturing, Deep Well Services, Delaney Automotive Group, Dollar Bank, Downtown Indiana Retailers, Du-Co Ceramics Company, Early Learning Connections, Ellwood City Forge Group, EXP Realty, Fast Times Screen Printing, FedEx, First Commonwealth Bank, Fossil Rock, LLC, Great Clips, Greater Pittsburgh Auto Dealers Association and Members, Hall Industries, Herkules USA Corp., High Flight Academy, Hunter Truck, Hutton Blews Insurance, Independence Health System, Indiana Borough Police, Indiana City Planning, Indiana County Courthouse, Indiana County Tourist Bureau, Indiana Gazette, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Interstate Pipe & Supply Co., IRMC, Jennifer Van Wieren Psychology, Jimmy Stewart Museum, Johnstown Airport, JSP, JV Manufacturing, Kara Goss Dietitian, Keystone Safari, Lifesteps, Inc., Living Treasures, Lutheran Senior Life, Lutherlyn, McConnell's Mill State Park, McDonald's - Tri-County Management, McGuire Memorial, Mike Kelly Automotive, Moraine State Park, Natalie Glaser Life Coach, Nathaniel Arthurs Financial Planning, Neff Automation, New York Blower, NextTier Bank, North Appalachian Folk Festival, Nulton Aviation, Oberg Industries, Open Door, PA Army National Guard, PA Game Commission, PA State Police, Penn United Technologies, Inc., Pennsylvania Game Commission, Peterbilt, Peterson Cartridge Company, Pittsburgh Job Corps, Project Lead the Way, Quality Life Services, Renda Broadcasting, Rob Baron Athletic Training, Russell Standard, S&T Bank, Safety Geeks Safety Science, SCI Pine Grove, SGK Print, Sprankle's Grocery, St. Barnabas Health System, Stiffler McGraw Engineering, Sunnyview, Swank Construction, Technology & Entrepreneurship Center, Terracon, The Arc of PA, The Artists Hand, The Indiana Theater, The Reschini Group, Tom Kauffman Attorney, Tudi Mechanical, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, United Plate Glass, United Way of Indiana County, Valley Lines, WQED Film Academy, YMCA of Indiana County, Zelenople Airport					
	Youth/Students		4,390						
	School Personnel		223						
	Employers		424						
	Parents		254						
	Community Members		238						