

TEACHER IN THE WORKPLACE

The Forum worked alongside the Westmoreland/Fayette Workforce Investment Board and Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 to offer a virtual **Teacher in the Workplace** experience. Virtual TIW kicked off with a two part virtual session on December 9th By utilizing virtual reality technology, this year's program will offer site tours of several work environments with the goal of expanding the Forum's VR catalog.

DECEMBER 9 - BUSINESS PANEL

This year's TIW programing focused on the changing practices in the business due to the current pandemic. Businesses shared how COVID-19 has impacted the way their organizations do business, inform educators, and communicate with fellow businesses. Links to this discussion will be made available soon!

DECEMBER 9 - TEACHERS SEMINAR

'Juggling Feathers During a Hurricane' with Dr. Steve Birchak

In the midst of high-anxiety, Dr. Bird offers reassurance to staff and gives them tools through self-reflection and gratitude.

THANK YOU!

The Forum for Workforce Development would like to take a moment and say thank you to all of our members, including our school districts, business partners, and post-secondary institutions. As we all know, this year has had many unusual difficulties, and thanks to your help, the Forum has had a successful year, and is poised to have an even more successful 2021.

The Forum hopes you have a safe and joyous holiday and a happy new year!



WESTMORELAND CARES GRANTS

The Forum has assisted the **Economic Growth Connection** in the second round of Westmoreland CARES grants. In this round, over 200 businesses and over 70 nonprofits applied. This gave us a chance to not only support our business community, but to connect with them. We plan to use these contacts in the future to set up outreach meetings and get our local businesses to be a part of the Forum.



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CAREER JOURNEY VIDEO SERIES

The Forum has partnered with the **Consortium for Public Education** to help create **Career Journeys**, a video series focused on giving students a chance to explore careers by having informal conversations with people in a wide array of occupations spanning industries.

To view more Career Journeys videos, along with supplemental materials for educators to help students explore careers, visit the Consortium for Public Education's website [HERE](#).



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