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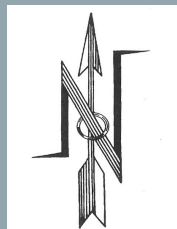
CTC CAREER SNAPSHOT UPDATE



Thanks to funding from the Westmoreland Fayette Workforce Investment Board, The Forum has been working in partnership with Westmoreland IU #7 to create virtual tours for all of the career and technology centers within Westmoreland County. These tours will be used during scheduling time to show students courses available to them at their CTC.



Central Westmoreland
Career and Technology Center



As of now, one of the experiences are being finalized, while two other are actively capturing content to be placed in their virtual tour. These experiences will be housed on the Career Hub as well as on each CTC's website.

EGC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Since the Economic Growth Connection was unable to gather in person this year, they held their Annual Membership Meeting on February 25th via Zoom. The meeting had a message from Keynote Speaker and PA Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward. The meeting also featured a special message from Westmoreland County Commissioners on future federal pandemic relief funding, CHIRP. A recap of the meeting will be posted on EGC's website in the near future. To visit their website, please click [here](#).



Economic Growth Connection

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: STELLAR PRECISION

The Forum would like to take a moment to thank Tim Makosky and Stellar Precision for being the first business to partner with us for our Virtual Reality Career Snapshots. They have graciously volunteered to participate in this program, as they have in previous Forum opportunities like Companies in the Classroom, Teacher in the Workplace and the Career Journeys Video Series. Tim Makosky and Stellar Precision are dedicated to their industry and their community and we thank them for being continuously involved in the Forum's activities and experiences. Thank you Tim Makosky and Stellar Precision!

CAREER JOURNEYS 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 many 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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VR CAREER SNAPSHOT KITS

The Forum for Workforce Development, with the generosity of the **First Energy Foundation**, has created the Virtual Reality Career Snapshot Kits. Each kit includes a 360-degree camera (#1), a portable charger for the 360-degree camera (#2), a lapel microphone (#3), a gimbal (#4), and all manuals for each piece of equipment, all contained in a safe to transport case (#5 and 6). The 360-degree camera can be attached to the tripod (not pictured) and adjusted to eye level. The 360-degree camera will be connected via WiFi to a phone and the pictures be taken via the phone. The gimbal and lapel microphone can be used to make a more in-depth experience for the Career Snapshots by including interviews from employees or having employees demonstrate certain processes in video form that can be embedded in the Career Snapshot experience.

Have a company/industry students want to see and explore? Feel free to email with your thoughts and ideas. We look forward to this initiative creating more business partners and opportunities for our students in the Forum!

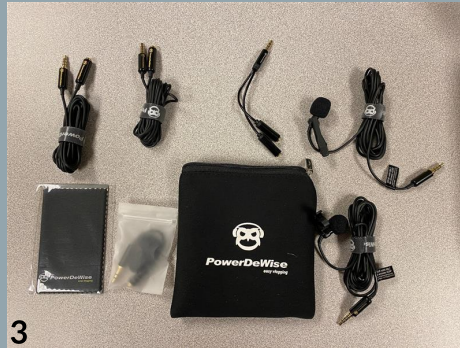
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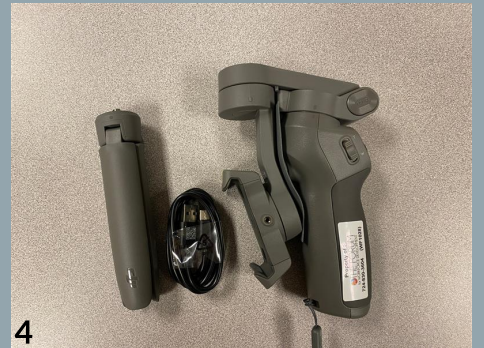
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Once again, thank you to the First Energy Foundation and their staff for their generosity and support for Career Snapshots.

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