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FORUM MEETING & RECORDING

Workforce Forum Development and its members had our first Forum meeting of the year on April 28th. Anthony Princeton and Austin Anderson shared details and opportunities that have been offered in the past year, while also sharing some insights on what to look forward half hour meeting were Virtual Career Mentorship, a "show and tell" of the Career Central Career Technology Center, financial report, and possible grant funding for the Forum. The meeting was recorded for attendance. You can listen and watch the meeting in its entirety below.



The Forum would not be where it is without our members. The Forum would like to thank all the Forum members for their support and patience as we come out of this past year stronger and more poised to offer better, more in-depth and meaningful experiences for our school districts and their students. Thank you!

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Forum is looking to be funded by several sources heading into the 2021-2022 academic year.

In March, the Forum submitted an application to the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board's Business Education Partnership Grant for monies to assist with costs associated with further building out the Forum's virtual resources and supplement Austin Anderson's time spent on these projects. We are happy to announce that the Forum will be awarded \$15,000 from this grant program. We thank the Workforce Investment Board for their generosity and investment in this program.

The Forum is also seeking funding from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, centered around creating a Virtual Pathway System for our Forum Districts.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: WEST-FAY WIB

The Forum for Workforce Development would like to take a moment to thank Ward Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Workforce Investment Board approved Forum's Partnership Grant request to support the building out of the Forum's virtual resources and supplement Anderson's time spent on these projects. We look forward to our continued partnership Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board!



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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WEBINARS FOR VIRTUAL CAREER MENTORING

Forum Workforce session of Virtual Career Mentoring earlier this year with Jeannette City School District and Elliott Group. Consortium **Public** Education. Last month, Consortium for Public Education held separate webinars to employers small group career mentoring model. employers visibility among the next Pennsylvania Dept. Education (PDE) requirements for Employer webinar here and their **Educator webinar here.** We plan to have this experience for each school

Have a business you want to have a career mentoring session with, or you want your business to participate? Let us know!

CAREER SNAPSHOT UPDATES

One of the Forum for Workforce Development's virtual opportunities is called Virtual Reality Career Snapshots. The Forum, thanks to funding from the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, has been working in partnership with Jason Boone and the Westmoreland IU #7 to create virtual tours for all of the career and technology centers (CTCs) within Westmoreland County. These tours will be used during scheduling time to show students courses available to them at their CTC. Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Career Snapshot is currently in the works. The Forum also plans to create a video for educators showcasing how to utilize and navigate the Career Snapshots and the platform that the Forum is using for these experiences. You can view Central Westmoreland CTC's Career Snapshot here.

Currently, the Forum is working with Stellar Precision, DMI Companies, Ventana USA, and New Century Careers to create Career Snapshots for each individual business. The Forum hopes that this will be an opportunity to advertise New Century Careers' facility while also showing manufacturers in our region that they can easily be involved with the workforce of tomorrow. This opportunity will help New Century Careers create a viable marketing piece for their website. The other experiences are in full swing and are in the process of being captured. We're currently aiming to create and make the ask to Redstone, Elliott Group and Cleaveland/Price, Inc. to see if these businesses are willing to participate. The old platform we used for our first Career Snapshots of the Advanced Technology Center and Tenaska is shutting down, so we took the time to re-create these tours on the new platform; these are currently being updated.

The Forum is always looking for different industries and businesses to participate in Career Snapshots and any of our career exploration opportunities. Do you 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

