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PARTNERING BUSINESS OUTREACH

The Forum for Workforce Development, along with the [Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation](#) (IDC) and the [Economic Growth Connection](#) (EGC), are always outreaching to businesses here in Westmoreland County. Kim Donnelly from the WCIDC, Kyle Martin from EGC, along with Austin Anderson from the Forum have outreached during the pandemic virtually, and have returned to in-person meetings when possible. Outreach meetings occur at least once every week. Meetings for September have included FlexScreen, City Brewing, Summerill Tube Corporation, and A C Power Tech. Outreach meetings for October are in the process of being finalized and scheduled.

Our intent is to simply share with the businesses in Westmoreland County information and resources that are available and how our organizations may be able to assist to make sure businesses succeed in every aspect.

Would you and your business like to meet with us? Please contact [Austin Anderson](#) and we will happily set up an outreach meeting.

CAREER SNAPSHOTS

The Forum is excited to announce that [NDX Albensi Dental Laboratories](#) is now a participating company in Career Snapshots! We are elated to have them on board for this project and hoping to have them be an active member within the Forum.



Career Snapshots is an opportunity that gives our businesses within the region to help market their industry and business while giving school districts and their students a chance to explore careers in our region. We look forward to this opportunity to better connect our businesses and schools to truly create the school-to-business pipeline.

CONSORTIUM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Forum would like to take a moment to thank Mary Kay Babyak and the [Consortium for Public Education](#). The Consortium is celebrating their 35th anniversary this year, so we wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank them for their partnership. Last year, the Consortium created Virtual Career Mentoring and let the Forum pilot this program with Jeannette City School District and Elliott Group for Westmoreland County. Thanks to the Consortium, Virtual Career Mentoring was a huge success and we look forward to providing this opportunity to all of our school districts. Here's to another 35 years!



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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PARTNERUP PROGRAM

The Forum for Workforce Development has met with Brianna McMeekin, Development Program Manager for the PartnerUp program. The PartnerUp program is a business-led collaborative that builds partnerships between high school students and educators in underserved communities to employers with career opportunities.



Through an employer-designed 11th & 12th grade curriculum, customized experiences and access to employer resources, PartnerUp empowers students to enter, and thrive in, a job market immediately after high school education. For Educators, PartnerUp gives you access to employer perspectives and expertise that enhance the real-world application of your classroom lessons and levels the playing field for your students considering careers immediately after graduation. For Employers, you have talent needs, and extraordinary talent is right in your own back yard. PartnerUp provides immediate access to thousands of students in your community and the opportunity to shape your future workforce.

Know a business that would be interested in participating in PartnerUp? Contact Anthony Princeton (aprinceton@egcw.org) for more details & how to get involved.

CHAIR OF THE FORUM

The Forum for Workforce Development would like to take a moment to introduce our new Chair of the Forum, [Dr. Tuesday Stanley](#), President of Westmoreland College. Dr. Stanley has been a member of the Forum for Workforce Development since our inception and currently serves as a member of our Steering Committee. She also serves on the board of directors of the Economic Growth Connection, Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce, and others. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Forum by previously serving as a Vice Chancellor in Kansas City, Missouri, and has also worked in higher education in Texas and New Jersey. In addition, she has worked in banking, manufacturing and has taught at the collegiate level. She holds a doctorate in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in business administration from Lehigh University, and a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, along with a certificate from Harvard University's Institute for Higher Education and a certificate in bank marketing.



We would be remiss not to thank Dr. Shannon Wagner, Superintendent for Burrell School District, for her selfless dedication of time and leadership as Chair of the Forum. During her tenure, Dr. Wagner put student experience first by focusing on grant funding and strategic partnerships aimed towards career exploration and education. Through her work with the Grable Foundation, Shannon was able to secure grant funding that allowed the Forum to hire a business development officer, as well as create a strong partnership with The Consortium for Public Education, resulting in programs such as Companies in the Classroom and the Career Journeys video series.

We look forward to the direction and ideas that Dr. Tuesday Stanley will bring to the Forum. Welcome Dr. Stanley!

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

