

Press Release

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Second Annual Industrial Career Fair Set

Lawrence County juniors and seniors will get the chance to learn more about careers in manufacturing for college and non-college bound individuals at the Second Annual Industrial Career Fair on Thursday November 19, 2009 at the Cathedral in New Castle. The fair is the result of the combined efforts of School-to-Work, Chamber of Commerce, West Central Job Partnership, area manufacturers and post secondary schools.

The objective of the Industrial Career Fair is to highlight the many industrial occupations located in this very community. Besides the shop floor technical positions, there are so many other careers such as engineering, human resources, information technology, accounting/purchasing, and administrative positions, that also exist in an industrial setting. Students will be able to visit the Exhibitors Lobby where local manufacturers will feature their company's product. The company representatives will discuss with the students the variety of occupations and career paths in their organization that require bachelor degrees, associate degrees, and certification programs. The Ellwood Group, Inc., IPEC, Xaloy, DFA, Inmetco, Newcastle Company, all of which have a worldwide presence, are among the many manufacturers that will be showcased. A dozen post-secondary technical schools will also be on hand to provide training information.

The keynote speaker Colleen Chamberlain's presentation is titled "That Was Then, This is Now" which traces the evolution of manufacturing. Dr. Theodore Bosela, Youngstown State University School of Engineering Technology, will discuss occupations in the utilities industry. In addition Jan Laurer, 3 Rivers Green Energy, will review the many new occupations that are being created because of green technology. Drew Dershimer's SkillUp Presentation is also planned.

Lawrence County's Industrial Career Fair is the first effort in Pennsylvania to bring students in direct contact with businesses to learn about career opportunities in manufacturing and the skills required to obtain them. PA Secretary of Education Dr. Gerald Zahorchak has been invited to attend.

There are still a limited number of openings for manufacturers willing to share their knowledge with future employees about career possibilities. Interested manufacturers should contact Paula McMillin, School-to-Work Coordinator, at 724.652.3619 or email pmmillin.school2work@yahoo.com