

# Connecting Local Schools and Industry

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“Education is knowing where to go to find out what you need to know; and its knowing how to use the information you get.”

-William Feather

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# STEM Education



- Helping students answer questions with age appropriate and hands on math, science, and technology exploration.
- Giving them a way to understand their world.
- STEM = Strategies That Engage Minds Solving The Everyday Mysteries



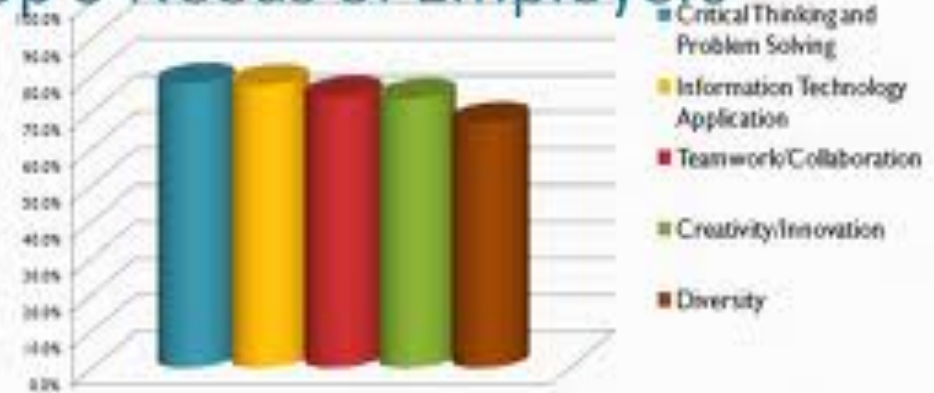
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# STEM Education

By starting early, scientific inquiry and the use of the engineering design process can become life long skills to serve child well in:

- Learning
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity

## Top 5 Needs of Employers



Education Technology Expert **Alan November** has included **Empathy** as Number One in His Surveys

Are They Really Ready To Work: (Employer's Perspectives on the Basic Knowledge and Applied Skills of New Entrants to the 21st Century U.S. Workforce.)



21centuryedtech web site provides total ranking



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The goal of Hometown Opportunity is to ensure that everyone in Mercer and Auglaize County is aware of the jobs and careers available. Our local companies are in need of our local talent, who all too often do not realize the great opportunity right here in our own backyard. Our mission is to connect job seekers of all ages with local businesses, aimed at steering high school, college students and adults toward the appropriate education and/or training that can lead to a career that is available right here, right now. To view current job openings, [click here](#).

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**Engineering Intern**  
Position Title: Engineering Intern  
Company: Fort Recovery Industries, Inc.  
Website: <http://www.fort...>

**STNA**  
Position Title: STNA  
Company: Logan Acres Senior Community  
Website: <http://www.loganacres.com/Location...>

**Cook**  
Position Title: Cook  
Company: Logan Acres senior Community  
Website: <http://www.loganacres.com/Location...>

**Computer Support Specialist**  
Position Title: Computer Support Specialist  
Company: Winner's Computer  
Website: <http://www.winner-sc...>

## Business Spotlight



## School Spotlight



## Success Stories

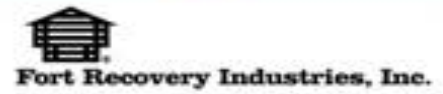


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## Tri-Star Career Compact

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### WHO WE ARE

Tri Star Career Compact began providing career technical/vocational training in 1953 to comply with mandate from the Ohio Department of Education stating that "all schools of Ohio are mandated to meet vocational education standards". To answer that call for vocational education in our area, an Auglaize-Mercer County Joint Vocational School was proposed, but failed to come to fruition after a vocational school levy was voted down six times by the voters. As a result, a career compact agreement was made among St. Marys, Coldwater and Celina school districts that now serves those districts as well as Fort Recovery, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, and St. Henry school districts. Students attending Tri Star from these districts are offered half-day programs allowing the students to attend their home district for the other half of the day and still participate in activities at their district. The benefit to the local tax payers is that there is no mileage with funding coming from local districts, the state and through federal funds. For every \$100.00 spent by Joint Vocational Schools, Tri Star Career Compact spends approximately \$14.00.



### PROGRAMS

Tri Star provides the following programs to local junior and senior students:

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Automotive Technology
- BioMedical and Electronics Technology
- Business Management
- Career Based Intervention
- Construction
- Early Childhood Development and Education

## Sample Career Paths

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# MY NEXT MOVE



### Sample Success Story

**Date:** 10-7-2013

**Career and Technical Planning District:** Tri Star Career Compact

**Career Field:** Medical

**Program:** Med Prep

**Student:** Michelle Stout, St. Henry

**Teacher:** Janet Nelson

**High School Graduation Year:** 2010



Michelle attended Wright State University Lake Campus taking her general education classes while in high school participating in post-secondary options as well as taking classes the summer before beginning classes at Rhodes State College in the fall of 2010. Most of her general education classes were completed during high school and two summers at Wright State University Lake Campus allowing her to graduate in two years.

Michelle is currently working full time at Coldwater Hospital as a Registered Nurse and training to be an ICU nurse. She is attending The Ohio State University for BSN and will graduate in May of 2014.

Michelle was able to take one of the Tech Prep seats available at Rhodes State College which helped accelerate her acceptance into her medical program.

Due to Michelle taking advantage of post-secondary options while in high school and taking summer classes, she was able to finish her nursing degree in two years and she is debt free.

Michelle credits her mother, St. Henry High school counselor Greg Kulwicki and her Tri Star Instructor, Janet Nelson for their help and guidance.

"I have already started my career and my friends who did not attend Tri Star are still in college."

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## Jobs

### Reimbursement Specialist

Posted on [October 1, 2013](#) by [admin](#)

**Position Title:** Reimbursement Specialist

**Company:** Kaup Pharmacy, Inc.

**Website:**

**Location:** Fort Recovery, OH

#### Summary:

Kaup Pharmacy, Inc. is searching for a highly motivated and professional individual with strong computer and telephone skills. This individual will be responsible for accurate and timely billing to multiple Hospice accounts. This individual must be detail-oriented due to the many documentation requirements.

### Financial Representative

Posted on [October 1, 2013](#) by [admin](#)

**Position Title:** Financial Representative

**Company:** Western & Southern Financial Group

**Website:** <http://WVSLife.com>

**Location:** Celina, OH

#### Summary:

Prospect for middle-market clients by identification of qualified names and making contacts.  
Proactively develop relationships and strengthen presence.  
Ensure clients evolving financial needs are being met.  
Effectively sell insurance and financial product solutions.  
Operate an automobile during day and night hours.

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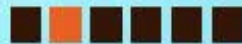
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## Now What?

Awareness is good, but how do we guide students through the various career paths and really connect local schools and industry?

### Outreach Specialist

The primary purpose of the position is to help the schools and specifically individual students “connect the dots”.



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### LATEST NEWS

FY14 CTE Program Matrix

Ohio career tech goes from program-based to course-based system

Career Tech Student Learning Objectives (SLO)

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### RELATED EVENTS

Career Technical Planning District Webinar

## Career Connections

Today, children need to see a link between what they are learning in school and the types of jobs possible for them. Career Connections offer practical ways for teachers and families to make that link, from kindergarten, the types of jobs possible for them.

### What are Career Connections?

The Ohio Department of Education is offering grade-level strategies for teaching with real-world jobs. These examples easily blend with Ohio's standards for reading, math, social studies and science.

All state-developed model curriculums, including career connections, are voluntary. Teachers benefit in the reduction of time to research and develop materials that connect learning and jobs at age-appropriate levels. This gives teachers the time to creatively develop and use them in the classroom. It also is giving parents the opportunity to continue job conversations at home. These Grade K-12 Career Connections are a key component of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

Model Curriculum and guidance documents will be posted here.

» [Career Connections Fact Sheet](#)

» [Career Connection Learning Strategy Guide](#)



# State Law- Content Standards

- House Bill 1 – adopted June 2010

The standards shall specify...

The core academic content and skills...  
that will allow each student to be prepared  
for postsecondary instruction and the  
workplace for success in the twenty-first  
century.

ORC 3301.079(A) (1) (a)



# The Situation

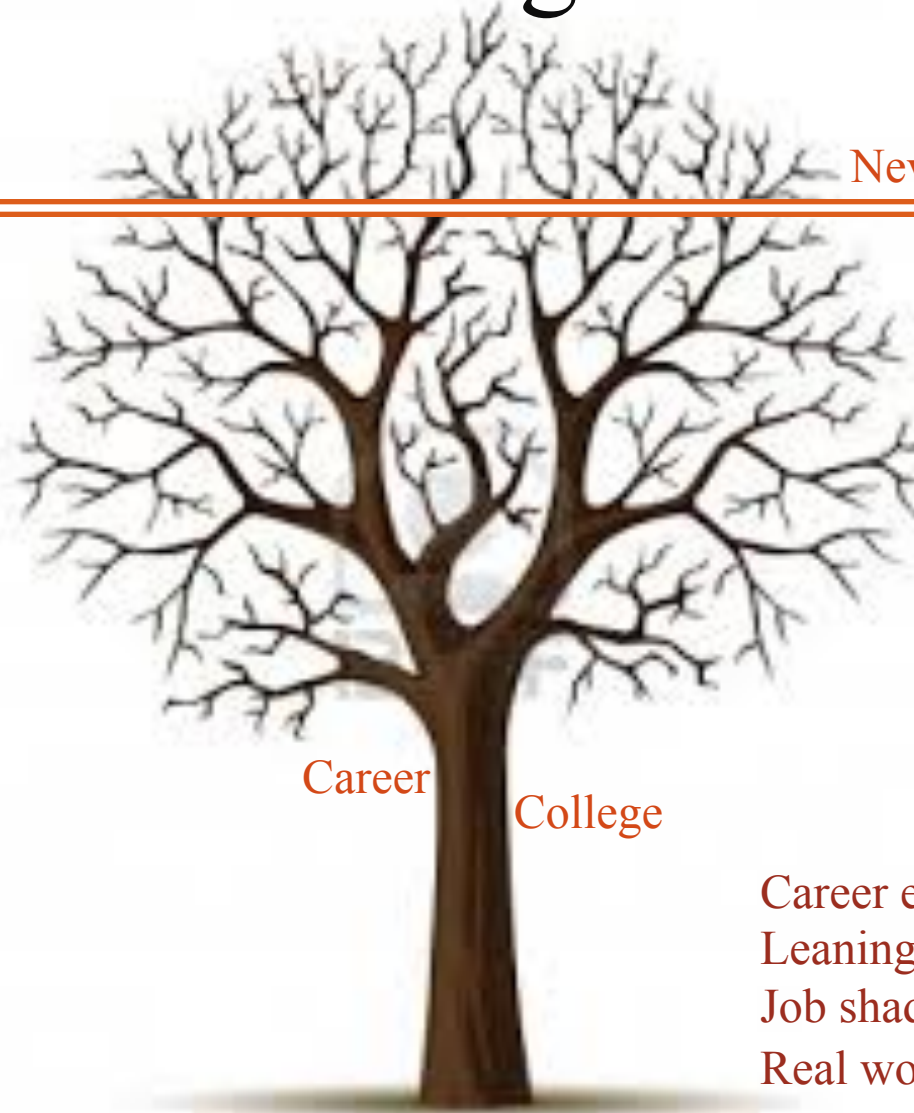
- There are over 600,000 jobs available nationwide.
- 2-3 million jobs are forecasted to becoming back to the US.
- Students are leaving our communities when job opportunities are here.
- There is a shortage of skilled labor.
- Employees lack of soft skills

Boiling Point? The skills gap in U.S. manufacturing

# Not Just College OR Career

Never Stop Learning

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Career

College

Career exposure  
Learning about local industry  
Job shadowing  
Real world connections

# Continuum of Connections

## FRESHMAN

- Career exposure
- Real world connections
- Hear stories of local business and industry

## SOPHOMORE

- Virtual job shadowing- focus on 5 key industries
- Exposure to Tri-Star Career Compact with local connections





# Continuum of Connections

## JUNIOR

- Continue activities from first two years
- Begin Tri-Star and/or college exploration
- Meaningful Job Shadowing Opportunities
- One to one “dot connecting”

## SENIOR

- Continue activities from pervious years
- Continue Tri-Star
- Meaningful support with college and career options
- Internships
- Don't forget about us – Hometown Opportunity



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